

TEXAS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION PRIORITIES FOR THE 90TH SESSION



School Buildings Are For Schools

The Problem

When taxpayers build a school, its best use is **as a school**. But ISDs use deed restrictions and refuse to sell or lease empty buildings to public charter schools, even at the best price for taxpayers.



The Proposal

Prohibit deed restrictions that block future educational use and allow a first right of refusal for public charter schools to keep public schools open where possible.



Cut Red Tape on Public Schools

Public charter schools are committed to strong student outcomes, and need autonomy and flexibility to be at their best.



Identify and remove any barriers and mandates that hamper schools but do not move the needle on student achievement.



Equalize TRS Contributions

Public charter schools contribute 2% of employees' full salaries to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), while ISDs only contribute on the Minimum Salary Schedule.



Equalize contributions across all types of participating employers.



Protect Student Safety Improve CTE

ISDs have local authority to deploy crossing guards and to certify qualified but non-degreed Career & Technical Education (CTE) teachers, while public charter schools do not.



Allow public charter schools to authorize crossing guards and hire the best teachers for noncore CTE courses, like ISDs are already able to.

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