



# **Special Session Legislative Update & Matters Related to School Finance**

**October 23, 2023**

# Governor's Third Called Special Session

## Included in the Proclamation:

- Educational Savings Accounts
- Creating a criminal offense for illegal entry into this state from a foreign nation and authorizing all licensed peace officers to remove illegal immigrants from Texas.
- Increasing the penalties for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house.
- Providing more funding for the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure.
- Legislation concerning public safety, security, environmental quality, and property ownership in areas like Colony Ridge development in Liberty County, Texas.
- Legislation prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates by private employers.

## NOT Included in the Proclamation:

- **Public School Funding Increase**
- **Teacher Pay Increase**

## Gov. Greg Abbott says special legislative session on “school choice” coming in October

The governor promised political consequences if lawmakers cannot pass legislation allowing for publicly subsidized school vouchers before March primaries.

BY [PATRICK SVITEK](#) SEPT. 19, 2023 17 HOURS AGO

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Gov. Greg Abbott speaks about the recent 88th Legislative Session to an audience at the Texas Public Policy Foundation offices in Austin, on June 2, 2023. 📷 Evan L'Roy/The Texas Tribune



# Funds Remaining for Special Session

## Sec. 18.78. Contingency for Public Education Funding.

- (a) The following is an informational listing of appropriations made in this rider and elsewhere in this Act to provide additional funding for education in prekindergarten through grade 12:

(in millions)	2024-25
<b>Amounts appropriated in this rider:</b>	
Curriculum	\$500.0
School Safety	\$300.0
FSP Formula Funding Increases and Teacher Compensation (incl. TRS)	\$3,996.7
School Choice	\$500.0
Virtual Education	\$49.4
<b>Amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act:</b>	
TRS Active Care	\$588.5
Increase in Golden Penny Yield	\$2,366.7
Increase in New Instructional Facilities Allotment	\$60.0
Instructional Materials	\$307.0
GR Totals	\$8,668.3

HB 1605 and HB 3

Funds remain unspent  
without new legislation

# No Education Funding on the Governor's Call

Texas ranks in the bottom 10 states for per-pupil funding of public school students

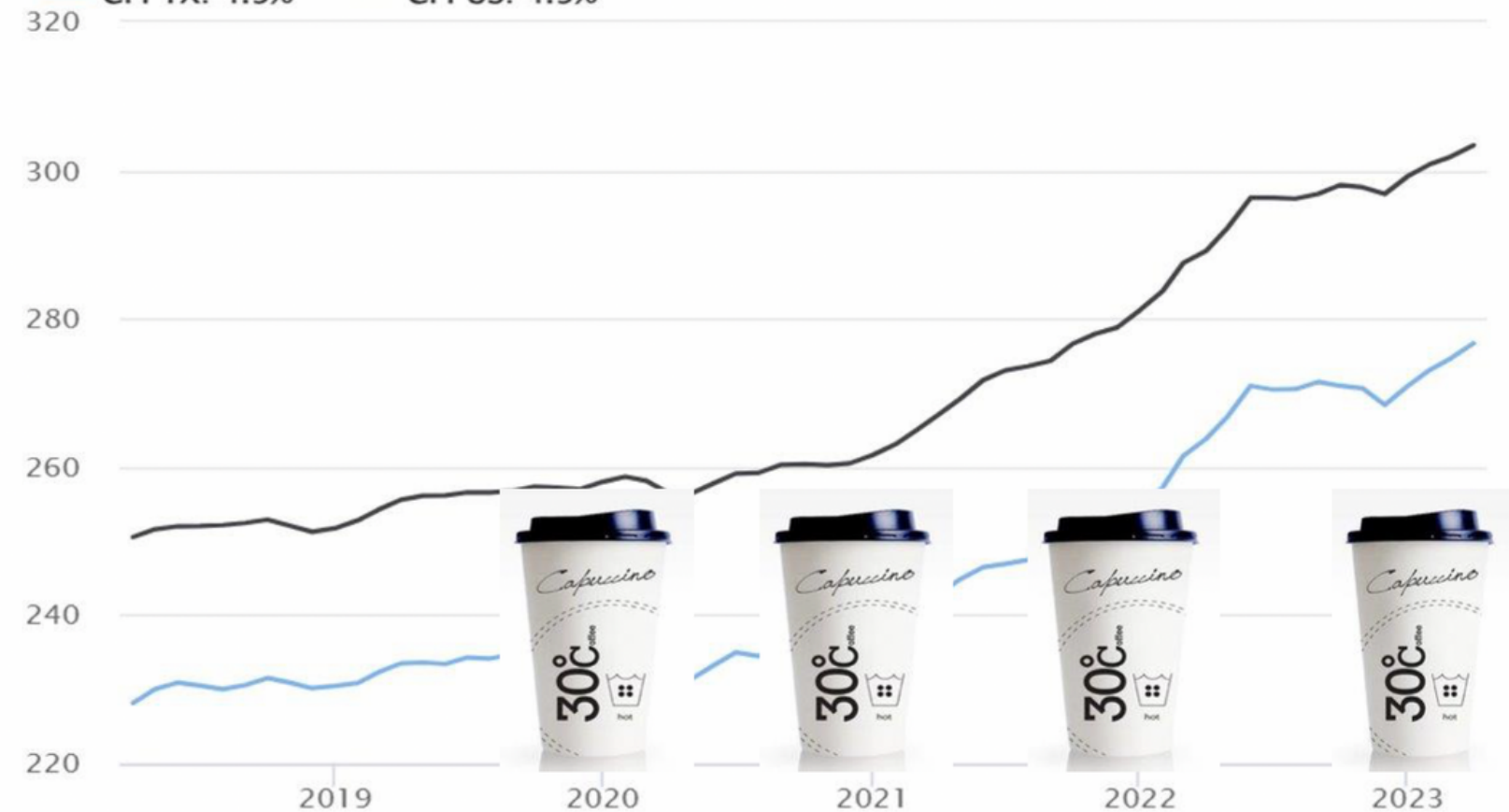
- \$4,000+ below the national average per student.

Adjusting the basic allotment for inflation since 2019 (14.5%) would mean about a \$900 increase.

## Measures of Inflation

Legend/Change from previous year:

— CPI TX: 4.9% — CPI US: 4.9%



\*Excluding food and energy

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics and Comptroller of Public Accounts, based on data provided by Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Financial Matters

## **Bryan ISD continues to invest in our Teachers**

3.8% Average annual increase in pay for Teachers from 2015-16 to present

- Not including one-time stipends of:
  - 0.5% retention stipend in 2020-21
  - 2% retention stipend in 2021-22
  - 4% retention stipend in 2022-23
  - 5% retention stipend in 2023-24
  - \$500-\$1500 longevity stipend in 2023-24 based on years of service in education

## **86% of the General Fund Budget is expended on Salaries & Benefits**

## **Bryan ISD property tax rates have decreased:**

- \$0.40 per \$100 of valuation from 2016 to 2023
- From a total rate of \$1.3500 to \$0.9492



# Financial matters

## School Safety Allotment

- Legislature-mandated armed personnel on every campus
- To pay for it legislature increased this allotment \$0.28 per Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and added \$15,000 per campus
- Estimated increase to Bryan ISD - \$365,000 (total annual allotment \$505,000)
- Since 2017 Bryan ISD has increased the budget for School Resource Officers by over \$550,000 (total for 2023-24 is \$1,018,776)
- The increase included 2 additional officers (9 to 11) and
- Increased cost share with the City of Bryan (50% to 75%)

Thankfully the district received a \$1,000,000 donation from the Donald and Donna Adam Family Foundation to help with safety and security. This allows the District to cover the cost of the armed personnel for the first year (approximately \$700,000) without increasing the deficit budget further.

# Financial Matters



## Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

### 2022-2023 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL

<b>Name:</b> BRYAN ISD(021902)	<b>Publication Level 1:</b> 8/4/2023 12:02:16 PM
<b>Status:</b> Passed	<b>Publication Level 2:</b> 8/7/2023 3:01:39 PM
<b>Rating:</b> A = Superior Achievement	<b>Last Updated:</b> 8/7/2023 3:01:39 PM
<b>District Score:</b> 100	<b>Passing Score:</b> 70

The “Superior Achievement” rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of Bryan ISD’s financial management and reporting system. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district’s financial resources.

Bryan ISD has received the highest available rating every year since FIRST began in 2002-2003.



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