



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 13, 2024

Dear University Systems Chairman and Chancellor:

Texans face significant rising costs due to inflation. When inflation and other economic pressures burden household budgets, our public universities must take every step possible to ease the financial burden on our students and their families.

Last year I signed a law that prohibits increasing undergraduate tuition and fees for both the 2023-24 and the 2024-25 academic years.

As this tuition freeze expires, let me be clear: I will not support any tuition increase at any public higher education institution in the upcoming biennium. My office has spoken to the Board of Regents at every public university system, and we are in agreement that no institution in Texas should approve tuition increases for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic school years.

The State has made historic investments in higher education, including increased funding for universities and financial aid programs. These efforts reflect our commitment to ensuring that higher education remains accessible and affordable for all Texans. When all Texans have access to quality and affordable education, they can earn better wages, meet workforce qualifications, and experience a higher quality of life. I will ensure college affordability remains a top priority for the state as we head into the next legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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