

# SEALY ISD BELIEVES THAT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE SHOULD...

# 1

## MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGES

to the funding formula that reflect the true cost of educating children living in poverty, English language learners, and students with special needs. The formula should make allowances for diseconomies of scale experienced by small and rural school districts.

# 2

## COMMIT

to the Texas Constitution's mandate for a system of public free schools. Legislators should oppose any state voucher plan, tax credit, taxpayer savings grant, or tuition reimbursements to private institutions, homeschool students, or parent unless the recipient is held to the same financial and academic transparency, testing, and accountability requirements as public schools.

# 3

## THOROUGHLY ANALYZE THE BENEFITS AND COSTS

and commit to adequately funding the mandate before passing any legislation.

# 4

## REDUCE STATE TESTING

to that of the federal requirements. Additionally, tests should be shortened to include only those learning objectives that are essential for each grade level.

# 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES