



DIBOLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 13, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Gary Martel, Superintendent of Diboll Independent School District support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD

Sincerely,

Gary Martel
Superintendent, Diboll ISD

April 13, 2009

Texas House of Representatives

Texas Senate

Greetings,

I, James Palmer, Superintendent of Burton ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system. I believe this bill improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

James M. Palmer

Burton ISD Superintendent

Fannindel ISD
601 West Main
Ladonia, Texas 75449

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I H.L. Milton, Superintendent of Fannindel ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely
H.L. Milton

Meadow I.S.D.

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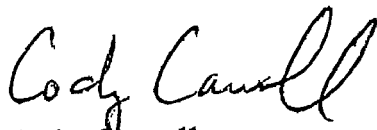
Secondary Principal
DAVID COX
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April 13, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee:

I, Cody Carroll, Superintendent of Meadow ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,



Cody Carroll
Superintendent
Meadow ISD



PO BOX 349, 105 West Eaton, Trinidad, Tx. 75163 - 903-778-2673 - 903-778-4120 Fax

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Rob Eissler, Chair
Texas House Public Education Committee
Room E1.414, Capitol Extension
Austin, TX 78701

Representative Eissler:

I, David Atkeisson, Superintendent of Trinidad ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system. HB 1555 improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

HB 1555 would reduce the share of costs borne by the local tax payers by gradually reducing the local share of educational funding while providing the school districts with funds to cover most rising costs. The burden to the tax payer would be further reduced in the provision that causes a tax rate compression at certain trigger points. This would also add future capacity to the system.

The specific benefit to Trinidad ISD students and taxpayers includes an additional \$64,616 in the current projection model for the 2009-10 school year with an additional \$62,000 in 2010-11 while decreasing the local tax rate in the 2010-11 school year by \$0.05. This tax rate reduction, at current valuations, represents a net effect of increased funding for our students of \$126,000 over the biennium while having our tax payers' burden decreased by approximately \$20,000! That is a significant figure for a district of 15 square miles. This is something you can sell to a taxpayer – decreased taxes with an increased benefit to our children!

Currently, TISD is operating in a budget with an approximate \$164,000 deficit. This deficit budget represents no change (*addition or reduction*) in programs from the past several years coupled with a payroll that is *reduced 4% from the prior school year*. This compared to the 06-07 school year in which we were advised to designate \$125,000 for specific purposes from our "excessive" fund balance. The overriding factors are an unforeseen decrease in student enrollment; increase in utilities costs, materials costs, and service charges; and a static target revenue figure tied solely to student numbers. In planning for the next fiscal year, we have already begun to enact program changes that will reduce staff even further while we ask our teachers and students to present a valiant effort to improve student performance scores on a decreased budget with fewer staff. Our students and taxpayers deserve the same educational opportunity as their neighbors in larger districts with higher target revenues. HB 1555 will take major steps in that direction.

Sincerely,

David Atkeisson, Superintendent
Trinidad ISD
903-778-2673

Bill Grusendorf

From: "jim crenshaw" <jcrenshaw@alpine.esc18.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2009 7:56 PM
Subject: funding

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Jim Crenshaw, teacher at Alpine ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student driven, formula system, and it improves equity while decreasing recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Sincerely, James W Crenshaw

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Richard Keith" <ponysoldier1880@sbcglobal.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 6:24 AM

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, ___Kim Keith_____, parent, taxpayer, and teacher of Alpine ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student driven, formula system, and it improves equity while decreasing recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Pat Grusendorf

From: "Andy Peters" <apeters@louiseisd.org>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 12:39 PM
Subject: Support for HB1555

To Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee:

I, Andrew Peters, Superintendent of Louise ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Please don't let the children of Texas down. We have many school – small and large – like ours that are dependent on a better system of school finance.

Thank you.

Andrew Peters
Louise ISD

4/8/2009



New Home ISD

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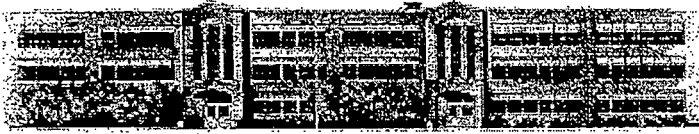
April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Leland Zant, Superintendent of New Home ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Respectfully submitted,

Leland Zant
Superintendent
New Home ISD
New Home, Texas



Archer City ISD

Traditions of Excellence

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April 8, 2009

TO: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Randel Beaver, Superintendent of Archer City ISD, support HB1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 and SB 982 are the only school finance bills that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. It is my understanding that my area Representative, David Farabee and neighboring Representative, Rick Hardcastle are in support of this. I have also contacted my Senator, Craig Estes that our school district supports the senate version.

Sincerely,

Randel Beaver

Board Members

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April 8, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee.

I, Tony Daniel, Superintendent of Hamlin ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.



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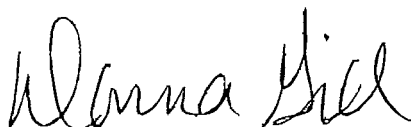
Donna Gill, Superintendent
Kelly Carrell, Principal

April 8, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee,

I, Donna Gill, Superintendent of Miami ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,


Donna Gill

**ZAVALLA INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. David Flowers, Superintendent
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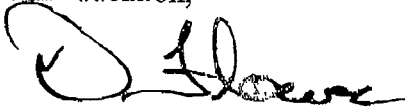
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To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, David Flowers, Superintendent of Zavalla ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and BWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Yours in education,



David W. Flowers, Superintendent
Zavalla ISD



WINNSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Mark D. Bosold
Superintendent

207 East Pine Street • Winnsboro, Texas 75494
903-342-3737 • Fax 903-342-3380

April 8, 2009

Dear Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee:

I, Mark Bosold, Superintendent of Winnsboro ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bosold', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Mark Bosold, Ed. D.
Superintendent

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

BILL GRUSENDORF-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

401 WEST DRY STREET

SAN SABA, TEXAS 76877

TEL:325-372-5821

Email:tars@centex.net

Web site-tarsed.org

To: ALL TARS MEMBERS
From: Bill
Date: April 8, 2009
Subject: Support of HB 1555

To answer the question about acquiring the witness forms and either mailing them or hand carrying them, to show your support for HB 1555, when it is heard next Tuesday, April 14, 2009, this is impossible as the witness forms are not allowed out of the Capitol.

But as your support is so valuable and essential to the passage of this bill I have a solution. I will have one or two TARS officers at the hearing to testify in support of the bill and am asking you to send a letter by Email or FAX in support of HB 1555. We will in turn deliver the Emails and FAXes sent by you in support of HB 1555. Your response should be sent to my office in San Saba, no later than Monday, April 13th. 4:p.m.

If you have any questions please call. (There will be someone at the San Saba office at all times to help you in any way.) Your support is vital and since I am not asking you to be there personally, this will be the next best thing. We did this for Paul Sadler when he was Chair of the Education Committee, some sessions ago, when we were attaining the Teacher Health Insurance Program. Please don't let the children of Texas down.

SAN SABA NUMBERS

The FAX number is 325-372-6163

The Email address is tars@centex.net.

The telephone number is 325-372-5821

Sample Letter:

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee.

I, Jim TANKERSLEY, Superintendent of LEARY ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

**IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

April 8, 2009

**To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education
Committee**

Subj: HB 1555

I, Douglas Devine, Superintendent of Iola ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,



**Douglas Devine
Superintendent
Iola Independent School District**



Office of the Superintendent

April 14, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to testify with the Texas House of Representatives' Public Education Committee.

I am Greg Gibson, Superintendent of Crowley ISD, a fast-growth school district in Southwest Fort Worth. Since 2002, our district has grown from 9,000 to 15,000 students. During this same time our low SES (socially and economically disadvantaged student) population has increased from 20 percent to 45 percent.

House Bill 1 locked Crowley ISD at \$4,693 per student, which is \$407 less per student than the state average of \$5,100. At the inception of HB 1 Crowley ISD was undergoing a substantial building program to catch up with our student growth. In 2005, when we developed a three-year budget for Crowley ISD, we would have never imagined that we would be worse off financially under the new (constitutional) funding formula than the old school funding formula (deemed unconstitutional).

As a result, Crowley ISD today is facing the absorption of 9 percent of our total budget for 2009-10. Attached, please find a memo distributed to our district stakeholders in January 2009 which outlines 14 actions we are taking to manage the 2009-10 budget.

Three major actions we are taking include:

- Staff salaries frozen at 2008-09 levels for the 2009-10 school year \$3.65 million in savings
- Absorption of staff positions across the district \$4.5 million in savings
- Delay openings for two new intermediate campuses \$7.6 million in savings

Regarding the absorption of staff positions, we are required by state law to maintain a 22:1 ratio for grades K-4. The majority of our staff reductions are then occurring at grades 5-12. At these upper grades we are required to meet state accountability standards and Student Success Initiatives (SSI), while facing an ever-increasing low SES population. Having to reduce staff at these important levels appears to be in direct opposition to effectively meet the needs of Crowley ISD students.

I implore you that now is the time to take action for the students of Crowley ISD and the other districts that are locked under the state average in funding by voting HB 1555 out of committee as soon as possible. I am afraid that by not acting now instead of later (the next legislative session) there will be children, parents, families, employees and school districts displaced because their schools can no longer afford to open their doors. As one of the 10 wealthiest states in the nation, now is the time for Texas to place greater support behind our schools and our future.

BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Superintendent*PO Box 269*Belton, TX 76513-0269*254/215-2002*Fax: 254/215-2001



VIVIAN BAKER, ED.D.
Superintendent of Schools

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Representative Rob Eissler
Chair of Public Education
Representative District 15
Room E1.414, Capitol Extension
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Representative Eissler,

I am writing to ask for your support for House Bill 1555. The key issue that Belton ISD and other school districts need is a restoration of a formula funding system, rather than the frozen target revenue funding process. Being property poor, Belton ISD will be among the first to be covered by a system that will lay a solid foundation of equity principles and a mechanism for ensuring future adequacy. The Bill improves equity and reduces recapture. The guaranteed yield will be phased-up to the Austin ISD yield level over three years and will offer much-needed property tax relief.

During the fall of 2008, we held a successful Tax Ratification Election to avoid adopting a deficit budget and eliminating staff. With HB 1515, our District could lower taxes and not lose critical funding needed to continue the high quality of education we provide our students.

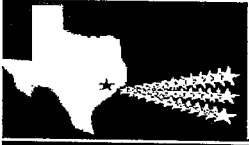
Thank you for your service on behalf of the children of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Vivian Baker'.

Vivian Baker, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Copy: Representative Ralph Sheffield, District 55



Columbia-Brazoria INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 13, 2009

The Honorable Representative Rob Eissler
Chair of Public Education
Representative District 15
Room Ei.414, Capitol Extension
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Representative Eissler,

I am writing to you in support of House Bill 1555. Columbia-Brazoria is a 3A property poor rural community located south of Houston with the lowest target revenue of districts in our area. We compete with Sweeny, Brazosport and Angleton I.S.D's which border us for teachers, programs and with open enrollment, students and as you can see by the attached chart, are at the bottom in target revenue yet must provide 22-1 classrooms the same as all of the other districts. We had to put in place a deficit budget last year and anticipate another this year. We would certainly be able to provide more adequate instruction if a formula driven system provided equity and adequacy as does House Bill 1555. Our students deserve the same programs, facilities and materials as other districts are able to provide and, of course, we have the same mandates as the others. Our taxpayers deserve property tax relief and quality education for their children. Our staff, students and community deserve better and on behalf of them I urge support of House Bill 1555.

Thank you for your consideration and what you do and can do for all of the children in the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

Carol Bertholf
Superintendent, Columbia-Brazoria Independent School District

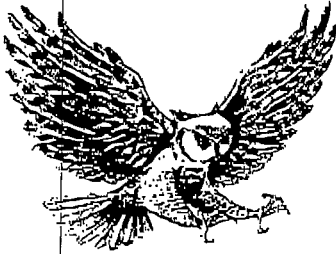
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April 8, 2009

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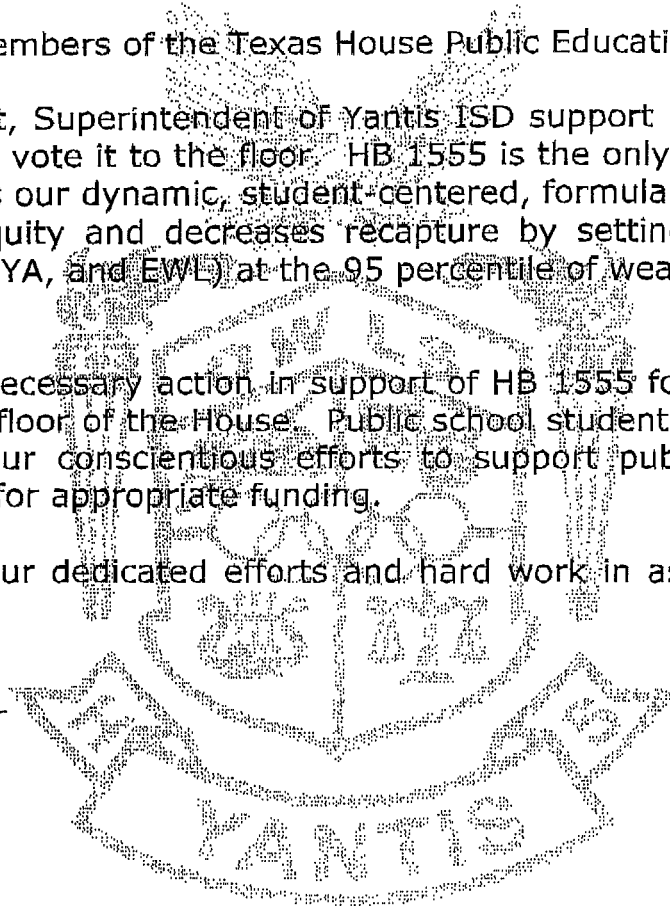
I, Michael Barnett, Superintendent of Yantis ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student-centered, formula driven system. It also improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Please take the necessary action in support of HB 1555 for public education to bring it to the floor of the House. Public school students across Texas are depending on your conscientious efforts to support public education and provide a means for appropriate funding.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts and hard work in assistance of public schools in Texas!

Sincerely,

Michael Barnett
Superintendent



Gorman High School
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 Ricky Panter, *Principal*
 FAX (254) 734-3425



Maxfield Elementary School
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 Mary Reeves, *Principal*
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GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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David K. Perry, *Superintendent*
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 FAX (254) 734-3393

April 8, 2009

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, David K. Perry, Superintendent of Gorman I.S.D. support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWI) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin I.S.D.

School districts in Texas are desperate for this legislation to pass. We must have some financial relief after the last three years of financial stagnation. Please befriend the vast majority of Texas school children and send this bill to the floor as quickly as possible, unanimously supported by your committee!

I appreciate the long hours and dedication that each of you must be committed to during this legislative session and I know that everyone is asking for your support of their bill. You have the arduous task of deciding what is best to support. Please choose HB 1555 in the best interest of our children. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David K. Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David K. Perry

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

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Sample Letter:

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee.

CAUL TAYLOR
 I, CAUL TAYLOR, Superintendent of WELLINGTON ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

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Date: 4-8-09

From: Carl Taylor

To: Texas House Public Ed. Committee

Fax #: 325-372-6163

Total Number of Pages Including Cover Page: 2

Attn: _____

Message:



Tom Bean ISD

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April 8, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

From: Kathy Garrison, Superintendent

RE: HB 1555

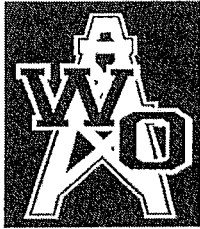
I, Kathy Garrison, Superintendent of Tom Bean ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. House Bill 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system. It also improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments at the 95% quartile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Please consider this message in the best interest of the children of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy Garrison'.

Kathy Garrison, Superintendent
Tom Bean ISD



WHITE OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Heritage of Pride, Tradition, and Educational Excellence

MICHAEL E. GILBERT, Superintendent

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April 8, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I Michael E. Gilbert, Superintendent of White Oak ISD, support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores the student centered, formula driven system and it improves equity, decreases recapture by setting all three allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD yield.

White Oak ISD is a high performing Class AA school district in East Texas. We are suffering in the current system from low target revenue, slow to no growth and little difference between actual enrollment and WADA. Without a dynamic fundamental change in this system (not a band-aide), we are looking at bankruptcy within the next five to six years. This is a no frills/no fat district at this time. Any further cuts will drastically affect the education of the students of White Oak. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Sincerely,

Michael E. Gilbert
Superintendent of Schools
White Oak ISD



Archer City ISD

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April 8, 2009

TO: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Randel Beaver, Superintendent of Archer City ISD, support HB1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 and SB 982 are the only school finance bills that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. It is my understanding that my area Representative, David Farabee and neighboring Representative, Rick Hardcastle are in support of this. I have also contacted my Senator, Craig Estes that our school district supports the senate version.

Sincerely,

Randel Beaver

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HASKELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Texas Legislators,

I, Bill Alcorn, Superintendent of Haskell CISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA,GYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Yours in Education,

Bill Alcorn

CLARKSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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April 9, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Texas House
Public Education Committee

I, Pam Bryant, Superintendent of Clarksville ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and "B".

Pam Bryant
Superintendent

PB/sc

