



PEARLAND ISD

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Senator Mike Jackson
1109 Fairmont Parkway
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Dear Senator Jackson,

We congratulate you for your recent successful election as our State Senator and know you will serve us well. As it is imperative that the legislature amend the existing school finance system that created huge funding inequities among the very school districts you represent, we ask you to make a formal written request to place the issue of school funding on the upcoming legislative calendar. Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Make it clear your priority is school finance being placed on the 2009 legislative agenda and your unwillingness to support candidates for leadership positions who do not prioritize school finance this legislative session.
2. Work to eliminate the static revenue system in favor of a formula driven system. Tie the formula to the state's wealth so as the wealth of Texas increases, so will school funding.

While many items will be on the agenda during the upcoming legislative session, your support of public education will be known via your agenda item request. Students are our future, and they should be equipped with the tools to succeed in the classroom and eventually the workforce, where they will contribute to a strong state economy.

All Texas students deserve equal access to educational dollars. Currently where a student happens to live determines the level of educational funding he/she receives. Certainly that was not the intent of the 80th Legislature.

It is time to end the politics and do what is right for those children for whom you speak in the Texas legislature. With your support we are confident the Legislature will achieve an equitable system that gives all students the same opportunity for a quality education. Thank you for preserving the integrity of public education in Texas. We look forward to your response so we can make it part of our funding awareness packet to the community; our patrons need to know what a difference you are already making for us!

Sincerely,

The Pearland Independent School District Board of Trustees and Administration




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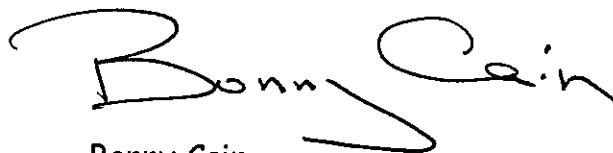
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