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TX State Time

Objective: Provide the latest real-time information on key bills as we enter the homestretch of the 87th Texas Legislative session

Agenda:
• Where we are in the session
• Status of the state budget and federal funds
• Key bills to address unfinished learning w/ Teach Plus and Deans for Impact
We are headed into the 4th quarter

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<th>Legislature Convenes (Second Tuesday of January)</th>
<th>60-Day Bill Filing Deadline</th>
<th>Adjournment Sine Die (140th Day or 20 Weeks)</th>
<th>Post-Session 20-Day Deadline for Governor to Sign or Veto</th>
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If a bill has not been heard in Committee at this point, it’s on life support. However, the language from dead bills can always come back to life in other pieces of legislation.
The Texas legislature must pass a balanced budget, based on how much revenue is available to spend.

House Bill 2
(Supplemental Budget for previous 2 years)

Senate Bill 1 (next two years)
State revenue is not down as much as many feared, especially with help from the federal government.

State revenue is down, but only slightly – less than $1 billion for the previous two years and less than $500 million for the next two years. The total state budget is ~$112 billion.

Federal relief funds ($17.9 billion from ESSER II and III)
What We Know: Formula cuts unlikely

Both the Texas House and Senate budget proposals fully fund the formula.

In other words, no major changes are expected to the formula or the state's ability to pay its share for the next two years … for now.
What We Don't Know: Timing and use of federal funds

Neither Senate Bill 1 nor House Bill 2 includes the $17.9B from ESSER II and III. The state can use federal funds to replace (or "supplant") state formula funds so it can direct that revenue outside of formula or outside of education entirely.
What We Don't Know: Maintenance of Effort

To receive ESSER II and III funds, states must spend at least the same share of total state spending on PK-12 education and higher education combined over the next two years as they did, on average in 2017 - 2019.

Texas may need to invest an additional $1.2B in higher education to meet this requirement.

The Governor submitted a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education in late February and has not received a response.
Outside of the budget, key bills to address unfinished learning:

- HB 5 / SB 5: Broadband expansion
- HB 4117: High-quality tutoring
- HB 4545: Strong Foundations Grant, accelerated learning committees, and outcomes bonuses
- HB 4465: Grants for extended instructional time, broadband, curriculum and instruction, air and water quality, and accelerated learning
Unpacking Broadband and Equity

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Legislative Summary and Ongoing Policy

Current Legislation:
+ House Bill 5
+ Senate Bill 5

Next Steps:
+ Committee Approval
+ Government Assistance Coordination
+ Supporting Digital Literacy
Legislation to support effective teaching and students

> **HB 4117 (TALARICO) / SB 2023 (POWELL)** establish the Texas Tutor Corps grant program
  
  o Leverage federal stimulus dollars and existing state educational programs (e.g. compensatory education)
  
  o Align to the PATHS to Tutor Act (S.457)
  
  o Leadership interest in both chambers
  
  o Broad coalition of supporting state organizations

> **HB 4545 AND 4465 (DUTTON) / SB 2094 (TAYLOR)** relate to federal education funding
  
  o Possible vehicles for mobilizing aspiring teachers (and others) as tutors
TX State Time: Day 2 Preview

Tomorrow we'll review key bills to address:

- Safe and supportive school climate with Texas Appleseed and Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
- College readiness and access with The Commit Partnership and Texas 2036

### Design parameters

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<td>- Content- and grade-specific tutors are matched with students</td>
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<td>- Matching, training, placing tutors with schools</td>
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<td>- Instructional and connectivity resources</td>
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<td>- Prioritize recruitment of teacher-candidates</td>
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<td>- Serve high-need schools</td>
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<td>- Flexible delivery modalities (e.g. in-person, virtual)</td>
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<td>- Closely aligned to school calendar</td>
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<td>- Includes SEL, CLR, and trauma-informed practices</td>
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DEANS FOR IMPACT
HB 4465 (Dutton)

- Establishes COVID recovery grants for extended learning, broadband, curriculum and instruction innovations, air and water facility improvements, and accelerated learning
- Empowers the Commissioner to determine the terms of grants and administer them
- Empowers the Commissioner to resolve federal maintenance of effort and maintenance of equity issues
HB 4545 (Dutton)

- Establishes an accelerated learning committee for students who fail STAAR in grades 3, 5 and 8 and requires at least 30 hours of supplemental instruction
- Establishes the Strong Foundations Grant Program for elementary schools to implement high-quality instructional materials, curricula and aligned professional supports
- Adds an outcomes bonus for accelerating and sustaining student proficiency (2X for “educationally disadvantaged”)
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