

Local Public-Schools and Local Governance

Brock ISD supports legislation that provides flexibility to local school boards to operate school districts as expected by local communities. We advocate that the state makes public school funding a priority and invests more funding into the state's public school system so that funding is adequate for Brock ISD students to achieve expected outcomes. Specifically, we advocate that the state:

- funds public schools and opposes any initiative that would divert public tax dollars from public schools to private schools or other schools exempt from state and federal accountability requirements and laws;
 - public tax dollars should be invested in meeting the educational needs of all Texas students rather than in vouchers, education savings accounts, tuition/education tax credits, taxpayer savings grants, scholarships or similar programs.
- creates an equitable school funding system; one that reduces the state's overreliance on recapture and property value increase;
 - provides transparency regarding how increases in local property values continue to allow the state to decrease the amount of funding it provides to public schools.
- allows local discretion on spending to ensure the needs of a school district's students, staff, and their community are met;
- increases funding for the Teacher Retirement System's health insurance programs; and
- continues the Teacher Retirement System's defined benefit pension program.

Safety and Security

Brock ISD supports legislation that addresses the increasing demands for safety, security, and mental health support while opposing unfunded mandates. Specifically, Brock ISD advocates for the following measures:

- additional and ongoing state funding and resources for schools districts to use in developing measures that will increase safety, security, and mental health services on their campuses and throughout their districts; and
- flexibility for districts to make local decisions about safety, security, and mental health measures that best address their specific needs.

Local Accountability

Brock ISD supports an assessment and accountability system that values student growth and performance over one of high-stakes, standardized testing. We advocate for a locally created, comprehensive accountability system that:

- looks beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice exams;
- provides multiple and meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers;
- measures what each community deems important in promoting college, career, and workforce readiness; and
- removes labeling districts and campuses with an A-F rating.