

Craig Coleman, Ed. D.
Superintendent

April 9, 2009

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

I, Dr. Craig Coleman, Superintendent of Harleton 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 Austin ISD. This bill also provides tax relief for the property owners of my district.

All students in Texas are judged based upon one accountability system; however, there are many different funding levels for school districts. HB 1555 is a step in the right direction for Texas to provide an equitable funding system for all Texas students and taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Coleman, Ed. D.
Superintendent, Harleton ISD

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April 9, 2009

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

As Superintendent of Southland ISD, I urge you to support HB 1555 and 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 Austin ISD.

I appreciate the work you do on behalf of the children of Texas. Please continue to put them first in every decision you make.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Toby Miller

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Bill Grusendorf

From: "Michelle Carroll Smith" <smithmc@lytleisd.com>
To: <klars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 2:37 PM
Subject: support of HB 1555

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

I, Michelle Carroll Smith, Superintendent of Lytle 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 wealthy represented by the Austin ISD.

Respectfully,
Michelle Carroll Smith

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Pate, Mike" <Mike.Pate@warrenisd.net>
To: "Pat Grusendorf" <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 2:15 PM
Subject: My Letter for Public Ed Committee

MIKE PATE

Great schools become great by staying focused: focused on their products (students), their parents and communities and their business operations. They aspire to higher levels of excellence, are never content to become complacent and are passionate about their students. They have leadership that is not ego-driven, and have organizational cultures that embrace constant change.

MARK TWAIN SAID, "INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS."

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

I, **Mike Pate**, superintendent of Warren 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.

Your help and support of Texas Public Schools is appreciated.

MIKE PATE

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MARK TWAIN SAID, "INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS."

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Keeler, Tony" <Tony.Keeler@warrenisd.net>
To: <james.mcreynolds@house.state.tx.us>; <mike.hamilton@house.state.tx.us>; <tars@centex.net>;
<rob.eissler@house.state.tx.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 2:00 PM

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1555

I, Anthony Keeler, (parent, taxpayer,) of Warren 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.

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When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on.

Tony Keeler

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Ford, Ronnie" <Ronnie.Ford@warrenisd.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 12:45 PM
Subject: Hb 1555

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

I, Ronnie G. Ford, (Board Member, parent, taxpayer, or teacher) of Warren 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.

Your help and support of Texas Public Schools is appreciated.

Ronnie Ford
Assistant Principal
Warren Junior High
409-547-2246

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS
BILL GRUSENDORF-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AUSTIN: FAX: 512-467-0449

LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY!!!

April 13, 2009

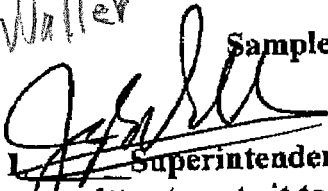
Please Route to your Superintendent ASAP!!

I sent out 668 letters announcing that HB 1555 by Diane Patrick will be heard in Committee Tuesday afternoon, April 14 (tomorrow). Thus far I have only received 64 responses. I need at least 500 if we are going to be successful in restoring our system of school finance and moving forward. I am sending the sample letter again, below. PLEASE put your response on your school letter head and fax it to me in

AUSTIN
FAX NUMBER 512-467-0449

Pat will be at that number to receive your faxes and if you have a question call 1-800-235-1279.

Jay Waller



Sample letter on your School Letterhead:

I, ~~Jay Waller~~ Superintendent of Travis 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.

If, you have already replied, thank you!

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Daniels, Diane" <ddaniels@esc5.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 12:13 PM
Subject: HB 1555

I 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.

Your help and support of Texas Public Schools is appreciated.

Diane Daniels
Superintendent

Kountze ISD
P. O. Box 460
Kountze, Texas 77625

ddaniels@esc5.net
(409) 246-3352 (voice)
(409) 246-3217 (fax)

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Horton, Paula" <paula.horton@warrenisd.net>
To: <mike.hamilton@house.state.tx.us>; <james.mcreynolds@house.state.tx.us>;
<tars@centex.net>; <rob.eissler@house.state.tx.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 12:28 PM
Subject: Support HB 1555

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

I, Paula Horton, employee of Warren 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. Please support this bill and encourage other house members to do likewise.

Your help and support of Texas Public Schools is appreciated.

Paula Horton

Kennard Independent School District
"Building A Successful Future"

Gary Jacobs
Superintendent

Melba Petty
Business Manager

Carolyn S. Harrison
Secretary

April 9, 2009

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

I, Gary Jacobs, Superintendent of Kennard 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 Austin ISD.

Respectfully,

Gary Jacobs

Home of the Tigers

P.O. Box 38 Kennard, Texas 75847 (936)655-2161 or (936)655-2008 Fax (936)655-2327

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Linda Bettin" <bettinl@fcisd.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 10:58 AM
Subject: HB 1555

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

I, Linda Bettin, Superintendent of Falls City 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.

April 9, 2009

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

I, Philip Welch, Superintendent of Orangefield 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.



BELLEVUE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P. O. Box 38 Bellevue, Texas 76228 (940) 928-2104

Dean Gilstrap, Superintendent

Terry Davis, Principal

Johney Chandler, Counselor

April 9, 2009

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

I, Dean Gilstrap, Superintendent of Bellevue ISD, whole heartedly 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. The public students of Texas are worth it. Please support HB 1555 and vote it out of Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Gilstrap, Superintendent
Bellevue ISD

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Jeff Irvin" <JlIrvin@samrayburnisd.com>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 9:42 AM
Subject: HB 1555

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

I, Jeff Irvin, Superintendent of Sam Rayburn 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.

Jeff Irvin

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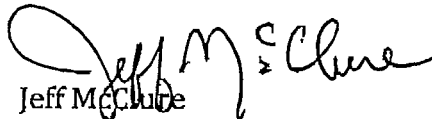
April 10, 2009

FAX: 325-372-6163

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

I, Jeff McClure, Superintendent of Henrietta 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,



Jeff McClure
Superintendent
Henrietta ISD

Quanah Independent School District

Terry D. Allen, Superintendent

P.O. Box 150, Phone: 940-663-2281, Fax: 940-663-2875

Quanah, Texas 79252

April 10, 2009

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

I am Terry Allen, Superintendent of Quanah ISD. I 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.

Thank you for your unquestionable support of HB 1555.

Sincerely,
Terry D. Allen

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April 10, 2009

To Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee

I, Steve Wolf, Superintendent of Byers 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 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. Thank you for your consideration and your service to the citizens of the Great State of Texas.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Wolf

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Whisneant, Velena" <Velena.Whisneant@warrenisd.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2009 10:05 AM
Subject: HB 1555

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

I, Velena Whisneant a teacher of Warren 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.

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Bill Grusendorf

From: "Whisneant, Velena" <Velena.Whisneant@warrenisd.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2009 10:03 AM
Subject: HB 1555

HB 1555 is the only bill that has been filed that will do us any good. Please, as a teacher I urge you to contact other house members for support of this bill.

Please support education and teachers. Neglecting this need harms all of us. Mrs. Whisneant

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Wayne Pierce" <pierce@equitycenter.org>
To: "Walter Key" <WKey@saisd.us>; <fars@centex.net>; "Equity Center" <admin@equitycenter.org>; <sarah.hensley@house.state.tx.us>; "Phil Worsham" <pworsham@joaquinisd.net>; <adriane.emr@senate.state.tx.us>; <kmccraw@tacsnet.org>
Cc: "James Hockenberry - Center ISD" <james.hockenberry@centerisd.org>; "Roger Dees - Chireno ISD" <rdees@chireno.esc7.net>; "Michael Davis - Cushing ISD" <mdavis@cushingisd.org>; "Andy Trekeil - Etolle ISD" <atrekeil@etolle.esc7.net>; "Arrie Kelley - Garrison ISD" <kelleyr@garrisonisd.com>; "Jay Tullios - Douglass ISD" <jtullios@mail.douglass.esc7.net>; "Grey Burton - Martinsville ISD" <gburton@martinsville.esc7.net>; "Don Fallin - Tenaha ISD" <fallindon@tenahaisd.com>; "Leland Moore - Timpson ISD" <lmoore@timpson.k12.tx.us>; "Travis Edwards - West Sabine" <edwardst@westsabine.esc7.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 5:44 PM
Subject: RE: 81st Leg Group by date.xls

It could be a really late night...

-----Original Message-----

From: Walter Key [mailto:WKey@saisd.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 3:27 PM

To: fars@centex.net; Equity Center; pierce@equitycenter.org;

sarah.hensley@house.state.tx.us; Phil Worsham;

adriane.emr@senate.state.tx.us; kmccraw@tacsnet.org

Cc: James Hockenberry - Center ISD; Roger Dees - Chireno ISD; Michael Davis

- Cushing ISD; Andy Trekeil - Etolle ISD; Arrie Kelley - Garrison ISD; Jay

Tullios - Douglass ISD; Grey Burton - Martinsville ISD; Don Fallin - Tenaha

ISD; Leland Moore - Timpson ISD; Travis Edwards - West Sabine

Subject: Re: 81st Leg Group by date.xls

At this time Phil and I are going to make a quick trip to Austin on Tuesday to be there when HB1555 is heard. We are meeting at the sp ed coop in Nac around 8:00 am Tuesday morning and will come back that night. If any are interested in going call Phil. I will touch base with him Monday sometime. We are off Friday and Monday.

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April 13, 2009

Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education
Committee;

I, Jim T. Rumage, Superintendent of Banquete ISD support HB 1555 and urge you to vote this bill 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 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. I am thanking you in advance for doing what is right for the children of Texas.

Sincerely,



Jim T. Rumage

New Boston Independent School District

600 North McCoy Blvd.

New Boston, Texas 75570-2389

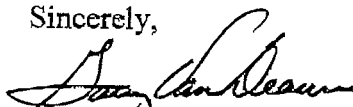
Gary VanDeaver, Ed.D., Superintendent

April 13, 2009

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

I, Gary VanDeaver, Superintendent of New Boston 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,



Gary VanDeaver, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Lipan Independent School District

211 N. Kickapoo St.

Lipan, Texas 76462

254-646-2266

254-646-3499

Mike Vinyard
Superintendent

April 10, 2009

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

As Superintendent of Lipan ISD, I 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, BYA and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Thank you for your favorable attention to this most important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Vinyard".

Mike Vinyard



Como-Pickton
Consolidated Independent School District
P. O. Box 18, Como, Texas 75431

April 13, 2009

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

I, Sandra Billodeau, Superintendent of Como-Pickton 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 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Sandra Billodeau
Superintendent

ETOILE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
936-854-2238 FAX 936-854-2241
P.O. BOX 98
ETOILE, TEXAS 75944
ANDY TREKELL
SUPERINTENDENT

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Andy Trekell, Superintendent of Etoile 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 (AB, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,



Andy Trekell
Superintendent
Etoile ISD

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Etoile ISD is that all students are prepared for a successful life, in a safe and civil environment, which provides quality individualized instruction; maintains high standards and expectations; increases a love for learning; and promotes ethics, high morality and integrity in all endeavors.



ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GARY E. LEHNEN**

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I Gary E. Lehn Superintendent of Ropes 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 there of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Respectfully;

**Gary E. Lehn
Superintendent**



Paradise Independent School District

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Superintendent's Office Fax (940) 969-5008
High School Office Fax (940) 969-5009 / Junior High Fax (940) 969-5025
Intermediate Fax (940) 969-5031 / Elementary Fax (940) 969-5043

April 13, 2009

I, Robert Criswell, Superintendent of Paradise 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Criswell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Criswell,
Superintendent
Paradise ISD

CAYUGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 Elementary Principal

4/13/09

Dear Representative Cook and Senator Nichols,

I support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores a 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 95th percentile of wealth as represented by Austin ISD.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Webb".

Rick Webb

DILLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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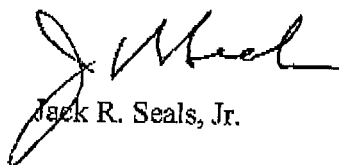
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April 13, 2009

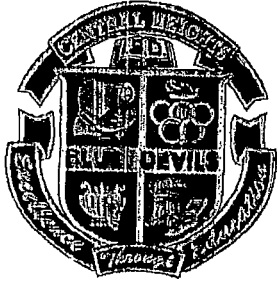
Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee:

I, Jack R. Seals, Jr., Superintendent of Dilley ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB1555 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,



Jack R. Seals, Jr.



Central Heights Independent School District

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Assistant HS Principal
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Elementary Principal
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April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Jeremy Glenn, Superintendent of Central Heights 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,

Dr. Jeremy Glenn
Superintendent

Malone Independent School District

Linda D. Buffe, Superintendent
202 W. Apple St. ~ P. O. Box 38 ~ Malone, TX 76660
Phone: 254-533-2321 Fax: 254-533-5660

"Home of the Mustangs!"



April 6, 2009

Honorable Jim Pitts
310 W Jefferson, Suite 1
Waxahachie, Texas

Dear Mr. Pitts,

I, Linda Buffe, Superintendent of Malone ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB1555 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.

I know that as representative of Hill County and the good relationship you have with the school district and superintendents you will do what is best for the children of Texas.

Best Regards,

Linda Buffe
Superintendent

Board of Trustees

*Ila Christian, Gary Freels, Larry Hancock
Ray Loewe, Enereo Pineda, Charles Trompler, Roma Wright*

Groom Independent School District

P.O. Box 598 304 W. 3rd Street
Groom, Texas 79039
Fax: (806) 248 - 7949

Terry Stevens - Superintendent
(806) 248 ~ 7557

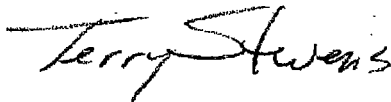
Tammy Case - Business Office - (806) 248 -7251
Frances Payton - Student Services - (806) 248 -7474

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To whom it may concern:

I, Terry Stevens, Superintendent of Groom 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.

Thank you,



Terry Stevens
Superintendent
Groom ISD

RISING STAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 37

RISING STAR, TEXAS 76471

(254) 643-1981 • FAX: (254) 643-1922



April 13, 2009

Dr. Max Thompson To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee
Superintendent

I, Dr. Max Thompson, Superintendent of Rising Star ISD support HB1555 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 (Basic Allotment, Guaranteed Yield, and Equalized Wealth Level) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you very much for your service to the Great State of Texas and our children.

Sincerely,

Max Thompson

Barbara Long
K-6 Principal

Jerry Black
7-12 Principal

Edgewood I. S. D.

*P. O. Box 6
Edgewood, TX. 75117*

Jack Shellnutt
Superintendent
Ph. # 903-896-4332
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(903) 896-4856

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Boys' Athletic Dir.
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Kyle Short
Girls' Athletic Dir.
(903) 896-2235

Jack Shellnutt, Supt,
Edgewood ISD
P. O. Box 6
Edgewood, Tx. 75117

April 9, 2009

I, Jack Shellnutt, Superintendent of Edgewood 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 decreases recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by the Austin I. S. D.

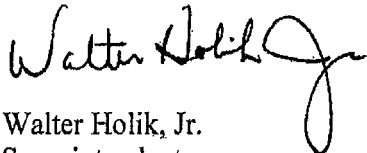
Sincerely,

Jack Shellnutt

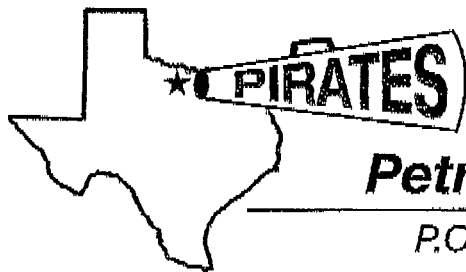
WALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
WALTER HOLIK, JR., SUPERINTENDENT
8065 LOOP 570
P.O. BOX 259 • WALL, TEXAS 76957-0259
PHONE 325-651-7790
FAX 325-651-5081

I, Walter Holik, Jr., Superintendent of Wall 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,



Walter Holik, Jr.
Superintendent
Wall ISD



Petrolia Independent School District

P.O. Box 176

Petrolia, TX 76377-0176

Derrith Welch
Superintendent
940-524-3555

Wade Wesley
H.S. Principal
940-524-3284

Micki Wesley
PK-8 Principal
940-524-3212/3433

Ray Keith
J.H. Assistant Principal
940-524-3433

April 13, 2009

**Texas Association of Rural Schools
Bill Grusendorf, Executive Director
Austin, TX**

I, Derrith Welch, Superintendent of Petrolia 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.

Yours truly,

Derrith Welch, Supt.



James Hopper, superintendent

Chris Borland, secondary principal
Kelly Bray, elementary principal

April 13, 2009

I, James Hopper, Superintendent of Bosqueville 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.

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James Hopper
Superintendent

VERIBEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**P.O. Box 490****Veribest, Texas 76886**

Michael Steck-Superintendent
Denise Dusek-Business Manager
Office 325 655-4912
Fax 325 655-3355



Ken Newman-H.S. Principal
Clint Askins-Elementary Principal
Office 325 655-2851
Fax 325 653-0551

I, Michael Steck, Superintendent of Veribest 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Steck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

West Hardin County Consolidated Independent School District


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39227 HIGHWAY 105
SARATOGA, TEXAS 77585
OFFICE: (936) 274-5061 EXT. 102
FAX: (936) 274-4321
SHARON B. TULE, SUPERINTENDENT

April 9, 2009

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

I am Sharon Tule, superintendent of West Hardin CCISD which is a small rural school in southeast Texas. I fully support HB 1555 and sincerely ask the Committee to vote this bill to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that will improve the equity among school districts and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments at the 95th tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. This bill restores the formula driven system and returns our financial focus to being student centered. I appreciate all that is being done to improve funding for Texas school districts and urge you to support HB 1555.



Sharon B. Tule
Superintendent
West Hardin County Consolidated ISD

**NEWTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Gene Isabell, Superintendent of Schools

414 North Main Street

Phone (409) 379-8137

Newton, TX 75966

FAX (409) 379-2189

April 13, 2009

Bill Grusendorf
Executive Director
Austin, TX

To whom it concerns:

I, Gene Isabell, Superintendent of Newton 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,

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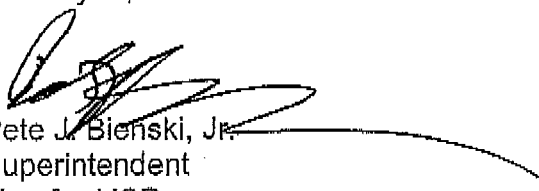
Gene Isabell, Superintendent

Mumford Independent School District**P. O. Box 268****Mumford, Texas 77867****(979) 279-3678 – Phone (979) 279-5044 - Fax**Anthony Scamardo
PresidentPete J. Bienski, Jr.
SuperintendentGathan Reistlino
Secretary

April 13, 2009

As Superintendent of Mumford ISD, I 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.

Thank you,



Pete J. Bienski, Jr.
Superintendent
Mumford ISD

**HEDLEY
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

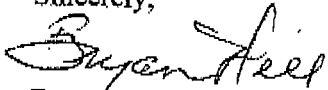
P. O. Box 69
Hedley, Texas 79237
806-856-5323 (Office)
806-856-5372 (Fax)

Bryan Hill
Superintendent

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

I, Bryan Hill, Superintendent of Hedley ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB1555 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,



Bryan Hill, Superintendent
Hedley ISD



Skidmore – Tynan Independent School District

PO Box 409 • Skidmore, Texas 78389
Phone: (361) 287 – 3426 • Fax: (361) 287 – 3442
Website: www.stisd.esc2.net

I, Brett Belmarez, Superintendent of Skidmore-Tynan 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,

*Brett Belmarez (by Anna Dr. Garcia)
Supt. Sec.*

Brett Belmarez, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

Crawford Independent School District
200 Pirate Drive
Crawford, Texas 76638

KEVIN NOACK
SUPERINTENDENT

CHUCK VILADEVALL
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

DON HARRIS
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

LINDA STOUT
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Please accept this letter as my support for HB 1555 and I 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 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Thank you,



Kevin Noack
Superintendent
Crawford ISD



TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

405 N. Florence St. • PO Box 159 • Tioga, TX 76271
940.437.2366 • fax 940.437.9986

"Pride through Performance"

To: Bill Grusendorf
Executive Director
Texas Association of Rural Schools

Re: IIB 1555

Dear Executive Director;

I, Neal Harrison, Superintendent of Tioga ISD, Tioga, Texas, support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor to be voted on. 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 seeing all three of our allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

Neal Harrison
Suprintendent, Tioga ISD

Knox City - O'Brien
Consolidated Independent School District
606 East Main Street - Knox City, Texas 79529

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High School (940) 657-3565
Fax (940) 657-3379

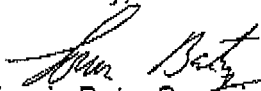
Superintendent: Louis Baty

Mid-School (940) 657-3731
Elementary (940) 657-3147

April 13, 2009

I, Louis Baty Superintendent of Knox City-O'Brien 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.

Sincerely,


Louis Baty, Superintendent
Knox City-O'Brien CISD

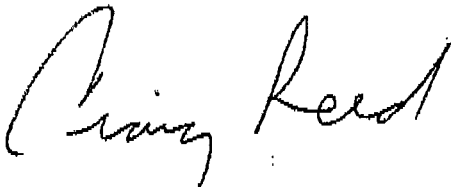
Dodd City ISD

Craig Reed, Superintendent
602 North Main Street
Dodd City, Texas 75438

Phone: (903) 583-7585

Fax: (903) 583-9545

I, Craig Reed, Superintendent of Dodd City 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,

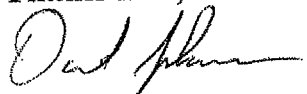


Craig Reed

**Adrian Independent School District
P.O. Box 189
Adrian, Texas 79001
(806) 538-6203 fax (806) 538-6291**

I, David Johnson, Superintendent of Adrian Independent School District support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it onto 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.

Thank You,



**David Johnson, Supt.
Adrian ISD**

Sam Bell, *Superintendent*
 Matt Dossey, *High School Principal*
 Mona Cloff, *Junior High Principal*
 Jennifer Zschiesche, *Elementary Principal*
 Ken Alexander, *Business Manager*

Hamilton Independent School District

400 South College ~ Box 392
 Hamilton, Texas 76531

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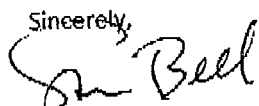
Building the future, one student at a time.

April 13, 2009

To Whom it may Concern:

I, Sam Bell, Superintendent of the Hamilton Independent School District support HB 1555 and urges the committee to vote this bill to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, while also improving equity and decreasing recapture by setting all three allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Your consideration and support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

 Sam Bell
 Superintendent
 Hamilton ISD



Grapeland I.S.D.

E.D. Sumrall, Superintendent

P. O. Box 249 ♦ Grapeland, Texas 75844 ♦ Telephone (936) 687-4619 ♦ Fax (936) 687-4624

April 13, 2009

I, E.D. "Buddy" Sumrall Superintendent of Grapeland 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.



GREG GILBERT
SUPERINTENDENT

SANTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 67
SANTO, TEXAS 76472

ADMINISTRATION
940-769-2835

FAX
940-769-3116

April 13, 2009

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

As Superintendent of Santo ISD, this school district supports the elements of HB 1555 and urges the Committee to vote the finance bill to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores the student centered, formula driven system and improves equity among school districts while providing a tax reduction component.

It is imperative that HB 1555 be voted out of committee so that equitable funding of public education can be restored throughout the State of Texas for the coming years.

Sincerely,

Greg Gilbert, Superintendent

bt

ADMINISTRATION

Jim Tankersley, Superintendent
Jennifer Brown -Interim Principal
Carolyn Dale Hicks, Secretary



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LEARY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Phone: 903-838-8960 Fax: 903-838-6036

P.O. Box 519

Hooks, Texas 75561

<http://learyisd.esc8.net>

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 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,

Jim Tankersley

JIM TANKERSLEY,SUPERINTENDENT
LEARY ISD

Chillicothe Independent School District

P.O. Box 418 • 1610 South 6th Street Chillicothe TX 79225 • Phone (940) 852-5391 • Fax (940) 852-5269 • www.cisd-tx.net

James Rice
Superintendent of Schools

Howard Tooley
Elementary Principal

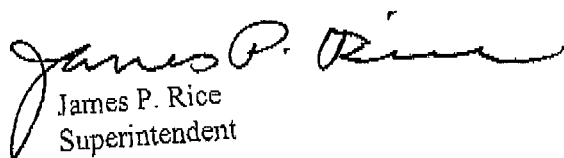
Tony Martinez
High School Principal

April 13, 2009

Bill Grusendorf
Executive Director
Texas Association of Rural Schools
Austin, TX
Fax 512-467-0449

Dear Mr. Grusendorf,

I, James Rice, Superintendent of Chillicothe ISD support HB 1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school driven 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 95thtile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.


James P. Rice
Superintendent



Buna Independent School District

P.O. Box 1087 – Hwy 62 Buna, Texas 77612

409-994-5101 Fax 409-994-4808

Byron P. Terrier, Superintendent

John E. Burt, Assistant Superintendent

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Byron Terrier, Superintendent of Buna 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 Austin ISD.

Thank you,

Byron P. Terrier

Buna ISD

“Dedicated to Excellence in Student Achievement”

Rule Independent School District

1100 UNION AVE.

RULE, TX 79547

TELEPHONE: (940) 997-2521

FAX: (940) 997-2446

April 13, 2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, David Parr Superintendent of Rule ISD support HB1555 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 our allotments (BA,GYA, and EWL) at the 95%tile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Parr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Parr

Friona Independent School District

"FISD will provide opportunities for all students to maximize potential and experience excellence".

909 East 11th Street · Friona, Texas 79035 · Phone: (806-250-2747) · Fax: (806) 250-3805

Superintendent
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Technology Coord.
Claudia Hanes

Board Members
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Danny Hand
Brent Loflin
Mitchell Smiley

I, Kenny Austin, Superintendent of Friona 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 decreases recapture by setting all three allotments (BA, GYA, and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.



Kenny Austin , Superintendent



Clarendon Public Schools

PO Box 610

Clarendon, Texas 79226

FAX: 806-874-2579

MONTY HYSINGER, Superintendent
806-874-2062

LARRY JEFFERS
 High School Principal
 806-874-2181

MARVIN ELAM
 Junior High Principal
 806-874-3232

MIKE WORD
 Elementary Principal
 806-8743855

April 13, 2009

Fax: 512-467-0449
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Monty Hysinger, Superintendent of Clarendon 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 driver 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,

Monty Hysinger
 Superintendent
 Clarendon CISD