Public Education

House Bill 313, signed into law on May 27, 2021, allocates $8.3 billion to support public schools across Texas. This is the largest increase in funding for public education in the state’s history. The legislation also includes:

- Additional resources to help schools hire and retain qualified teachers.
- Increased funding for mental health services in schools.
- Increased funding for special education programs.
- Increased funding for infrastructure and facilities improvements.
- Increased funding for technology and digital learning.

Higher Education

House Bill 339, signed into law on June 17, 2021, makes important improvements to higher education in the state of Texas. The legislation includes:

- Increased funding for public universities and colleges.
- Increased funding for research and technology.
- Increased funding for student scholarships and grants.
- Increased funding for workforce development programs.
- Increased funding for community colleges.

Student Mental Health Reform

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Texas is changing and adapting everyday to new challenges, new dreams, new ways of life, and El Paso has the opportunity to be at the forefront of these changes and shape the future of Texas, one step at a time. It is a privilege to continue working for and alongside you strengthening beautiful El Paso.
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