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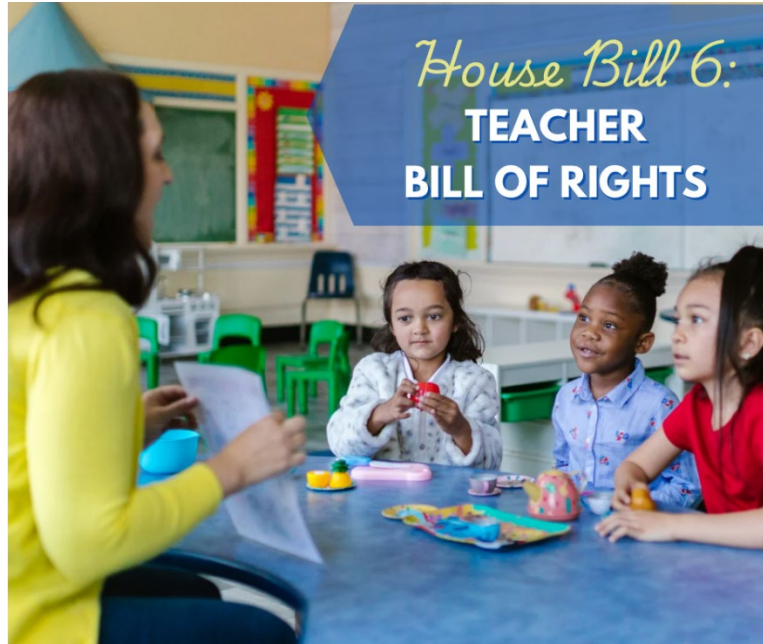
March is right around the corner and the Capitol is busier than ever. Now that committee assignments are out, some have already begun hearings and many will start doing so very soon. The committee I chair, Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, will have our first official committee hearing March 5<sup>th</sup>. More to come on that!

### **THE TEXAS TEACHER BILL OF RIGHTS**

Yesterday, the Texas House filed multiple bills related to education, school finance and teachers, including my bill, House Bill 6, which we've named the Texas Teacher Bill of Rights. Over the past year, I have met with many school boards, administrators, teachers and parents and one thing that teachers have expressed over and over again is that they spend too much time disciplining students in their classrooms – taking away precious time to teach. HB 6 will restore order in the classroom by ensuring that teachers have the authority and are empowered to maintain a safe and effective learning environment.

To put it simply - this bill is about standing with our educators, ensuring they have the support they need to create a structured and focused learning environment. A strong education system starts with engaged parents and strong and well-equipped teachers, and to recruit amazing teachers to the classroom and to retain them there, we must give them the ability to maintain discipline without unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles.

House Bill 6 reflects a commitment to prioritizing the needs of teachers, students, and parents alike—ensuring Texas classrooms remain places of learning, not constant disruption.



### **THIS WEEK AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL**

It was wonderful joining with so many fellow legislators and faith leaders from the community at the annual Legislative Prayer Breakfast this week. Speaker Burrows brought a great message from James 1 reminding us all to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. A message that we all needed to hear!



Since being appointed the House Committee on Public Education, I've had the pleasure of sitting down with teachers, parents, advocates and even students themselves – listening to the challenges they face and the opportunities we have in front of us. You can be assured

that I will be fighting hard for EVERY student and teacher in our great state and I'm looking forward to a productive and successful education session.



And I even got to drive home for a couple of hours to spend time with Landry at a Dude Perfect event!



I hope you and your family have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the Texas Capitol soon!

All My Best,

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

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