

2011 Plano ISD Council of PTAs Proposed Legislative Agenda

- The Texas State Legislature should consider recommendations from the states School Boards and Superintendents when making decisions effecting school funding.
- State Legislators should take up legislation to end high-stakes, standardized test and end of course exams which are costly to both the state and districts and ineffective in assessing "21st century skills" such as higher order, complex thinking skills and knowledge.
- Districts should be allowed to measure a child's progress over time using multiple measures that encompass the whole child including but not limited to classwork.
- District and school ratings should be based on multiple measure and not single event standardized test.
- The state of Texas should not stifle development of superior approaches in classrooms or districts in the name of standardization.
- Legislators should oppose funding nonpublic school programs with public school tax dollars.
- State Legislators should allow districts to decide which additional courses count toward the core curriculum graduation requirements set forth in 4x4 based on what is best for individual students.
- Legislators should give school districts control over school year calendar.
- Ban possession and distribution of any herbal incense mixtures that contain synthetic cannabinoids, such as K2 or Spice.
- Pass Cyber-Bullying Criminalization statute that defines cyber-bullying and strengthens penalties. Identify student, staff and parent education requirements.