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April 14, 2009

To the Texas House Education Committee Members:

I, Stanley Harris, Superintendent Axtell ISD, Axtell, Texas support HB1555 and urge the committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that will create greater equity for funding our education system and proved a dynamic mechanism for student centered and formula driven funding of Texas schools. This plan also decreases recapture and sets allotments at the 95%tile of wealth associated with Austin ISD.

Sincerely,



Stanley Harris, Superintendent
Axtell ISD

Frost Independent School District

P.O. Drawer K
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Jim Revill
Superintendent

Phone (903) 682-2711
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April 14, 2009

Dear Sirs:

I, Jim Revill, Superintendent of Frost 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 in advance for your assistance in this matter and thank you for all you do for the citizens of Texas.

Sincerely,

Jim Revill



Rotan Independent School District

102 North McKinley Avenue
Rotan, TX 79546-4609
325-735-2332 Fax 325-735-2686



April 14, 2009

To the Texas Legislature House Committee on Education:

I, Kent Ruffin, Superintendent of Rotan 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 sincerely,

Kent Ruffin, Superintendent
Rotan Independent School District
102 N McKinley
Rotan, TX 79546

Bill Grusendorf

From: "Kelli Barnett" <kellib@hemphill.esc7.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 2:26 PM
Subject: Support of HB 1555

I, Glenn Pearson, Superintendent of Hemphill 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.

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

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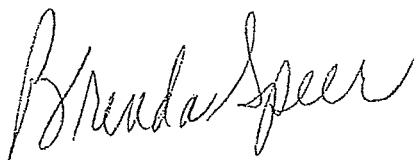
Kenneth Brown

Laura Cole

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Griff Harris

I, Brenda Speer, Superintendent of Bynum 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.



Brenda Speer
Superintendent

Amy Feller
Principal

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Assistant Principal



Riviera Independent School District

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April 8, 2009

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

I, Dana Hickey, Business Manager of Riviera 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.

Thank you,



Dana Hickey
Business Manager
Riviera Independent School District



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FORT DAVIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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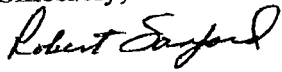
April 9, 2009

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

I, Robert Sanford, Superintendent of the Fort Davis 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.

I have also communicated with my Representative, Honorable Pete Gallego, and my Senator, Honorable Carlos Uresti, to support HB 1555, as well. I appreciate your consideration in this important financial manner.

Sincerely,



Robert Sanford, Superintendent
Fort Davis ISD

Pat Grusendorf

From: "Troy Parton" <tparton@paducahisd.org>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 5:08 PM
Subject: hb 1555

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

I, Troy Parton, Superintendent of Paducah 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 allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by Austin ISD.

Thank you for your support of Public Education in Texas,

Troy Parton

Pat Grusendorf

From: "Bienski, Pete J." <pbieniski@mumford.k12.tx.us>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 6:32 PM
Subject: HB 1555

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

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

Pat Grusendorf

From: "James Largent" <jamlargent@ruskisd.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 3:49 PM
Subject: Letter

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

I, James M. Largent, of Rusk 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 at the 95 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD. Thank you for your continued commitment to public education.

Sincerely,

James M. Largent, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Rusk I.S.D.
903-683-5592 (office)
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Tulia Independent School District

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Ken Miller, Ed.D. Superintendent

April 8, 2009

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

From: Ken Miller, Superintendent
Tulia ISD

This memorandum is written as a request that you vote HB 1555 out of committee and send the bill to the full House for its consideration. HB 1555 contains critical language that is most needed by school districts throughout the state. As you know, the bill returns the funding of public schools to a formula-driven system which in turn will provide a much more equitable system of school finance while at the same time provides for reduced recapture. HB 1555 provides for much needed increases in the funding system for low-wealth school districts such as Tulia I.S.D. which are dependent on state funding. With a target revenue of \$4530, the Tulia I.S.D. finds itself in the bottom 13% of all school districts, with no hope of increased financial assistance due to our decreasing student enrollment. The district, along with most others in the state, is in budgetary "dire straits" and will continue to be without increased state financial support. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Cherokee Independent School District

CHRIS PERRY, SUPERINTENDENT

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April 9, 2009

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

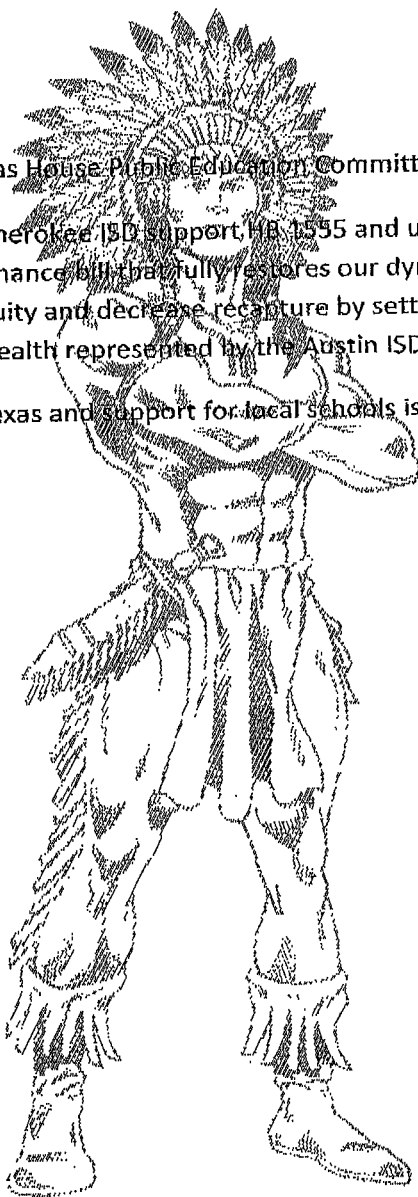
I, Chris Perry, Superintendent of Cherokee ISD support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor. HB 1555 is the only school finance bill that fully restores our dynamic, student centered, formula driven system, and it improves equity and decrease recapture by setting all three of our allotments (BA, GYA and EWL) at the 95% tile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Your support for the children of Texas and support for local schools is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Chris Perry
Superintendent



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Danbury Independent School District


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April 9, 2009

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

I, **Eric V. Grimmitt**, Superintendent of **Danbury 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, EWL) at the 95th percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Sincerely,



Eric V. Grimmitt
Superintendent of Schools

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A Danbury Tradition!***

April 9, 2009

Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee:

I, Rodney Schneider, Superintendent of the O'Donnell 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% represented by Austin ISD.

Sincerely,

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

Rodney Schneider

Pat Grusendorf

From: "Vince Gilbert" <v.gilbert@goldisd.net>
To: <tars@centex.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 7:54 AM
Subject: HB 1555

Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee;

I, Vincent C. Gilbert, Superintendent of Goldthwaite 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.

**Vincent C. Gilbert
Superintendent - Goldthwaite ISD
325-648-3531**

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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 95\$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

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April 9, 2009

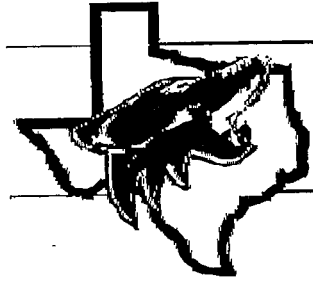
To: Chair and Members of the Texas House Public Education Committee,

I, Charles Camarillo, Superintendent of Somerville 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 percentile of wealth represented by the Austin ISD.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Camarillo', is written over a horizontal line.

Charles Camarillo
Superintendent
Somerville ISD



Richland Springs ISD
700 W. Coyote Trail
Richland Springs, TX 76871

April 9, 2009

Dear Representative Hildebrand,

As a school administrator in a small rural school district that is experiencing declining enrollment, I encourage you to support House Bill 1555. Extra funding is essential to smaller school districts in Texas to maintain and support student educational goals.

Please feel free to call me at (325)452-3427 for further information.

Sincerely,

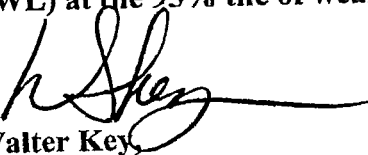
Don Fowler, Assistant Superintendent
Richland Springs ISD

San Augustine ISD
Walter L. Key
Superintendent
wkey@saisd.us

April 09, 2009

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

I, Walter Key, Superintendent of San Augustine 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.



**Walter Key,
Superintendent
San Augustine ISD**

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April 8, 2009

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

I, Ernest Havner, Superintendent of Riviera 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.

Thank you,



Ernest Havner
Superintendent of Schools



Seahawks



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CLINTON COYNE
Superintendent of Schools

April 8, 2009

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS HOUSE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I, Clint Coyne, Superintendent of Linden-Kildare C.I.S.D. support HB 1555 and urge the Committee to vote it to the floor.

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Sincerely,

Clint Coyne
Superintendent of Schools
Linden-Kildare C.I.S.D.



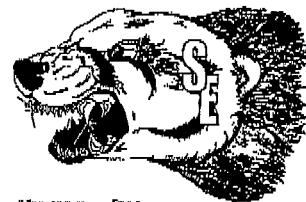
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Home of the Wolverines

Denver Crum — Superintendent

Liz Anthony — High School Principal

Mike Ritchie — Jr. High/Elementary

April 13, 2009

I, Denver Crum Superintendent of Springlake-Earth 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,


Denver Crum
Superintendent