



Texas Association of School Boards

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The Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
House Committee on Public Education
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Austin, Texas 78711

Chairman Dutton and Members of the House Committee on Public Education:

The Texas Association of Community Schools, Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of School Boards, and Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association appreciate your dedication in 2019 to provide increased funding for public schools while reducing the tax burden on homeowners and the considerable effort this past regular session to minimize the number of unfunded mandates passed down to public schools.

House Bill 28, as filed, would require a school district to post all curriculum and instructional materials and continuously update that posting for all subjects and grade levels. This would create a significant cost for schools and require hours of administrative work on the part of teachers, campus administrators, and district administrators – possibly leading to the need for additional administrative staff to collect, report, and maintain the information on a school's website.

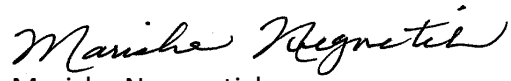
This is an unnecessary cost, as parents can already review all instructional materials, teaching aids, and other materials used in the classroom through Section 26.006 of the Texas Education Code.

HB 28 goes beyond a reasonable access to material and places overly burdensome requirements on our school districts at a time when they are already struggling with student learning loss and other pandemic-driven responsibilities.

Please oppose HB 28 as it would create an expensive and time consuming mandate that would lead to an increase in administrative costs and personnel for public schools.

Thank you for your work this past session and for your efforts going forward to strengthen our Texas public school system.

Sincerely,



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