



# THE COMMIT PARTNERSHIP | 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

To support Texas' overall **prosperity and economic competitiveness** Commit focuses on education priorities spanning quality early learning to postsecondary success and self-sustaining wage attainment. Ensuring that Texas focuses on **data-driven strategies to improve outcomes at key academic milestones** is a key pillar that drives our work.

## BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONS IN READING AND MATH

- Ensure Local Workforce Development Boards have the standards and supports needed to ensure our youngest learners have access to high-quality early learning opportunities.
- Streamline eligibility processes for PreK Partnerships between school systems and child care to lessen barriers to entry.
- Maintain Reading Academies to ensure evidence-based professional development for early literacy.

## LEVERAGE DATA-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Ensure Texas' continued commitment to House Bill 3 (86R), and lessen barriers to entry on the Additional Day School Year Program.
- Maintain research-backed tutoring ratios for supplemental learning while increasing feasibility for quality LEA implementation.
- Encourage the use of High Quality Instructional Materials and corresponding teacher professional development.
- Incentivize teacher candidates to pursue rigorous education preparation programs such as residencies and quality apprenticeships.

## MONITOR AND ASSESS PROGRESS ON STUDENT LEARNING

- Prioritize the continuation of Texas' system of summative annual assessments and piloting innovative assessment design.
- Prioritize an accountability system that reinforces district focus on academic outcomes as Texas recovers from COVID-induced learning loss.

## IMPROVE POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS FOR ALL TEXANS

- Pass legislation to implement the recommendations of the Texas Commission on Community College Finance, that will provide equitable reform of community college finance, including significant new resources for strategic investment
  - to increase (via outcomes funding and other incentives) postsecondary completion aligned to employer needs and
  - to support increased completion by all student populations in every region of the state, so Texas can achieve its higher education goals.



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