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... to make our voices heard in Austin.

We're down to the wire -- this is one of the most important emails you will send...

Thank you for your response on Monday. As expected, the legislative process is moving quickly, and our voices are needed again to defend our schools.

Due to a procedural technicality, the House of Representatives did not debate how to divide education dollars. And because we are in the last days of the session, there is not enough time for them to revisit the issue.

So how will education dollars be divided? Last week both the House and Senate approved an overall State budget - SB 1811. This bill did not include an allocation plan, just a total funding amount for education. Now another "conference committee" - 5 House members and 5 Senate members - will choose an allocation plan. Then the Bill, along with the single allocation plan, will go to both the House and Senate for a YES/NO vote (no amendments or changes allowed).

As we shared yesterday, the Eissler Plan (Proration) is the best scenario for SBISD and the most equitable, splitting the cuts equally district-to-district. We must make this preference known to the ten members of the Conference Committee

Call to Action

First thing in the morning, please call and/or email the following Senators and Representatives on this SB 1811 conference committee. Identify yourself as a concerned Texas citizen and tell them in your own words:

Choose the Eissler Plan (Proration) for education funding allocation. This plan is most equitable in the face of large cuts to public schools, with an across-the-board cut equally shared by all school districts. Do not choose a plan that redesigns education funding without full vetting through the legislative process.

NOTE: One of the conference committee members is our own Sen. Dan Patrick. Be sure to note your home address in your email to him because he requests the information and, as his constituents, his vote should represent our interests.

Conference Committee Members to Contact:

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