

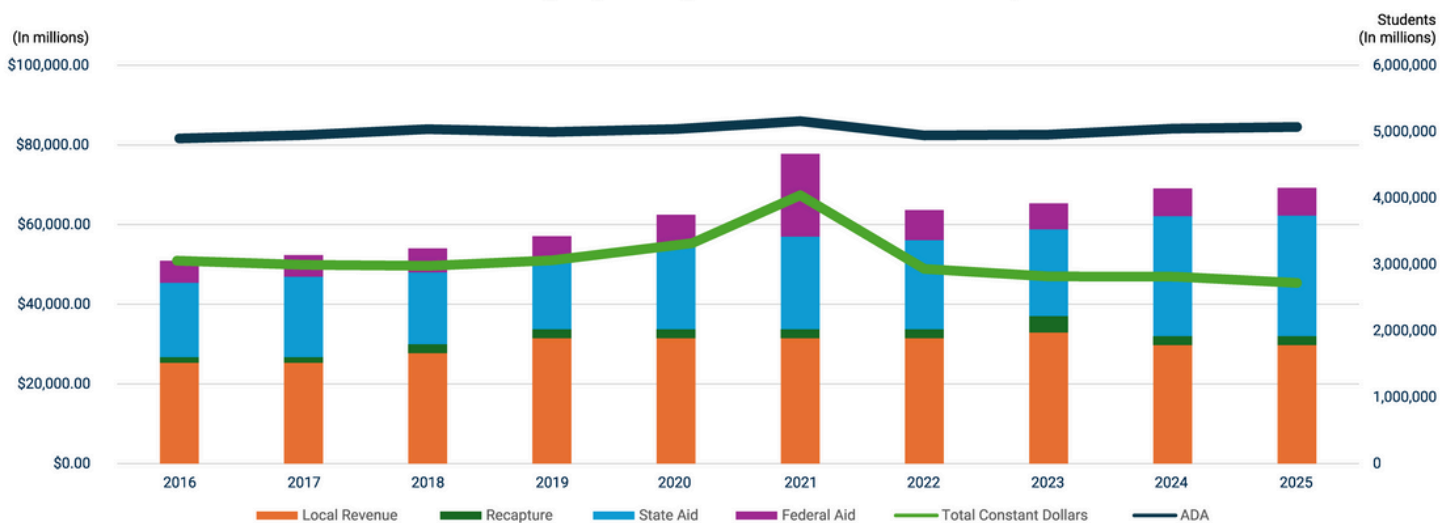
The Texas Urban Council (TUC) is made up of 11 school systems that together educate 14% of Texas' public school enrollment, 18% of Texas' economically disadvantaged students, and 24% of Texas' emergent bilingual students.



The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) recently published a report of school funding comparing constant dollars (which takes into account the effect of inflation) that demonstrates Texas public schools currently receive \$9,074 per student compared to \$11,011 per student in 2019-2020. The challenges our students bring in our doors and the cost of providing them a personalized, highly effective, and safe learning experience have increased but the funding we depend on has decreased 18%.

Targeted funding can provide structured and critical financial benefit to schools after LBB reports constant dollars at the lowest level in 10 years

PreK to Grade 12 Texas Education Agency Funding in Actual and Constant Dollars, Fiscal Years 2016 to 2025



Source: Legislative Budget Board Staff – ID: 8130, Fiscal Size-Up 2024-25 Biennium – August 2024

Given TUC's role in transforming Texas urban school districts into places where all students are prepared to thrive in the world, the following investments will provide critical and dependable funding in the areas with the highest need:

- 1 Increase the basic allotment** and index it to inflation to ensure Texas' investment in public schools remains consistent and allows for long-term solutions to improve education outcomes
- 2 Expand the Early Education Allotment** to include prekindergarten students to resource the earliest grades and set students up for success
- 3 Increase the Bilingual Education Weight** to recognize the increase of Emergent Bilingual students in Texas
- 4 Increase the Dual Language Immersion Weight** to better match the real cost of dual language education
- 5 Increase the Compensatory Education Weight** to support at-risk Texas students and close achievement gaps
- 6 Create the Permanent State School Safety Fund** to increase per campus funding and provide a safe and supportive environment for all campuses
- 7 Increase the Dyslexia Education Weight** given Texas' increase in students with dyslexia and the unique needs of these students
- 8 Enact recommendations from the Texas Commission on Special Education Funding** to ensure all learners have the resources necessary to achieve at the highest levels

