The 85th Legislature

Where We Stand

District Advisory Committee

April 18, 2017

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THANKS TO AISD STAFF

- We are tracking over 900 bills
- Staff input on bills early in the process
- Staff insights frame:
  - The District's legislative work
  - The work of professional organizations that rely on staff expertise

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YOU KNOW WHAT THIS NUMBER IS, RIGHT?

$406.1 million

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SCHOOL FINANCE

Analysis: A state school finance system that can choke a city's growth

> A state that wants to grow by freeing growing economic engines from regulations and taxes is throttling its cities and school districts with regulations and taxes.

BY **ROSS RAMSEY** APRIL 10, 2017 12:01 AM

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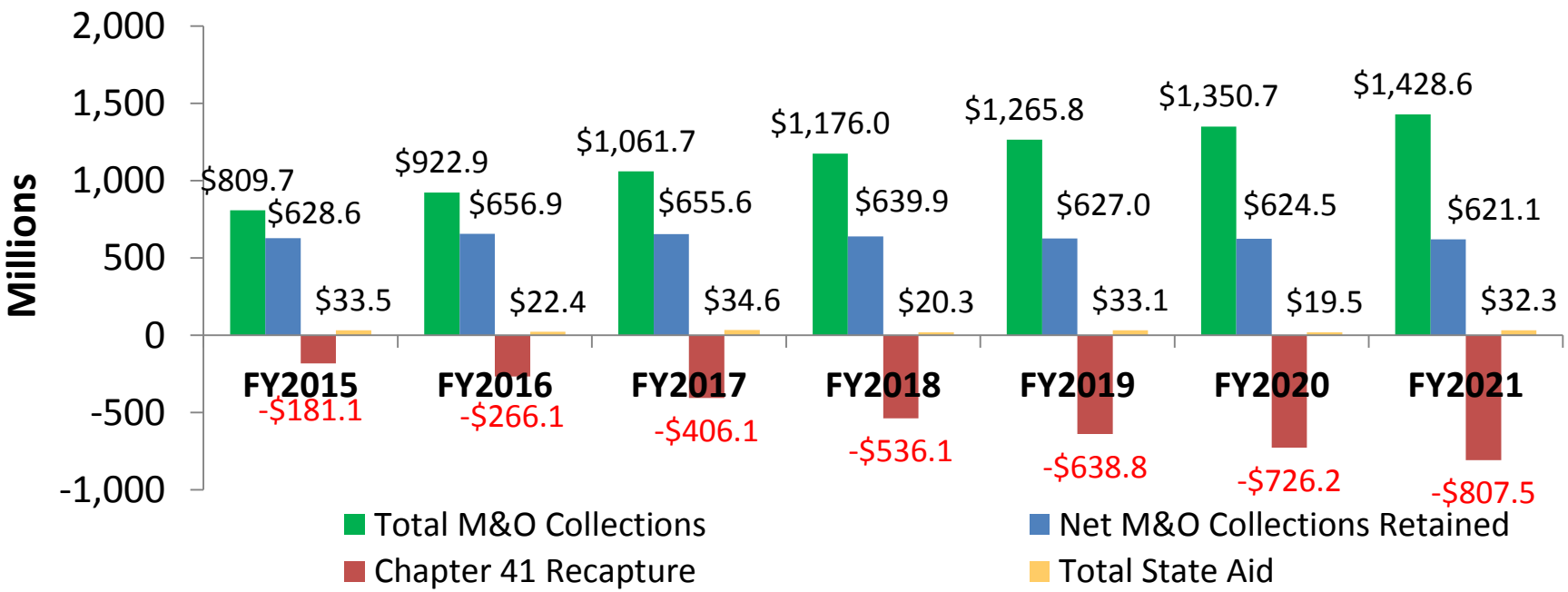
Revenue vs. Recapture*



This chart is based on the preliminary values provided by the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) and the current state funding formula that were released in January 2017. The projected dollar amounts will more than likely change if the legislature alters the school finance funding elements and as TCAD will furnishes preliminary certified values and certified values.

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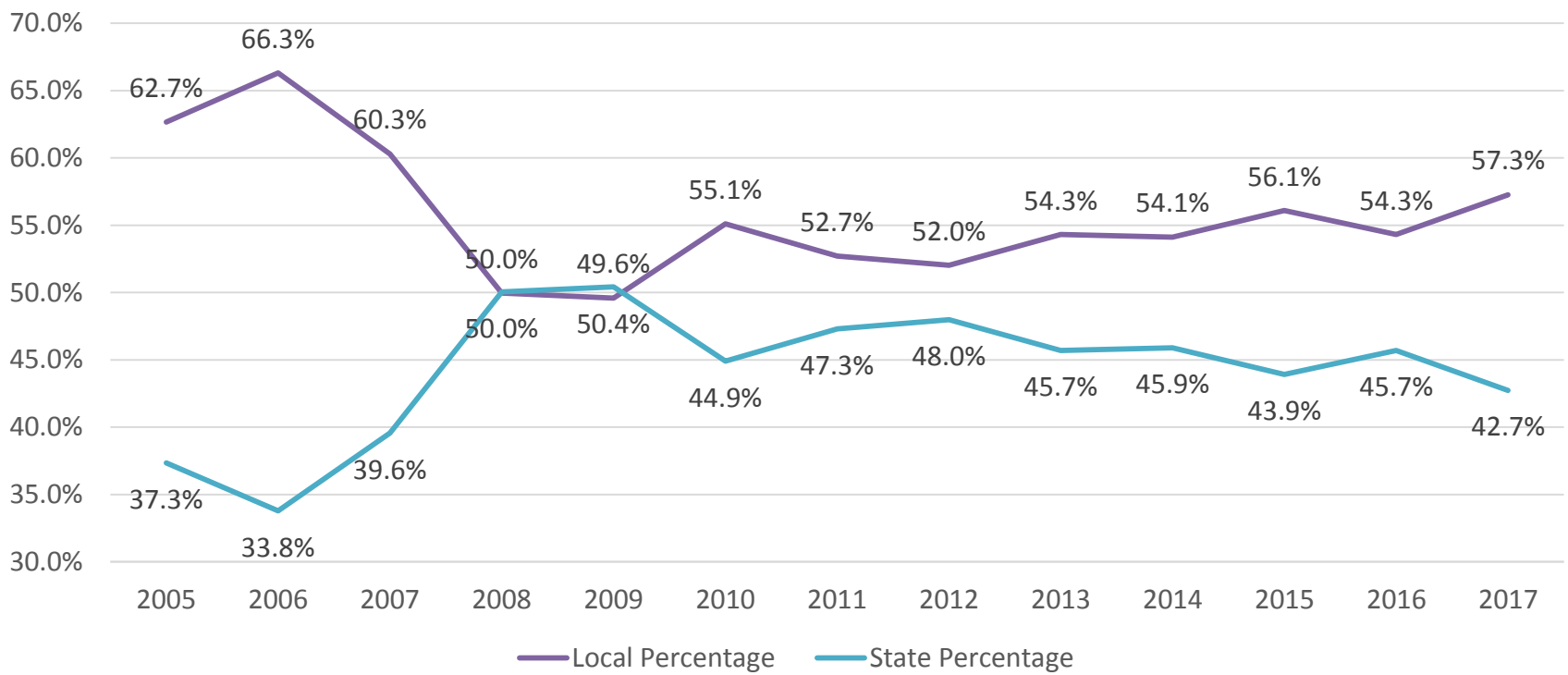
Local vs State Share of School Funding



Sources: LBB Fiscal Size Up 2008-2009 ; LBB Fiscal Size Up 2016-17

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So Where Are We Now?

Senate

- Funds statewide enrollment increase

vs

House

- Funds statewide enrollment increase
- $47.5 million for NIFA
- Contingency Rider for HB 21,which increases Basic Allotment to $5,350
- Benefits AISD by approx. $10 million per year

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HB 21 Contingency Rider

- Allocates $1.9 billion more to school districts
- Expands CTE allotment to grade 8
- Increases Bilingual Weight from 1.0 to 1.1
- Adds a .1 weight for students with dyslexia
- The bill does not address the inequities created by the outdated Cost of Education Index.

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Pre-K Funding

- House Budget
  - Funds comparable to previous session
  - All funds are put in “supplemental pre-K”
- Senate Budget
  - No funds for high quality or supplemental
  - Creates public-private pre-K partnerships
  - Funds partnerships at $65 million
  - Overall, a $147 million cut to Pre-K

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Vouchers

- Senate – SB 3
  - passed (18-13)
- House – Appropriations Rider
  - Prevents expenditure of state funds on voucher or voucher-like program.
  - Over 2/3 (103 - 44) voted to oppose vouchers in any form
- R.I.P.?
- House bills held hostage by Senate?

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Accountability A-F

HB 22 (Huberty)

- 3 domains, including student achievement, school progress, and school climate
- Current index accountability system in place until 2019
- TEA must disaggregate data by race, ethnicity, and SES (previously language was “should”)
- Removes chronic absenteeism as a school climate indicator
- Does not maintain an overall performance rating
- STAAR is limited to 50% of overall score in D1 and D2
- Out of committee

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Accountability A-F

SB 2051 (Larry Taylor)

- Gives broad authority to the Commissioner
- Does not postpone implementation until 2019 and TEA does not provide a 2nd and 3rd model
- Maintains an overall performance rating
- No domain weights are specified
- D and F ratings are not differentiated
- Does not limit STAAR in D1 and D2 in overall score calculations.
- Commissioner may adjust a domain rating if disaggregated results do not meet the target
- Referred to committee; no hearing

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Improper Relationships

SB7 (Bettencourt)/HB 3769 (Ken King) – voted out of House Committee

- No sexual relationship with a student in any public or private school, regardless of where student is enrolled.
- Reporting requirements clarified
- Failure to report becomes an offense
- Training requirements for teachers and principals
- Electronic communication guidelines

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Individual Graduation Committees

SB 463 (Seliger)

- Removes September 2017 expiration date
- Allows juniors or seniors who fail to pass one or two EOC exams required for graduation to receive consideration by an IGC
- Statewide Avg of IGC Graduates (SY15/16) = 2.8 %
- Austin ISD IGC Graduates = 3.4 %
- Heard in Senate Education April 11

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Taxparency

Taxparency - would give taxpayers more information about how much of their local property tax dollars are put to use in their local school district, and how much is sent to the state through recapture.

- SB 1360 (Watson) – heard in Senate Finance 4/11
- SB 1407 (V Taylor) - heard in Senate Finance 4/ 11
- HB 1890 (Capriglione) – heard in House Ways & Means 3/22

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Cameras in Special Ed Classrooms

SB 1398 (Lucio) - left pending in committee

- 45 school business days for districts to install cameras
- Requires written requests
- Cameras placed only in classrooms where student regularly attends
- Requests must be made each year
- Privacy in changing rooms and bathrooms
- Allows parents/guardians to view video

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P - Tech

SB 22 (Larry Taylor) – passed Senate

- Creates Pathways in Technology Early College
- Must be open enrollment schools
- Districts must enter into agreements with Higher Ed institutions and MOUs with business partners
- Districts can obtain insurance coverage; immunity extended to students
- TEA may not consider P-TECH students as dropouts until the 6th year after entry into 9th grade

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Other Bills of Interest

- Bills that would limit the way districts manage bond programs; prescribe ballot language, or require November elections
- Bills to Prohibit Bus Arm Cameras
- HB 2683 by Rep. Hinojosa would allow district school buses to use tollways for free

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End of Session Deadlines

- May 8 – House Committees Must Report House Bills
- May 11 - House Bills Must Be Heard on House Floor (2nd Reading)
- May 23 – Senate Bills Must Be Heard on House Floor (2nd Reading)
- May 28 – Last Day for House to Pass Conference Reports
- May 29 – Sine Die

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After Session Activities

- Work with staff on implementation of legislation
- Continue work on analysis of effects of federal budget, legislation and regulatory changes

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Questions and Conversation

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