

Sample Legislative Letter For Carroll ISD:

Dear _____,

We realize that the State of Texas is facing a huge deficit. Because we value public education, we are asking the legislature to preserve education funding. Carroll is an exemplary district and each campus is rated exemplary. We have a high level of parental involvement and support. Virtually 100% of our students graduate from high school and about 98% go on to college.

Our district has already made over \$2 million in cuts this past year and continues to implement changes to become more efficient with scarce resources. Even so, we've had to use fund balance to cover expenses the last 3 years. With more than 50% of districts statewide using fund balance to cover deficits, and districts receiving between \$4,000 to \$12,000 per student, there is obviously something wrong with the funding formula. With rising food prices, energy costs, healthcare costs and teacher raises, you can't expect a district to make ends meet with a stagnant target revenue source.

Please do not make any cuts to education spending.

Allow districts to have local control.

Revise the funding system for public education to meet the true costs of providing an excellent education for each student.

Thank you,
