

# DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

Property values went up,  
so schools got more money,  
**RIGHT ??**

## WRONG!

Texas public schools **DO NOT**  
receive all added revenue  
from increased taxes due to  
property value increases.

## FACT:

The state is spending **\$339 LESS** per student today than it did in 2008. **With inflation**, that amounts to **\$795 LESS** per student. If Garland ISD had \$339/\$795 **MORE** per student this year, that would equal **\$24.9 million/\$58.4 million**.

## FACT:

In the last decade, the **state's contribution** to funding Texas public schools **has decreased** from 50% to 43%, while local communities' share of support has grown from 50% to 57%.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Contact your elected officials in Austin and tell them:

- ▶ **DO NOT divert tax dollars** collected on behalf of public schools to the state's general fund
- ▶ **DO NOT reduce the state's contribution** to public school funding
- ▶ **Be transparent** with regards to spending the windfall from property value increases

**The public's property taxes are for public education.**  
Local property tax dollars should benefit our students and our schools!

## LET LEGISLATORS KNOW YOU EXPECT TAX TRANSPARENCY!

## WE BELIEVE:

**All property tax dollars collected by public school districts should be spent on public schools.**

## HOWEVER:

Legislators are spending the "savings" from property value growth on items outside of educating Texas students.

While public schools struggle to meet the demands of paying teachers competitive salaries and benefits, implementing 21st-century technology and resources, updating facilities and providing programs that benefit ALL students, **the state is cutting its contribution to schools.**