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DISTRICT 19
HARDIN, JASPER
NEWTON, POLK, TYLER

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Education Reforms Lead to Additional Public School Funding for Southeast Texas

(Austin, TX) – The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 21 during the First Called Special Session. This legislation provided much needed relief to our struggling public school system. Although there is still a lot of work to be done to fix the system, the elimination of the small district penalty and reforms to the School Foundation Program will result in more funds staying in our district schools. Overall, more state funding for our local public school classrooms provides more equitable funding for our rural East Texas students and more discretion for local school boards to provide property tax relief.

In 2019, the multiplier that calculates funding will be increased and result in funding gains for these Southeast Texas schools:

DISTRICT NAME	ADA (FY19)	CURRENT LAW FOUNDATION	FOUNDATION AFTER 2019 MULTIPLIER INCREASED TO 0.000275	FOUNDATION DIFFERENCE	PERCENT INCREASE	PER STUDENT INCREASE
BIG SANDY	448	\$2,044,467	\$2,141,159	\$96,692	4.73%	\$215
BROOKELAND	362.548	\$640,009	\$726,961	\$86,951	13.59%	\$239
BUNA	1375	\$7,762,495	\$7,873,241	\$110,746	1.29%	\$80
CHESTER	164.46	\$856,846	\$899,667	\$42,821	5.00%	\$260
COLMESNEIL	455	\$3,021,321	\$3,124,841	\$103,520	3.43%	\$227
CORRIGAN-CAMDEN	900	\$4,172,594	\$4,313,415	\$140,821	3.37%	\$156
DEWEYVILLE	567.973	\$299,618	\$311,946	\$12,329	4.11%	\$21
EVADALE	460.8	\$296,877	\$307,825	\$10,948	3.69%	\$23
GOODRICH	216.112	\$1,267,596	\$1,335,711	\$68,115	5.37%	\$315
KOUNTZE	1090	\$5,135,635	\$5,263,784	\$128,149	2.50%	\$117
LEGGETT	149	\$592,236	\$633,925	\$41,688	7.04%	\$279
ONALASKA	970.396	\$2,927,140	\$3,061,121	\$133,981	4.58%	\$138
SPURGER	359.255	\$2,775,357	\$2,868,344	\$92,987	3.35%	\$258
WARREN	1170	\$6,884,393	\$7,017,385	\$132,992	1.93%	\$113
WEST HARDIN	530	\$2,795,290	\$2,904,089	\$108,800	3.89%	\$205



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“I am thankful for the service and commitment our Southeast Texas taxpayers, educators, school administrators, and school board members provide in order to educate the young minds of our Texas children. As a former educator, I know the importance of our local public schools and the duty the State Legislature has to provide adequate funding to provide a quality 21st Century education,” said State Rep. James White.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Saul Mendoza, Chief of Staff, or Shawn Dunn, District Director, with questions regarding this release at 512-463-0490 or 409-283-3700.

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