



Greetings!

Last week, the Texas House passed a fiscally responsible and transparent budget that reduces overall spending, puts more resources in the classroom, strengthens child protection and improves mental health services. Despite revenue challenges, and significant population and inflation growth, the House biennium budget is \$1 billion less than the current budget.

I'm proud to say that the House budget approves:

- \$500 million allocated to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS).
- Over \$500 million in border security resources to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- \$1.5 billion in new money for public education, while reducing recapture (better known as Robin Hood).
 - **The House also voted 103-44 standing up for public education against vouchers.**
- \$433 million of additional funds to Child Protective Services.
- Local mental health dollars to Collin and Rockwall County.

I hope and pray that the budget conferees see fit to leave this budget in place as we come to the negotiating table with the Senate.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. It is an honor to represent you in the Texas House.

Sincerely,

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Our district office is now open. Be sure to stop by anytime!

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Dallas Police and Firefighter Pension Crisis

Recently, Mayor Rawlings announced that he would not support the legislation that would save the Dallas Police and Firefighter System, calling the bill a "poison pill."

The Dallas Police and Fire have already given their "pound of flesh" and deserve to receive their Constitutional private property that they earned and saved.

I stand with the police and fire and personally call on Mayor Mike Rawlings to stand up and honor the service and sacrifice of these fine public servants. Dallas made this mess and they need to fix it.

Rockwall County is home to many Dallas police officers and firefighters and I'm ready to back all of you as the legislation comes to the House Floor for a vote.

Border Tour with DPS

I had the opportunity to visit the Rio Grande Valley border region and spend the day with some great guys from the Texas Department of Public Safety Command Post, Aviation and Marine Tactical Units.

It was a wonderful, eye opening experience about how Texas continues its efforts to secure the border, including the fight against drug and human trafficking, in the United States.

Thank you to Commander Joe Rodriguez for the first-class tour of your facilities and for leading the charge on border security.





Realtor Day at the Capitol

As a realtor myself, I was honored to welcome over 2,500 realtors to Texas Association of Realtors Day at the Capitol. Thank you all for visiting and stopping by!



Texas Ranks Top 5 in Highest Graduation Rates

The Friends of Texas Public Schools recently announced that Texas continues to rank among top 5 in the nation for highest graduation rates.

"Texas' Class of 2015 ranked 4th in the nation with a statewide high school graduation rate of 89%, behind only Iowa, New Jersey, and Alabama. The Class of 2014 ranked 5th nationally with an 88.3% graduation rate, behind only Iowa, New Jersey, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. The Class of 2013 ranked 3rd nationally with an 88% graduation rate, behind only Iowa and Nebraska. NOTE: Texas students and educators achieved these remarkable graduation rates despite elevated challenges over other states, including one of the highest percentages of students on free-and-reduced lunch, one of the highest percentage of students from a single-parent or no-parent home, and

one of the highest percentages of Limited English Proficient (or no English at all) students."

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