



### **What is Save Texas Schools?**

Save Texas Schools is a nonpartisan coalition of parents, students, teachers and community members formed to support high quality public schools for ALL students in Texas. Austin Voices for Education and Youth serves as the 501(c)(3) structure and fiscal agent for Save Texas Schools.

### **What is Save Texas Schools agenda?**

Recognizing that the cuts to education passed by the 2011 legislature are just the first wave of reductions, Save Texas Schools stands for:

- Make outstanding public education a top priority for Texas.
- Restore all school funding cuts made by the 2011 legislature and provide sufficient resources for our growing student population.
- Revise school finance laws to be fair to all students.
- Fix the \$5 billion annual structural deficit to avoid further cuts to education.
- Reevaluate and limit high-stakes standardized testing.

### **What has Save Texas Schools accomplished?**

Since January 2011, Save Texas Schools has:

- Mobilized over 13,000 participants for the Save Texas Schools rally at the state capitol on March 12. This rally was the largest capitol rally in recent memory.
- Formed a statewide network of over 9,000 members pledged to the Save Texas Schools agenda. Members contacted their legislators through calls, e-mails and letters throughout the session, resulting in tens of thousands of contacts.
- Held numerous local events, including rallies and forums, around the state to highlight the need to support public education
- Held three two-day training conferences in July (Austin), September (Ft. Worth) and February (San Antonio) that attracted over 850 participants.

### **What is next for Save Texas Schools?**

- Local steering committees have been formed statewide.
- A statewide rally is planned for March 24, 2012 at the Texas state capitol.
- A fourth training conference is being planned for mid-April in Houston.
- Members are being trained to support a pro-public schools agenda throughout the upcoming primary and general election season

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