# What is PROP A?

Prop A is a ballot initiative asking voters to approve funding for teacher salaries and additional funding for our local Austin ISD schools.



### Why now:

Texas has not raised per-student funding for over 5 years. Our state funding is currently \$4,000 behind the national average in per-student funding. A recent survey found that 78% of Texas Educators have seriously considered leaving the profession in the last year.

#### If Austin voters approve Prop A, it will allow our district to:







Keep certified teachers

Attract new teachers

Continue existing programs and services at local schools

## Why it matters:

We care about our teachers. We care about our students. Austin ISD's four-year graduation rate is 96.3%, higher than the state average of 90%.

#### Without this new funding, our district anticipates deeper budget cuts.

With current state funding some districts laid off staff and closed schools. Austin ISD does not want to be in that position. Austin ISD goes above the minimum requirements in state and federal law in the following areas and could consider deeper cuts to the budget for the following services:

School Librarians



School Nurses



**Counselors** 



**Support Staff** 



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Find out more at: austinisd.org/PropA



https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/school-finances.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://online.fliphtml5.com/tbnuo/gdmn/#p=

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://schools.texastribune.org/districts/austin-isd/