	NAME	ENDORSEMENTS	RATING	SUPPORTS 2EX25?	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY	CONTACT INFORMATION
Senate District 1	Bryan Hughes	**2020** - Greg Abbott, Texas Homeschool Coalition **2016:** Dan Patrick, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans, Jonathan Stickland	unfriendly		**Serves on the Education committee.** Authored legislation - SB316 - relating to the attorney general's duty to defend public school teachers. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). Voted against a teacher pay raise in 2007. **2017 Update:** Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers). Voted for extending IGCs (SB 463). Voted for SB1 (payroll deductions). Voted against a teacher pay raise in 2007. **2017 Update:** Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers). Voted for extending IGCs (SB 463). Voted for short term funding for TRS-Care. Opposed long-term funding for TRS-Care. Supported vouchers by voting twice for private school voucher bill (SB 3). Voted for SB 1278 to lower standards for educator prep programs. Voted for SB 13 to take away payroll deduction for professional organizations. Wrote a bill (SB 7) that took away educator payroll deduction for dues. Voted for SB 179 to prevent and respond to cyberbullying in schools. **2016:** supported HB 743 to reduce time spent on testing in grades 3-8. Voted for HB 4 to increased pre-k funding. Voted against amendment to limit pre-k class sizes. Voted for HB 1798 (home rule charter districts). **2013:** Voted against budget bill that increased funding for public education. Voted against amendment to prohibit public funds from being spent on private vouchers. Voted for SB 1458 to shove up TRS and provide retirees a benefit increase. Voted for HB 2012 to improve educator quality by raising standards and requiring more classroom time before the teacher takes charge of a classroom. Voted against amendment to require ASD schools to be subject to the same laws and regulations as other public schools. Voted against class size caps in ASDs. Voted against bill to notify public if schools do not have a full-time counselor. Voted against amendment to delay expansion of charters.	**Information:** first elected to the Senate in 2016. Up for re-election in 2020. Served in the House from 2003 - 2017. Served on the Appropriations committee. Served on the Public Education committee. Served on the Public Health committee. Served on the Pensions committee.	
	Audrey Spanko		neutral	YES	Social Worker. From website: "To improve our current education system, we must increase teacher salaries, improve technology access, and create more inclusive and safe school environments. As the daughter and sister of public school teachers, I feel strongly about the need for a thriving public education system. I am fighting for a system that not only supports high quality education for our kids, but also values our public school educators. Public school teachers dedicate their lives to the well-being of our children. I witnessed firsthand the countless hours my mom spent preparing her classes, grading her students' assignments and attending to the education of every other Texas teacher is worth more." For these articles in the Parks News, she wants to help fund education through stopping corporate tax breaks. Survey response: WHAT IS BROKEN? States: sustainable funding for public school costs and pay for educators is "broken". Funding is not keeping up with inflation and educators are underpaid and overworked. Teacher pay, Universal Pre-K, funding high dollar testing, VOUCHERS, School funding must be increased. Top priorities: Fully fund public education, inclusive and safe school environments. PRIORITIES: 1. Increased funding – what Chapter 313 funds will go to support and how will we ensure teachers and school staff get a wage equivalent to their value. Increasing funding would also be used to cover health insurance premiums for employees at public schools and improve facilities and technology access. 2. Create inclusive and safe school environments - As a licensed social worker and advocate for the National Association of Social Workers, I know that students need counselors and support staff to address the mental health needs of our students. Our teachers need support in dealing with students who are struggling with trauma, addiction, and a lack of basic needs and resources. 3. Support our teachers - Our teachers are the ones who are in our classrooms every day, they know our students' needs and are the experts in what our public school system needs to address needs, and a social worker, I do not support the STAAR test being used as the state's primary testing. Social workers are trained professionals who can have a positive impact on inclusivity and the creation of safe school environments. 3. Strengthen our teacher unions- We should be working to make union participation easier. Strong unions provide greater opportunity for elected officials to hear a collective voice and work with school employees and union officials to create needed change and solutions. FUNDING: School funding should be increased. FINDING MONEY: To increase school funding Texas must end Chapter 313. These corporate taxes would create revenues for schools across the state. CHARTERS/VOUCHERS: I would not support the use of public funds for private/charter schools. STAAR: I do not support the STAAR test in its current form. I believe advancement exams should be created at the local district level, teacher/school/district/community. I do not support the STAAR test being used as the state's primary testing. TEACHER RETENTION: To attract and retain the best teachers we must do better with pay, benefits and retirement. We must also let them teach without imposing arbitrary and meaningless testing, wellness checks, and a social worker. I do not support the STAAR test being used as the state's primary testing. I do not support the current STAAR test in its current form. I believe advancement exams should be created at the local district level, teacher/school/district/community.

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	Melissa Morris		neutral	No (noncommittal answer)	Attorney. From survey: WHAT IS BROKEN? I don't believe that the public education system is broken. I believe that the focus of the education system has shifted from the full development of children to a performance-based achievement system and children are emotionally and physically suffering because of this shift. Teachers are being forced to teach to the test and are being forced to teach material that is developmentally inappropriate for their students. Teachers are being forced to do things that they can frustrated and pause the interest of children. PRIORITIES: Engagement and Enrichment of the student, Mental health promotion, Investment and intervention, Parental involvement, participation aids support. FUNDING: An increase in funding could certainly be put to use but is not necessarily required at this time. There are a lot of mandates that are not funded but if the funds that are already allocated are be more evenly distributed, the system would certainly see the benefits without having to decide from where to get more funding. Unfunded mandates are a huge issue. Public education is underfunded and the burden of funding public education has been shifted from the state to local taxpayers. Property taxes are the primary source of funding for public education. Approximately 75% of the population of TYC and spend on the schools to improve the schools to which they attend. I would not be opposed to adding a discretionary fee or sanction some of the partial conditions if appropriate to allocate a portion for fees. While these are just thoughts, I would like to get a committee together to research where to get the money, especially since a property tax increase would not be well received. I am also researching the topic and would love to elaborate after doing so and if granted an interview. I'll be prepared to discuss further. The same goes for the STAAR test. I'm not a fan of the STAAR test and I'm not a fan of the amount of time that students are spending on it. I'm not a fan of the amount of time that students are spending on it. I'm not a fan of the amount of time that students are spending on it.

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Senate District 29	Jose Rodriguez	2010 - Texas Parent PAC, TSTA	friendly		Authored legislation: SB259 - relating to social work services in public schools. SB136 - relating to the public school finance system. SB138 - relating to the bilingual education allotment provided under the public school finance system. SB139 - relating to the allocation of state and federal funds to school districts for prekindergarten programs. SB140 - relating to the allocation of state and federal funds to school districts. SB141 - relating to the use of alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements for certain students. SB142 - relating to the availability of school counselors and public middle, junior high, and high school campuses. SB139 - relating to a notice of educational rights and recovery by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools of costs for certain student evaluations. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A.	**Information:** first elected to Senate in 2010. Up for re-election in 2020. Current Senate Minority Leader. **Voting Record:** 2017 Update: Voted against SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs. Voted against SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted against SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted against SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)	
	Bethany Hatch		NR		No policy positions at all on her website.		hatchforsaw@gmail.com
	Cesar Blanco	2018 - TSTA, Texas AFT, 2014 - Texas Parent PAC	Neutral		Authored legislation: HB257 - relating to a policy requiring public and private primary and secondary schools and public junior colleges to provide local law enforcement agencies certain information regarding certain individuals authorized to carry a handgun on a campus. HB391 - relating to student access to public school instructional materials and technology. HB699 - relating to the bilingual education allotment provided under the public school finance system. HB258 - relating to the abolition of student loan default or breach of student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal or other disciplinary action in relation to a professional or occupational license. Co-sponsor HB218 - relating to the abolition of student loan default or breach of a student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal or other disciplinary action in relation to a professional or occupational license. Co-sponsored legislation: SB12 (state contribution to TRS). Voted yes - HB3. Voted yes - HB18 (student mental health services). Absent for vote - HB1012 (mentor teachers). Voted yes - HB993 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB12 (TRS contributions). Voted no - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: A	**Information: first elected to the Texas House in 2014. Voting Record: 2017 Update: voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR); voted for HB 21 (Huberty School Finance)**	
	David Marino						**dadmarino@gmail.com**
Senate District 30	Pat Fallon	2018 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans	unfriendly		**Serves on the Education Committee.** Authored legislation: SB252 - relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 18 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties--voted NO;Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F. **Seat not up in 2020.**	**Information:** first elected to Senate in 2018. Up for re-election in 2022. Previously served 3 terms in the House. **Voting record:** For reduced testing. For 140. Against increased PK funding. Against PK caps. For home rule districts. Against restoring PubEd funding. For vouchers. For TRS funding. Against ASDs following PubEd rules. Against ASD caps. Against delaying expansion of charter schools. Against vouchers, but for charters.2017 Update: Sponsored HB 1355 ESAs for SpEd (vouchers); Sponsored HB 1184 (tax credits for donating to charter schools); voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR)Sponsored HB 21 (Huberty School Finance Bill)Sponsored HB 191 (creates a commission to recommend improvements to the public school finance system, end-arounds public education committee) Sponsor HB 20 (rainy-day fund for retiree insurance). **Voting record is from House, no voting record for Senate, newly elected.**	
Senate District 31	Kel Seliger	2018 - TSTA, Texas AFT, Texas Parent PAC	friendly		Authored legislation: SB228 - relating to the information required to be included in or with a school district ad valorem tax bill. SB248 - relating to investment training requirements for school district and municipal financial officers. SB213 - bill to end the sunset date on IGC committees for those students who pass at least 3 STAAR exams. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 18 to increase bilingual ed-voted No; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted No; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise--voted No; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted No. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: B. **Seat not up in 2020.**	**Information:** has served in Texas Senate since 2004. Won re-election in 2018. Up for re-election in 2022. Former Mayor of Amarillo. Owns Lake Steel, Inc. **Voting Record:** 2017 Update: Voted against SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs. Voted for SB 13 (payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)	