



The biggest challenge on our campus is consistently keeping our focus on doing what is best for each individual child. With education's emphasis on groups, subpopulations and averages, we have to continually remind ourselves that drilling down to the unique interests, needs and gifts of each student is where we'll find the greatest success. - Aaron Peña, Midway ISD Principal (pictured right)



# 2017 Legislative Priorities

## Finance public schools to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century learning needs, including our growing and diverse student population:

- Ensure adequate funding for increased demands and standards for students.
- Reserve public funds for public education by rejecting plans that would divert public monies to private entities.
- Fund targeted student interventions that have proven effective for teaching and learning, especially K-2 reading resources.
- Preserve the defined benefits plan for retired educators and ensure financial stability of the active and retiree health care systems.

## Promote and protect research-based student learning fundamentals:

- Ensure the nature of effective age and developmentally appropriate student assessments (criterion-referenced, formative, multi-year, varied, ongoing).
- Expand access to voluntary, effective, full-day PreK programs.
- Provide adequate principal and teacher training to address the needs of our most challenging populations.

**We invite you to visit schools to observe educators and students at work, and see firsthand the success and challenges they face daily.**

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## TEPSA

**Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association**

The Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) has served Texas school leaders since 1917. Member owned and member governed, TEPSA has more than 5,900 members who direct the activities of more than 3 million PreK-8 school children.

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