



86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

TEXAS PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

CAMPUS IMMUNIZATION REPORTING

Support legislation requiring school districts to report the number of unvaccinated students in each school so families can make the safest school-placement decision for medically vulnerable children.

BACKGROUND

- Children with chronic illnesses or medication that suppress their immune systems are at much higher risk of childhood infections when in contact with other unvaccinated students.
- Current law requires that school districts only report a total number of unvaccinated students across the entire district, with no breakdown of numbers per school campus.
- Reporting the numbers of unvaccinated students by campus will allow parents of medically vulnerable children to better assess the healthiest placement for their child.
- The privacy of families who choose not to vaccinate their children (conscientious exemptions) can be maintained with campus-level reporting.
- Conscientious exemptions have risen steadily in Texas over the past five years, and Plano, Fort Worth, Austin, and Houston all ranked among the top 15 U.S. metro areas with the most conscientious exemptions for kindergartners.
- Texas PTA's support of campus-level reporting does not mandate that all students be vaccinated or influence current policy that allows unvaccinated students to attend school.

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