

Our school choice position is as follows: We support accountability for taxpayer dollars and student achievement through state assessments for any form of voucher program (i.e. tuition tax-credit). – Mike Odom, President/CEO, Round Rock Chamber

## **Granbury ISD Top 4 Legislative Priorities - 2017**

### **School Finance**

We support meaningful changes to the Texas school finance system that decrease the reliance on recapture, provide an adequate education for all students pre-K-12, eliminate unfunded mandates and accurately reflect the cost of education based on the needs of the student populations served.

### **Vouchers, Taxpayer Savings Grants, or Tuition Reimbursements**

We believe vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, savings accounts, tuition reimbursements and other diversions of public money would be detrimental to all Texas public schools. State or taxpayer funds should not be diverted to schools that are not held to the same accountability and transparency standards as Texas public schools.

### **Assessment and Accountability**

We continue to be concerned about state testing and how it is used to label students and districts. We should look beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice, developmentally inappropriate exams and we oppose the A-F campus and district labeling system that ignores the complexity of public schools and pits campuses against each other.

### **Local Control**

We continue to advocate for less intrusive state government as we believe the best outcomes occur when the state partners with locally elected school boards, who are directly accountable to all students, parents, local taxpayers and local businesses.

-Mike Scott, Granbury Chamber