

ASATR Talking Points

- ASATR districts have not received an increase in per pupil funding since 2006.
- Since the Legislature has allowed ASATR districts to go off the cliff, these 200 ASATR districts will receive less per pupil funding than they did 10 years ago.
- When ASATR was created by the Legislature in response to compressing the tax rate by 1/3, it was promised that ASATR would remain in place until districts' funding was above their ASATR level.
- Some districts never moved off of ASATR because the Legislature did not raise the Basic Allotment as promised.
- Some districts rely on ASATR for almost 50% of their total budget. The loss of ASATR will require these districts to close.
- The Texas Senate placed a higher value on sending state dollars to private schools than in keeping the promise to fund our public schools.
- By killing ASATR, the Legislature lowered property taxes on the backs of Texas schoolchildren. Property taxpayers received a break by taking away funding from their local school. This was not the intent of the promise.
- ASATR has followed a natural glide path, in 2006 the ASATR tab was \$5.6 billion to 1,200 districts. Ten years later, the number dropped to approximately 200 of these districts receiving less than \$250 million. The Legislature should let the natural glide path continue until all districts are no longer ASATR dependent.
- The only remaining avenue for the legislature to consider restoring ASATR funding lies in the hands of Governor Greg Abbott. The Governor can call a special session and include ASATR in the call for the special session. The Governor will likely make a decision regarding a special session this week. Time is of the essence. Contact the Governor and ask that ASATR be included in a special session.

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