Grayson County Democratic Party, Action Items, May 15, 2025

League of Women Voters of Texas lists 20 actions you can take regarding bills currently before the Texas legislature. This legislative session ends June 2, so the time to act is now.



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Event

TDP Chairman Kendall Scudder is hittin' the road for a Texas Sized Tour.

• <u>Collin County</u> - Wednesday, May 21, 6-7 PM CT [Before Collin CEC Meeting] - **Collin College, Frisco Campus, Conference Center, 9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco, TX 75035 - RSVP: txdem.co/Collin-Scudder-Tour** •

Texas School Finance Bill

Texas Republicans are still stalling on increasing funding for public schools. They moved fast for their billionaire East Coast donors—but not for Texas schools.

Texas Republicans passed a bill giving wealthy kids \$10,000 more in school funding by way of Greg Abbott's voucher scam bill—but working-class kids under HB 2 get just a fraction of an increase.

Your child deserves the same quality education as wealthy families, but Texas Republicans would rather please out-of-state donors than invest in Texas families.

As the Texas Senate prepares to vote on a hollowed-out version of House Bill 2, the school finance package, House Democrats held a press conference at noon on May 15, to expose how Dan Patrick and the Texas Senate have completely gutted the bipartisan House bill that would have provided the funding Texans' neighborhood schools desperately need.

For six years, Republican leadership has forced our schools into the biggest financial crisis in Texas history by holding increases to classroom dollars hostage to pass Greg Abbott's voucher scam. Now that vouchers have passed, the House delivered on the second part of Abbott's promised "Texas two-step" by approving HB 2 with a \$440 increase in classroom dollars. But the Senate has betrayed that promise, stripping away the entire increase and offering zero new funding — while falsely claiming a \$55 increase that schools will already receive under current law.

The Senate's evisceration of HB 2 will mean more school closures, teacher layoffs, and program cuts. Texas children will pay the price for Dan Patrick's betrayal of public education.

Public media is at a breaking point – we must act now.

The White House just released its annual budget request, which proposes defunding public media. This comes on top of an Executive Order to block federal funding for PBS and NPR. And we're awaiting a rescissions package that would draw back public media funding already approved by Congress. Your voice is urgently needed to protect public media. Please call or email your Members of Congress now.

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