



Texas Education Agency Takeover of Houston ISD

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A personal story





State takeovers have
a poor track record.

- No successful similar model in the entire country
- **The Kinder Institute for Urban Research**
 - No research indicating state takeovers improve academic outcomes
 - Evidence of lower test scores immediately after takeover, followed by a five-year recovery period
 - Districts with more low-income students and students of color more likely to experience takeover



State takeovers are disruptive, anti-democratic, and disenfranchise communities

- Governor Greg Abbott is championing parental rights in their child's education, yet the TEA is leaving out the voices of HISD parents/guardians in this matter
- Local control of schools is crucial in empowering residents who know their community best. A state takeover strips Houstonians of this basic right
- Ushering in a new body of leadership without listening to the community is disruptive and damaging to students and educators
- Student voices matter!

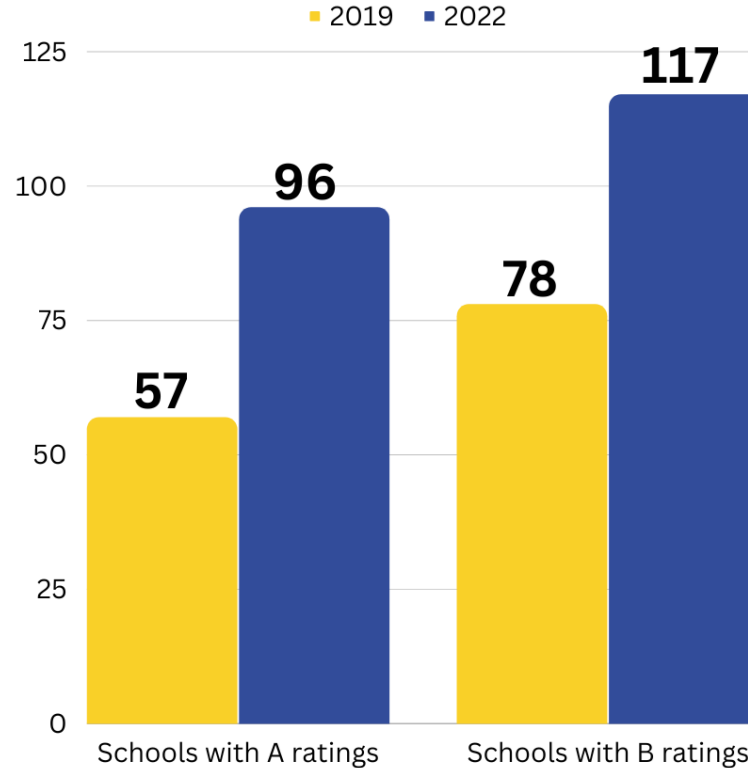


HISD has made significant progress, yet the TEA may still take over.

Nearly 94% of campuses have A, B or C ratings

What message does this send to other districts?

Improvement of HISD schools with A or B ratings from 2019 to 2022





HISD needs more
state funding,
not a state takeover.

“Texas trails the national average by over \$4,000 per student, earning our state an F-rating and ranking 42nd in the nation in per-student spending.” - **Raise Your Hand Texas**

Texas spent \$10,342/pupil in 2020; HISD \$9,380 - **Annual Survey of School Finances**

“The best way for the state to help improve the academic performance of HISD students is not through a state takeover but through a significantly larger financial investment.” - **The Kinder Institute for Urban Research**



A state takeover will impact all of us. Every Houstonian should be paying attention and using their voice.

- Encourage TEA to work with the Houston community to find a solution that will actually work for HISD's 194,000 students
- Stand together with HISD students, parents/guardians, and leaders and use your voice
- Advocate for legislative action in the ongoing 88th session
 - Contact state senators/house representatives
- Demand investment in education



THANK YOU!

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There is no such thing as freedom of choice unless there is freedom to refuse.

- David Hume



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