

## **SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY**

In the 88<sup>th</sup> regular session last spring, the Texas legislature passed House Bill 3, the primary school safety and security bill. In addition to other requirements, House Bill 3 mandates that every school campus have a fulltime armed security officer. (The bill granted waivers to allow for hiring shortages.) HB 3 provided an additional school safety allotment of 28 cents per student plus \$15,000 per campus to fund the requirements of the bill, including the safety officers. The 28 cents was added to the previous school safety allotment of \$9.72 per student, bringing the total safety allotment to \$10.00 per student.

***RISD is calling on the legislature to fully fund House Bill 3 requirements to at least \$100 per student.***

- **2022-2023 RISD spent \$85.33 per student** for school safety & security (\$3,211,224 annual cost). RISD received only \$10.00 per student for school safety & security funding.
- **RISD is required spend an additional \$2.52 to \$2.7 million to hire, equip, and train 36 security personnel to meet HB 3 requirements.**
- **With HB 3, 2023-2024 RISD will spend \$151.66 per student** (\$5,611,420 annual cost) for school safety & security.
- RISD receives \$10.00 per student *plus* \$15,000 per campus totaling \$1,195,000 annually leaving a **deficit of \$4,416,420 million for school safety & security for 2023-2024.**