



The future of Texas — our communities, our economy, our citizenry — depends on how well we prepare our students today. Supporting and strengthening our schools takes all of us.

**OUR STATEWIDE REGIONAL ADVOCACY TEAM IS WORKING TO GROW A PRO-PUBLIC EDUCATION CONSTITUENCY ACROSS TEXAS. WE ARE WORKING TO HELP EDUCATORS, FAMILIES, STUDENTS, AND BUSINESS LEADERS RAISE THEIR VOICES REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

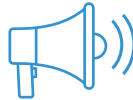
## WHAT DOES OUR REGIONAL ADVOCACY TEAM DO?

We work throughout the two-year legislative advocacy cycle to build broad support for public education and grow stakeholders' advocacy skills.



### EDUCATE

*Learn more about advocacy & current education policy issues*



### ENGAGE

*Share your stories & build relationships*



### ACTIVATE

*Express your views to lawmakers*

## WHAT CAN RAISE YOUR HAND TEXAS DO TO HELP SCHOOL DISTRICTS?

*We can partner with school districts to build internal advocacy capacity and influence education policy outcomes by:*

- Building relationships
- Training school leaders and advocates
- Amplifying local voices
- Convening statewide and local organizations
- Elevating teachers and the teaching profession
- Connecting advocates with legislators
- Informing on education issues and legislation

## OUR STATEWIDE ADVOCACY WORK STRIVES TO:

- Shift the narrative around public education
- Build coalitions of support for public education
- Ensure that every legislative session is a public education session
- Connect lawmakers and education stakeholders — including educators, students, families, and trustees — to one another

**Find out how to connect with your Regional Advocacy Director  
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