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Chair Donna Campbell Highlights Education Progress Following October Interim Hearings

AUSTIN, TEXAS - Senator Donna Campbell, M.D., Chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Education, highlighted Texas' education progress following committee hearings held on October 6 and 7, 2026, where members reviewed student achievement, teacher excellence, parental involvement, school finance, and other interim priorities ahead of the 90th Legislature.

Chair Campbell thanked Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, members of the committee, educators, parents, school leaders, and witnesses who participated in the hearings and contributed to the committee's work on behalf of students.

"Education policy must begin and end with one question: What produces the best outcome for the child?"

Over the two-day hearing, the committee reviewed major priorities including instructional time, shifting enrollment, school leadership, teacher pay, school choice, student safety, parental rights, and implementation of landmark legislation including HB 2, SB 12, SB 13, SB 571, and HB 6. The committee also reviewed implementation of House Bill 2, which provided approximately \$8.5 billion in additional public school funding, including significant support for teacher compensation and classroom priorities.

"Texas made a historic investment in our teachers and schools. Our responsibility now is to ensure those dollars strengthen instruction, retain great teachers, and improve student outcomes."

Chair Campbell emphasized foundational academics and the importance of keeping students at the center of education policy.

"Reading, writing, and arithmetic are the foundation. When our children master those fundamentals, they are prepared to compete, succeed, and lead."

Teacher recruitment, retention, preparation, and compensation also remained central to the committee's review.

"A great teacher can change the trajectory of a child's life. Texas must continue recruiting, preparing, rewarding, and retaining great educators."

Following the hearings, Chair Campbell said the interim process helped identify areas of success, implementation challenges, and opportunities for further improvement before the 90th Legislature convenes.

"Texas succeeds when our children succeed. That is the standard, the mission, and the work we will carry into the 90th Legislature."