



# The Senate of Texas

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## **Senator César J. Blanco Votes Against Private School Vouchers and Votes For Teacher Pay Raises**

**Austin, Texas** – Today, Senator César J. Blanco voted against Senate Bill 1, which creates private school vouchers. However, Senate Bill 1 ultimately passed to an 18-13 vote.

“I’m disappointed to see the Texas Senate approve school vouchers and give private schools a hand up at the expense of public schools,” said Senator Blanco. “Our kids can succeed in any public school if we are providing the resources to support them.”

Subsequently, Senator Blanco voted for Senate Bill 2 which included funds to increase salaries to up to \$10,000 for public school teachers and increase the basic allotment and school safety allotment for public schools in Texas.

According to the National Education Association, Texas ranks 26th in teacher pay, paying nearly \$7,500 below the national average. Meanwhile, Texas ranks 40th in per-student spending.

Senator Blanco also added, “For years our public schools and teachers have been asked to do more with less. While I voted for this bill, which I believe is a modest step in the right direction, I will continue fighting for more resources our students and teachers deserve.”

These two bills now go to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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