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Dear Representative/Senator:

Texas Parent PAC wishes you and your staff success and good health as the 87th Legislative Session convenes Jan. 12, 2021.

At the beginning of every session, it is stated that the challenges faced by the Legislature that specific biennium are immense and rarely is there ever enough money to address them all. This session, though, is perhaps the best illustration in our recent history of that statement. The COVID pandemic Texans are currently experiencing and its resulting factors – loss of economic prosperity, interruption of education, serious mental and physical health care needs, to name just a few – are overwhelming and eagerly await the expedient work of the Texas Legislature to offer relief and hope.

Of course, every challenge brought on by this pandemic is important. But the Texas Parent PAC board and our donors hope you will attempt to preserve the advances made last session to fund and operate our public schools and perhaps even find the opportunity to enhance them further. At the very least, we hope public education improvements made two years ago don't regress.

You are one of 57 House members and seven Senators who will serve this legislative session after having previously earned a Texas Parent PAC endorsement. We hope that knowing you are serving alongside so many colleagues who have made a similar commitment to support Texas' public education system gives you the fortitude to defend and persistence to advocate for Texas ISDs, students, educators, and families.

Attached, please find a list of House and Senate members who have previously received a Texas Parent PAC endorsement. You will also find attached the PAC's Guiding Principles, revised by the board in July 2020 to address charter exceptionalism and local decision-making.

Once again, we send our best wishes for success this legislative session and good health.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chair

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