

## Six Point Plan to Providing Meaningful Discretion and Reform in the April, 2006 Special Session

- 1) Meet the Supreme Court mandate of providing local school districts with meaningful discretion while ensuring funds are equalized in a manner to give every child an opportunity for a quality education.
- 2) Replace property taxes only with a stable source of revenue which grows equally and does not place undue burdens on the middle-class and poor.
- 3) Since all children must meet the same standards, provide equitable funding for all districts at all levels.
- 4) Perform a statewide assessment of facilities that will result in stable and equitable funding for facilities.
- 5) Provide an across the board teacher pay raise that will enable school districts to recruit and retain teachers and eliminate the shortage of certified teachers in the areas of math, science, bilingual and special education.
- 6) Ensure programs designed to assist special needs children, such as bilingual education, are properly supervised and monitored in compliance with state and federal law.

### ***Organizations that support these goals include:***

- Center For Public Policy Priorities (CPPP)
- Equity Center
- Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA)
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
- National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
- National Organization for Mexican American Rights, Texas Chapter
- People For the American Way, Texas and Southwest Region Office
- Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project (SVREP)
- Texas Association For Bilingual Education (TABE)
- Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC)
- Texas Federation of Teachers (TFT)
- Texas Impact
- Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA)
- William C Velasquez Institute (WCVI)