

## Comments made during the Texas Tribune Festival September 14, 2020

“...Our school districts have a lot of reserves. We talk about our Rainy Day Fund at the state level. The school districts have multiples of what we have in rainy day, and this is their rainy day. Times like this, you use some of those reserves to pay for some of the expenses they weren't expecting, that none of them were expecting.”

Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood)  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education



“We only have I think 18-19 for fund balances for school districts. It's like \$15 billion. We have no idea how much money they put in their bank accounts after last year. Think about it. You have schools that didn't open from March--March, April, May, June, July, August, half of September. From expenses and electricity and all these other things, there's been significant savings that have gone there.

We're not asking them to do anything we're not willing to do ourselves. So when people sit there and say, 'It's incumbent on the state to go and find all the resources, the money,' if taxpayers actually knew how much money school districts actually had in fund balances, they'd be alarmed. We know it's \$15 [billion]. We think it's higher than that right now. That's double what the state of Texas has, when you think about that. That's a lot of money.”

Representative Dan Huberty (R-Humble)  
Chairman, House Committee on Public Education