What makes a school great? What are parents really looking for in a high-quality school? What do teachers think is most important? What do students want and need?

Over the next 12 months, Raise Your Hand Texas will bring experts, researchers, policymakers, and communities together to ask these questions and more as we work to design a stronger and more innovative school accountability system.

So much has changed about what we know are the best ways to learn, test, and measure all that goes into a world-class education system. And Texas, as a long-standing leader in school accountability reform, is uniquely positioned to lead the way toward a more useful, fair, and holistic approach. We have an opportunity to raise our standards for student success and support strong student outcomes like never before.

Join us as we chart a course toward a brighter future for our 5.4 million public school students.

10,000 Voices on Testing and Accountability

Beginning in October of 2021, the Raise Your Hand Texas advocacy team will work to meet with ten thousand Texans in small and large group settings to educate stakeholders about our current accountability system, gather feedback on accountability topics, and invite people to join us in the push for legislative change.
Council on Testing and Accountability

Raise Your Hand Texas will convene a Council on Testing and Accountability to sift through existing accountability and assessment research, hear from experts, examine community input, and make legislative recommendations.

Raise Your Hand Texas will also convene a series of events geared towards legislators, staff, and advocates on topics such as different models for assessments, innovative accountability practices from across the country, federal requirements, and more. These events will kick off with a day-long symposium in Austin on January 18th, 2022. All events will also be live-streamed and made available to the public.

Legislative Recommendations

The work of our 10,000 Voices campaign and the Council on Testing and Accountability will culminate in a series of legislative recommendations prepared prior to the 2023 legislative session.

Learn more at: RaiseYourHandTexas.org/FutureofTexasTesting