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Weekly Update

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Coming Up: Week of February 27, 2023

Hearings this week will address

- The K-12 public education budget; and
- First meetings for the House Public Education and Senate Education committees.

This week, the education committees in both chambers will hold their first meetings to get organized, set rules, and hear from state agency officials. They will begin to set hearings on bills as soon as the following week.

You can watch the hearings live online. Each hearing typically covers multiple bills (click the links below to see the agendas). For hearings in the Texas House, you can submit

comments about any of the bills being discussed during the hearing using an online portal (even if they've moved on to a different bill).

The [Texas Legislative Education Equity Coalition \(TLEEC\)](#) will hold its Day of Action at the Texas State Capitol on this Wednesday, March 1, 2023, starting with a news conference at 10:00 am CT. Watch IDRA's social media for video from the news conference.



Monday

Appropriations Committee,
Article III, K-12 education
9:00 a.m. ([See notice](#))

Tuesday

Public Education Committee
8:00 a.m. ([See notice](#))

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Tuesday

Education Committee
pending notice confirmation
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Highlights from Last Week

The Speaker of the House began referring bills to committees, one of the first steps toward those bills getting a hearing.

The Texas Teacher Vacancy Task Force released its [final recommendations](#) to address the teacher shortage. Recommendations include increasing teacher pay, improving training and support, and addressing working conditions for school teachers.

Tools & Resources

[Learn more about IDRA's policy recommendations for Texas](#)

See our Infographic: [5 Data Snacks on IDRA's Policy Priorities](#)

Read the [Policy Agenda for the Texas Legislative Education Equity Coalition \(TLEEC\)](#)

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IDRA Policy Priorities
for the 2023 Texas Legislative Session

- Secure fair school funding
- Ensure excellent educational opportunities for emergent bilingual students
- Promote culturally sustaining school climates that support all students
- Create safer schools without harmful discipline practices
- Prepare all students to access and succeed in college

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