



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**TOM CRADDICK
SPEAKER**

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Ms. Nancy Conboy Kessling
206 Saint Cloud Drive
Friendswood, Texas 77546-5649

Dear Ms. Kessling:

Thank you for taking the time to write me. You highlight a number of the type of problems that have led me to call for improved fiscal accountability for school districts. It is important that there be better public access to financial data from school districts so that we may have the information we need to make informed decisions on how our tax dollars are spent. Unfortunately, poorly conceived and executed accountability systems can sometimes impede rather than assist the public in the right to know about their school district's finances.

In the Spring of 2003, I created the Select Committee on Public School Finance to find permanent and equitable solutions to public school financial issues such as the important issues that you raise. That committee will soon submit recommendations for consideration in the next legislative session.

Again, thank you for bringing these issues to my attention. I will keep your letter in mind as we prepare for the next session. If I can ever be helpful to you on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Craddick".

TOM CRADDICK
Speaker