

# What would \$675 million pay for?

## TEXAS Grants

- Over the coming biennium, the Coordinating Board anticipates expending \$614,282,952 for a total of 146,451 awards. This will serve approximately 51.2 percent of eligible new students.
- Thus, an additional \$675 million would be enough to **fully fund** TEXAS Grants.

## Communities in Schools

- During 2008, CIS served 3.7 percent of Texas' at-risk students using a total of \$55.7 million *state and local* funds.
- If CIS had \$675 million appropriated for the biennium, the program would be able to serve approximately **22.4 percent of the state's at-risk students -- 6 times the number currently served.**
- Yet this budget chose to **cut \$1.3 million in funding for Communities in Schools**, the state's most effective school-based dropout prevention program. Indeed: CIS, which most of y'all will pay lip service to, is receiving a net cut in funding—and this after a TEA-issued report on best practices in dropout prevention cited CIS as the only program that "reported meaningful effects on both reducing dropout and increasing graduation." A \$1.3 million cut after the previous budget appropriated \$300,000 for an effectiveness review that found that CIS is indeed effective. Where are our priorities if we choose to cut funding to what we know works?

## Dual Language Pilot Program

- There are no specific numbers to turn to, so I would recommend saying something such as:
- \$675 million would allow the Legislature to create a dynamic dual language program across the state, thus helping to meet our constitutional duty to provide a great education to all students—especially those with limited English proficiency.

## Duncan's Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program

- Duncan's bill had a limited appropriation of \$25 million for the biennium. The fiscal note does not indicate the assumed number of grantees that will be served.
- Thus, it's best just to say that the JET Grant program would be able to serve **27 times more Texans** than it can serve in the form passed by the Senate.