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TTARA Foundation Wins National Award for Work on School Finance

(AUSTIN) – The TTARA Research Foundation report, [*An Introduction to School Finance in Texas*](#), and School Finance Symposium won this year’s prestigious award for Most Effective Education presented by the Governmental Research Association (GRA). The report, authored by Senior Analyst Sheryl Pace, opens the door to illuminate one of the most complex, and costly, parts of the state’s fiscal system – the financing of public schools.

The GRA was established in 1914 as the national organization of individuals professionally engaged in governmental research and annually conducts a juried competition to recognize exceptional research and educational efforts on public policy issues. The winner in the category of Most Effective Education is judged to be the research report and/or activities that best “increased or broadened awareness or understanding of an important government issue, thereby enabling more informed public discourse and decision-making.”

“The public education system in Texas is one of the largest in the nation—educating 4.7 million students at a cost of approximately \$48 billion in the current school year—yet only a handful of ‘insiders’ have any real understanding of how it works. This report is designed to give the rest of us the basic knowledge we need in order to play informed roles in developing policies affecting this most important public service,” said Bill Allaway, the TTARA Research Foundation’s President. “This award is highly competitive and sought after by organizations all over the country, and we are extremely proud of this accomplishment”.

GRA’s press release: <http://www.ttara.org/files/document/file-4e39778ccb489.pdf>

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