



A long-standing legacy in shaping Texas fiscal policy

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TTARA releases latest edition of Texas school finance primer

The Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA) has released the fourth edition of "[An Introduction to School Finance in Texas](#)." The publication is a primer on the Texas school finance system intended to educate the reader and explain the formulas and calculations used to determine the level of public school funding available to school districts.

"High property taxes have become a main focus of the leadership of our state and will be a primary topic of discussion in the next legislative session," said Sheryl Pace, TTARA senior analyst and author of the publication. "Because school taxes comprise 53 percent of total property taxes, it's very important that people involved in discussions to reduce them understand at least the very basics of school finance. That's what this primer is intended to provide."

The publication was last updated in June 2014.

"An Introduction to School Finance in Texas" can be found on the TTARA website at: <http://www.ttara.org/files/document/file-5aafc87d24340.pdf>. Hard copies of the primer also are available by contacting the TTARA office at (512) 472-8838 or emailing Pace at space@ttara.org.

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