# Public Education Finance

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# Session Objectives

1. **Share new tools that may be of immediate use to our network**
2. **Inform and shape LONESTARP3 strategic direction**

# Objective 1

## Share new tools that may be of immediate use

- Landscape analysis
- Emerging framework
- Targeted State Investments (internal tool)

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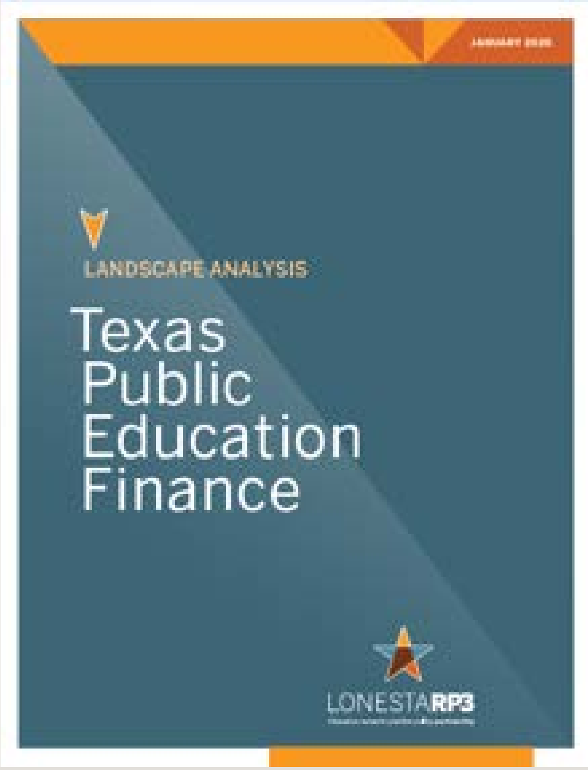
New Tool

# Landscape Analysis




## Purpose

To identify critical issues, potential products, and opportunities for LONESTA**RP3** collaborative research.

Provides a broad overview of key trends, topics, and actors shaping Public Education Finance in Texas.

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## New Tool

# Landscape Analysis

## Issues

1. Dual Credit & Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST)
2. Community College Funding
3. Vouchers & Education Saving Accounts
4. Specialized Funding Allotments
5. Accountability: School Closures, Turnaround, & Takeover
6. Wraparound Services
7. Public School Funding & Budget Deficits

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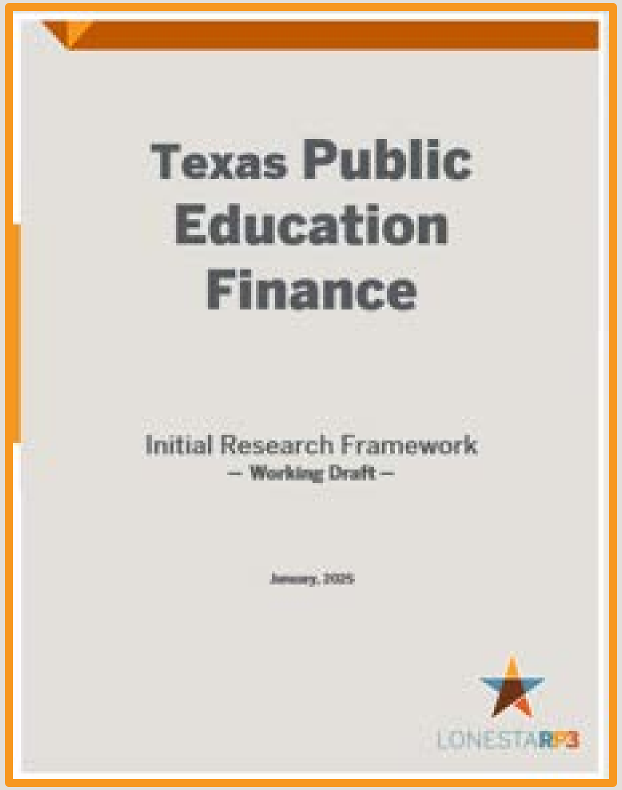
## New Tool

# Emerging Framework



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Initial Research Framework

– Working Draft –

January, 2025

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## Purpose

To present an initial research framework focused on Public Education Finance in Texas.

To support collective sensemaking to move toward a shared agenda that reflects a set of shared priorities among its members and key actors across the state.

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## New Tool

# Emerging Framework

### Themes

1. Targeted Public Investments and Returns
2. System Capacity, Complexity, and Administrative Burden Across Contexts
3. Purchasing Power, Cost Pressures, and Fiscal Sustainability
4. Enrollment Dynamics, Choice, and Place-Based Variation

## New Tool (internal)

# Targeted state investments


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Targeted State (and Federal) Investments

Career and Technical Education Funding

Jobs and Education for Texans (JET program)

Recent state (and federal) investments that were identified as candidates for future research to better understand implementation and impact

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# Objective 2

**Inform and shape LONESTARP3 strategic direction**

- **Gather feedback on investments and research framework**
- **Explore implications for future partnership**

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## Inform & Shape

# Information Gathering

### We will use multiple methods to capture your feedback

1. Group discussion → share insights with your table mates
2. Designated recorder → capture table convo on note template
3. Individual feedback → submit brief Qualtrics survey

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## Inform & Shape

# Group Discussion

## Prompts

How important is additional research on proposed targeted investments for the state?

How important is additional research on proposed targeted investments for your region?

What kinds of investigations would be most useful to better understand implementation and impact?

How important is additional research Purchasing Power or Enrollment Dynamics?

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## Inform & Shape

# Individual Feedback

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Please share your thoughts with us.

Your feedback will help ensure our future efforts are aligned with regional needs and grounded in the realities you're experiencing.

We value your partnership in helping us shape what comes next.

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# Next Steps

## For each topic

- Feedback cycles from members and key constituents
- Revise and refine research framework
- Release consensus agenda

## Across all three topics

- Assess opportunities for launching research collaboratives
- Gain support and momentum for research at the 2026 Success Summit in Dec 2026

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# Breakouts and Transitions

**ROUND ONE**

**Translation**: Research, Practice, and Policy

**Application**: CCMR Tools for Research & Practice

**Exploration**: Prospective Members Session

**ROUND TWO**

**Texas Teacher Workforce**

**Public Education Finance**

**Early Childhood Education**

**YOU ARE HERE**

**TEAM TIME**

**Staff Actions**

**Partner Preparations**

**Summit Suggestions**

**SHARE OUT**

**Google Slides**

**THREE Minutes MAX!**

8:45 | 10:15 | 12:15 | 1:15

10:00 **BREAK**

10:30

11:30 **LUNCH**

12:00 **BREAK**

**Steering Committee**
**Moody Conference Room**

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# Thank You

Look for updates on Public Education Finance in Texas during our April CONNECT Virtual Session!

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