# LEADERSHIP COMMENTS ON FUND BALANCE

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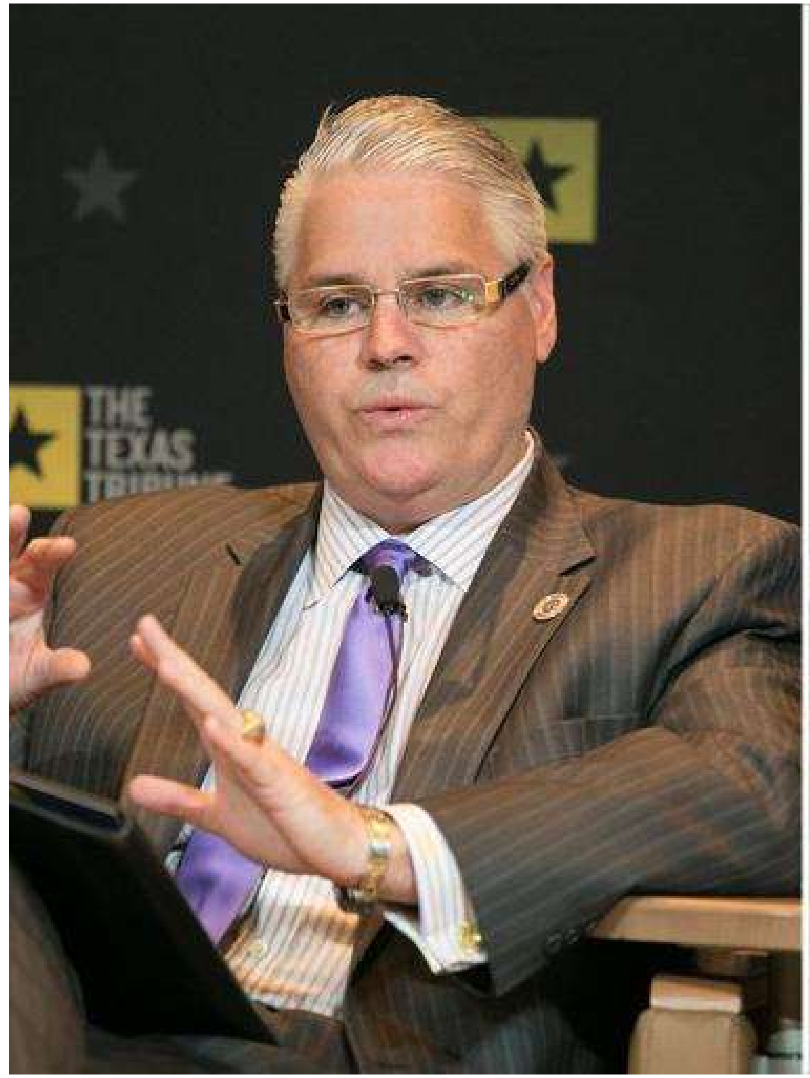


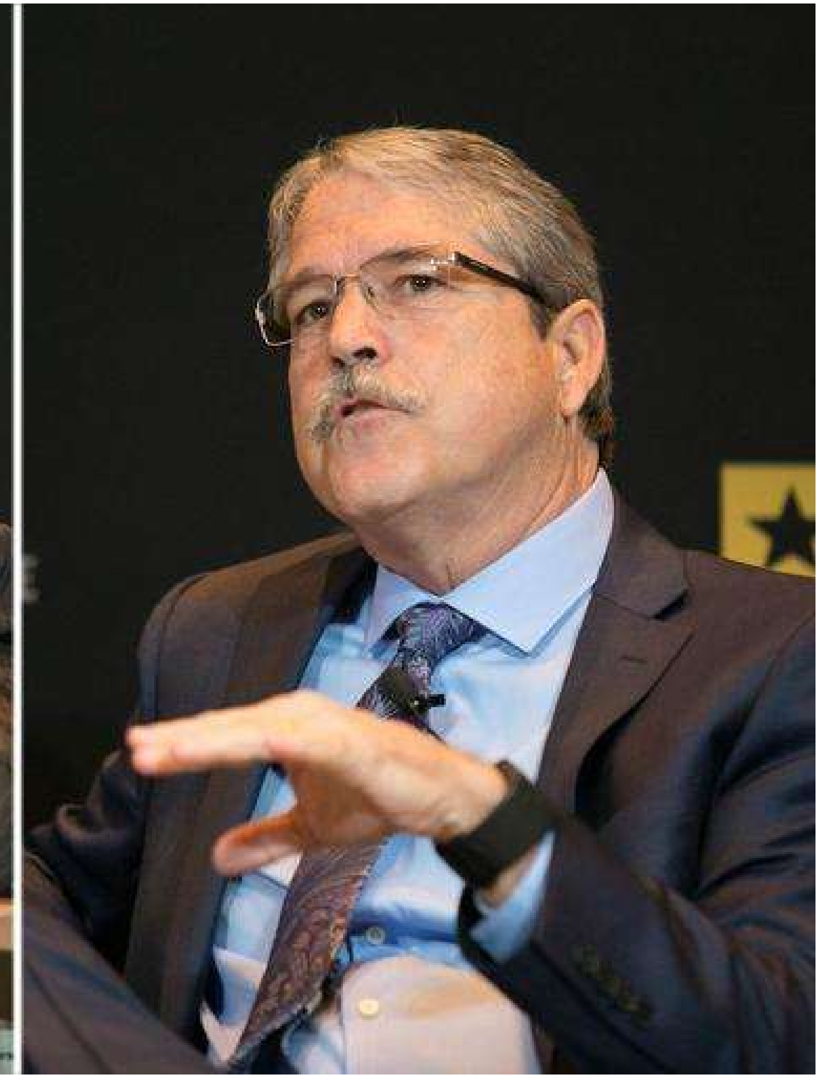

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July 2020
Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

Besides the $8.7 billion we have in the Rainy Day Fund, which gives us some comfort, we also have an approximate number of around $14 billion in rainy day funds or reserves for all of our school districts combined. And, of course, they are required to have enough money on hand to make payroll and expenses for 75 days, if they need to tap into that. But we replace that, so it's just a revolving bank. We always replace that money. But they do have a cushion, actually, of about $14 billion compared to our $8.7 for education as well. We don't want them to have to tap into it, but collectively that's another tranche of money that our education system has that the state doesn't even have. … Obviously our goal is that we don't have to tap into our Rainy Day Fund and they don't have to tap into their reserves.

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Comments paraphrased above occur in the exchange from approximately 35:30–37:33 of the recording.

*comments are paraphrased*

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September 2020
Chairman of Senate Education
Sen. Larry Taylor

Our school districts have a lot of reserves.
We talk about the Rainy Day Fund at the state level.
School districts have multiples of [that].

September 2020
Chairman of House Public
Educ. Rep. Dan Huberty

If taxpayers knew how much money school districts had in fund balances, they'd be alarmed.

We know it was at least $15 billion, and we think it's higher than that right now.

That is double what the State of Texas has.

*comments are paraphrased*