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## **Texas School Coalition Members Applaud Court Date** *School Finance Trial Set to Begin In Austin*

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Mark Trachtenberg, an attorney with Haynes and Boone, LLP, which represents 85 school districts (many of them Texas School Coalition members) in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state school finance system, issued the following statement today after a hearing before state district judge John Dietz:

“We are glad that the judge gave us a prompt trial date and put us on an expedited schedule because it is important that the Texas Legislature have guidance from the court in time to act during the 2013 legislative session.

“We look forward to putting on our case along with the other plaintiff coalitions. We intend to prove that the Legislature’s massive funding cuts to public education, along with other factors, have deprived our districts of the resources needed to meet the standards the State itself has identified as the measure of a constitutionally adequate education.”

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*The Texas School Coalition represents school districts that return tax dollars raised from their local homeowners and businesses to the state. Since 1993, these revenue-contributing districts have given more than \$15 billion to the statewide system and they are now contributing about \$1 billion annually.*