

Board Workshop Agenda Item

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Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session

BOARD GOALS

TEACHING & LEARNING:

- develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments supporting all students
- establishing high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship
- cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- foster and support an advanced digital learning environment
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors

CULTURE & CLIMATE:

- honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff
- celebrate, respect, and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- support a working environment ensuring open and transparent communication
- establish high expectations for success
- instill in students a love of lifelong learning
- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being
- effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community

GROWTH & MANAGEMENT:

- recruit, employ and retain high quality teachers
- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- work with the community in planning and facility development
- utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks
- adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.
- encourage teachers and staff to pursue advanced degrees

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- pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles -
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning
- maintain a diverse workforce

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS:

- support college, career, military and life readiness
- engage students in extracurricular clubs and organizations
- Advocate for public education across the state and nation
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to discuss and plan for the Board of Trustees legislative priorities in anticipation of the 89th Legislative Session.

Objectives:

As the District continues to advocate for improved and sustainable funding of the school finance system as well as sensible accountability for all Texas schools that receive public funds, we recognize the power of a clear set of legislative priorities in advocating for policies that directly impact our staff, students, families, and community.

Operational Impact:

Operational impact should be minimal; however, travel and related expenses may be involved in meeting with elected officials.

Results:

The District's legislative priorities, in alignment to our "*Super Six Board Goals*," allows Denton ISD to articulate the value of local public education through advocacy efforts.