

## KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



## Resolution for Board Advocacy Priorities Regarding the Vital Importance of Students in Texas

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Killeen Independent School District considers it crucial all students will meet or exceed the Texas grade level standards in reading, writing, and math; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees considers it vital all students will graduate from high school ready to enroll in postsecondary education, enlist in the military and/or enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees considers it essential there should be pathways for all students to build connections, whether through Fine Arts, Athletics and scholastic events, including clubs and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees considers it imperative to recruit and retain staff, the District will promote a positive work environment, and provide a competitive compensation and benefits plan.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. To implement these above core concerns the Board supports state legislation to restructure the accountability system and resultant school ratings to appropriately measure all factors that influence student performance in order to generate a holistic view of school performance; and
- 2. The Board supports state legislation to fund schools based on enrollment instead of average daily attendance (ADA) to better reflect how public schools are staffed and operated; and
- 3. The Board supports state legislation to increase the basic funding allotment to account for inflation since the last increase in 2019; and
- 4. The Board supports state legislation to afford school districts authority to determine appropriate disciplinary action, including tiered responses for repeat offenses and substance abuse treatment support; and
- 5. The Board supports state legislation to establish criterion and funding for districts that have campuses on military installations where federal jurisdiction does not allow for district police to provide security to those respective campuses; and
- 6. The Board supports state legislation to increase funding for students receiving Special Education services, especially for those with the greatest needs, and revise the funding metrics to mirror the genuine service costs; and

- 7. The Board supports state legislation to allocate funds for security measures on campuses, including greater state funding assistance for legally mandated school officers; and
- 8. The Board supports state legislation to provide appropriate and ongoing funding for identification, services, and supports for students with mental health needs; and
- 9. The Board supports federal legislation to advance toward Impact Aid full funding and modification to existing law to recognize that Killeen ISD is heavily impacted by Fort Cavazos due to the substantial number of students of military dependents attending our schools even though the percentage decreases as the total District population increases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Killeen ISD Board of Trustees and Administration share a unified message:

Killeen ISD is committed to providing the support and resources necessary for all of our students to succeed. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Killeen Independent School District respectfully requests the Governor and Legislature to focus on an agenda to implement the above state legislative priorities to enable student success across the state. In addition, the Board of Trustees of Killeen Independent School District respectfully requests the President and Congress to enact a law to provide the support and resources necessary for the children of our soldiers to flourish as well as for all students to succeed.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 11th day of June 2024.

KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brett E. Williams, President

Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Marvin Rainwater, Secretary

Board of Trustees