

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: February 23, 2026

Agenda Item: L.1

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Discussion and possible action regarding Senate Bill 11 Requirement for Resolution

Administrator Responsible/Position: Board Policy Subcommittee

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☐ Local Policy:

☒ Law or Rule: SB 11

☐ N/A

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The Board is requested to approve a resolution relating to a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts.

D. Summary:

☐ Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

☐ Future action anticipated: N/A

☒ **Background information:** SB 11 from the 89th Legislative Session adds Texas Education Code section 25.0823, which allows school boards to designate time each school day at every campus for students and employees to pray and read the Bible or other religious texts. The bill requires that within six months of the effective date (by March 1, 2026), each district's board must take a record vote either to establish the daily prayer time and reading of religious texts by adopting the resolution set out in the new statute or to decline to establish the daily prayer time.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☒ Other: Policy Pals

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration makes no recommendation as this is a Board matter.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: N/A

H. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees adopt the resolution affirming the constitutional and legal right to choose to pray in school, as presented.