



Board Agenda Item Overview

Meeting Date: February 17, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular

Item Category: Action Item

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Item Name: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SB11 FOR DAILY PRAYER PERIOD

Item Summary: Texas Education Code section 25.0823 was added by Senate Bill 11 in the 89th Legislative Session in 2025. The statute allows a school board to adopt by record vote a policy requiring every campus of the district to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or the religious text on each school day in accordance with the law. A school board does not have to adopt a Daily Prayer Period, but a board does have to vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a resolution to the matter. The current Lamar CISD practices include:

- A moment of silence is provided every day to observe any religious practice
- With parent consent, campuses provide students with a supervised space to pray or observe any religious practice
 - During Ramadan, students can go to the library for prayer. Also, if fasting, students can sit in the office to avoid the cafeteria.
 - If requested, any student is allowed to go to the library (designated space) during lunch to read the bible or pray
- With admin consent, employees can receive accommodations to pray or observe any religious practice
- Allow for students and employees gather for religious expression during non-instructional time
 - See You at the Pole
 - Student clubs
 - Use of school facilities for meetings of community groups
- Staff shall not attempt to convert or advocate religious beliefs

Recommendation: The Board Policy Committee recommends not to adopt a resolution to implement a Daily Prayer Period due to the current Lamar CISD practices.

Policy Reference: FNA (Legal and Local)

Strategic Plan Priority: Safe Learning and Working Environment

District Value(s): Accountability Big-Thinking Compassion Excellence Integrity Joy

Currently Budgeted? Yes No No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: Vote must occur by March 1, 2026

Our Vision:

We are a values-driven community where innovation thrives, excellence is the standard, and every student has access to an elite education.