



**RESOLUTION 12162025-1
ALED0 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day; and

WHEREAS, Section 25.0823(a-1) of the Texas Education Code prescribes a model resolution that must be adopted by record vote before the District may implement such a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required to hold a vote on the approval of this resolution in order to comply with Senate Bill 11; and

WHEREAS, the Aledo Independent School District currently allows students and staff to engage in prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts on campus during non-instructional time or non-duty time; and students already have well established rights to engage in religious expression on school grounds, before, during, and after school.

WHEREAS, Board Policy FNA (Legal) currently states: "A public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A student shall not be required, encouraged, or coerced to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity. Nothing in the Constitution as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court prohibits any public school student from voluntarily praying at any time before, during, or after the school day... "

WHEREAS, Board Policy FNA (Local) currently states: "Students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs, "see you at the pole" gatherings, and other religious gatherings before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups. Religious groups must be given the same access to school facilities for assembling as is given to other noncurricular groups without discrimination based on the religious content of the groups' expression."

WHEREAS, in Aledo ISD, students and staff currently exercise their right to pray and/or read the Bible and/or other religious texts,

WHEREAS, students and staff are free to continue exercising their rights, whether or not the Board adopts the resolution proposed in Section 25.0823,

WHEREAS, if this resolution is approved by a majority vote, Aledo ISD Board Policies FNA (Local) and DGA (Local) shall be revised to require every campus of Aledo ISD to provide the prayer and reading time described above; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is not approved by a majority vote, no such policy will be adopted and campuses will not be required to offer a period of prayer and reading as described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

The Aledo Independent School District shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Aledo ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District during a lawfully called meeting on **December 16, 2025**. A quorum of the Board being then present, a motion was made to accept the resolution and seconded, such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____

Abstentions _____

Forrest Collins, Board President

Zachary Tarrant, Board Secretary