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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Angela Brown, Chief Communications Officer
Date: September 21, 2026
cc: Dr. Leanne Shivers
Re: Board Legislative Priorities

District administration collaborated with other districts and organizations to develop possible Board Legislative Priorities. Board members were asked to review the 9 priorities and rank them. The priorities are:

- Fully Fund and Expand Early Childhood Education - Coppell ISD supports increased state investment in high-quality early childhood education programs. Research consistently demonstrates that early learning opportunities improve student achievement, literacy development, school readiness, and long-term success.
- Increase the Basic Allotment - Coppell ISD supports a meaningful increase to the Basic Allotment to reflect inflationary pressures and rising operational costs.
- Strengthen College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) Funding - Coppell ISD supports increased funding for College, Career, and Military Readiness pathways that prepare students for success beyond graduation.
- Enhance Allotment for Basic Costs (ABC) Funding - Coppell ISD supports strengthening funding streams that recognize the additional costs districts face in delivering high-quality educational programs and services.
- Fully Fund Special Education - Coppell ISD supports a comprehensive overhaul of Special Education funding to ensure all students receive the services they need and deserve.
- Fully Fund the Teacher Retention Allotment (TRA) - Coppell ISD supports the state's commitment to investing in educators through the Teacher Retention Allotment and urges lawmakers to fully fund the program without creating additional financial obligations for local school districts.
- Fully Fund School Safety and Security - Coppell ISD supports fully funding all state-required school safety and security mandates. Every student and employee deserves a safe learning environment, and the state should fully fund these important safety measures and state requirements.
- Raise the Statewide Minimum Teacher Pay Scale - Coppell ISD supports increasing the minimum teacher salary schedule to improve educator recruitment, retention, and long-term workforce

stability across Texas.

- Modernize and Expand School Accountability - Coppell ISD supports a balanced accountability system that measures the full success of students, schools, and communities. Accountability should extend beyond standardized test scores to recognize the many ways public schools prepare students for college, careers, military service, and life. Community-Based Accountability Systems (CBAS) provide a more comprehensive picture of district performance by measuring outcomes valued by local communities.

Based on the input of the participating Board Members, the following rankings arose -

Overall order	Legislative priority	Average rank
1	Special Education	2.00
2	ABC	2.75
3	Safety and Security	4.25
4	CCMR	4.50
5	Early Childhood Education	5.00
6	Basic Allotment	5.50
7	TRA	5.75]
8	Minimum Teacher Pay Scale	7.25

This information can be used to discuss and consider adopting Legislative Priorities for the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the legislative priorities as discussed and considered.
[Name the priorities.]