

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOERNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AFFIRMING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS TO PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

WHEREAS, SB 11 (89th Legislature) authorizes the Board of Trustees to adopt a local policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts; and

WHEREAS, SB 11 does not require school districts to adopt such a policy, and adoption remains solely at the discretion of each local Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, SB11 requires each local Board of Trustees to take a record vote by March 1st, 2026, on whether to adopt a local policy in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 25.0823; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges and supports the rights of students and staff to engage in voluntary, non-disruptive religious expression, including prayer, in accordance with state and federal law, including Texas Education Code §25.151, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the 2022 Kennedy vs Bremerton Decision of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees and the District currently provide a daily moment of silence, student led prayers at most district events, including sporting events, multiple student organizations focused on religious and faith based programming, and time during the academic day, as well as before and after the academic day for students to read and engage in personal religious prayer; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the statutory option provided by SB 11, the board continues to seek legal guidance on how a local policy in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 25.0823 would impact district operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Board of Trustees declines to adopt a policy under SB 11 establishing a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts at this time, in order to comply with the March 1st, 2026 deadline and to have additional time to seek legal counsel on how such a policy could be implemented.
- 2) The Board affirms that students retain the right to voluntarily pray, read religious texts, or engage in other forms of religious expression, provided such activities are non-disruptive, and in accordance with state and federal law.
- 3) The Board commends the Texas Legislature for the overall goal of protecting the religious expression rights of staff and students, and encourages the Texas Attorney General's Office to provide timely guidance to school districts, in order to address questions about SB11 that school districts have raised.
- 4) This resolution shall be recorded in the Board's minutes as documentation of the district's formal action under SB 11.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees