



Discussion Item

Date: October 7, 2024

Division: Legal Services

Subject: Resolution Supporting Litigation against the TEA Challenging the A-F Accountability System and STAAR

Background Information:

- The A-F Accountability System is a statewide rating system established by the Texas Legislature, and implemented in accordance with rules and procedures adopted by the Texas Education Agency (“TEA”), to provide information about the academic performance of Texas public schools.
- The TEA was made aware of statutory violations connected to the accountability system in 2023 resulting in an injunction.
- The TEA made numerous changes and while the Texas Education Code Section 39.0542 requires the TEA to provide sufficient notice of the performance methods, measures, and procedures to be used in the accountability system for a school year, the TEA did not provide the notice required by the Texas Education Code for the 2023-2024 school year until May 2024.
- Several Texas school districts have filed a petition in State District court requesting that the TEA be ordered to seek a neutral, third-party evaluation of the validity and reliability of the new STAAR prior to issuing ratings through the A-F Accountability System.
- Violations of existing statutes must be addressed through use of the judicial system, however, due to financial considerations, the District is electing not to join litigation but wants to show support to the school districts moving forward with the litigation and agreement with the purpose of the litigation.

Administrative Consideration:

- Administration proposes the Board review the attached resolution regarding supporting litigation against the TEA Challenging the A-F Accountability System and STAAR.