

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY TSDS ED-FI TRANSITION**

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency (“TEA”) transition to Ed-Fi raises significant concerns for public school districts, including Lewisville ISD; and

WHEREAS, Texas districts are required to be fully transitioned to the Ed-Fi system for the 2024-25 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Lewisville Independent School District has been an active participant in the parallel process for 1 year and has diligently worked to partner with the TEA throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, the Ed-Fi system is currently impossible for any district to fully succeed in the transition because the TEA has not yet developed all the necessary logic for the system making the system unequipped to handle records and resulting in significant flagged errors classified as “fatal” preventing the completion of any submission; and

WHEREAS, the District is concerned that the many errors received, many beyond districts control and stemming from issues within TEA and among vendors on the TEA-approved list, will prevent districts from submitting data thereby affecting districts funding due to inaccurate information; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, while TEA has expanded its staffing significantly, districts have been forced to cut positions due to inadequate funding and with limited resources, higher turnover, and rising costs, districts do not have the capacity to undertake the massive data recoding required by the TSDS Ed-Fi transition; and

WHEREAS, the increased data demands and changes required to comply with this system is an unfunded mandate;

WHEREAS, the Lewisville ISD is deeply concerned that the TEA’s current approach appears to be setting districts up for failure despite numerous reports of concerns from numerous school districts across the state; and

WHEREAS, it is well known that an unsuccessful TSDS Ed-Fi transition has serious negative consequences for school districts in terms of accountability, funding, and Results Driven Accountability; and

WHEREAS, the District will explore all avenues available to ensure districts concerns are addressed regarding the Ed-Fi transition and urge the TEA to implement the following steps:

- Continue XML¹ Submission for One More Year: Allow districts to submit data using both XML and Ed-Fi for one additional year. This parallel submission would give districts the ability to compare error-free XML data with Ed-Fi data and address discrepancies before full implementation.
- Postpone Ed-Fi Implementation: Delay full implementation of Ed-Fi until all vendors can complete all submissions successfully and demonstrate readiness.
- Hold Districts Harmless: Provide a system to protect districts from negative impacts during this first year of Ed-Fi implementation.
- Develop Additional CSV² Reports: All Data Mart PDF reports must be available in CSV to allow districts to validate and compare data. Secondly, create side by side reports to compare XML to Ed-Fi submissions.
- Enhance Support for Districts and Vendors: Increase support for both districts and vendors to ensure a smoother transition to Ed-Fi.
- Expand Training Opportunities: Provide more training to districts to ensure they are prepared for Ed-Fi implementation and have adequate support.
- Create District User Groups by Vendor: Organize user group meetings by vendor type to facilitate communication and problem-solving among districts.
- Include District Staff in Vendor Meetings: Allow school district staff to participate in vendor meetings with TEA, providing opportunities for real-time feedback and better alignment with district needs.
- Independent Accounting Audit: Utilize an independent firm to conduct an audit of the data submitted in the new system compared to the previous system.
- Data Privacy and Security: Provide transparency to school districts on the protection of student data by conducting an audit through an independent firm. Ensure that all data use agreements regarding access to Texas public school data meets stringent legal requirements for student data protection, privacy, and security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

¹ Extensible Markup Language

² Comma-Separated Values

The Board of Lewisville Independent School District adopted by the vote ____ **for** and ____ **abstention** to adopt this resolution regarding the TEA Ed-Fi Transition.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Board President

Board Secretary