

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING SENATE BILL 11 CONCERNING DAILY PERIOD OF PRAYER
AND READING OF THE BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT**

WHEREAS The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Pasadena Independent School District (the “District”) is aware of Senate Bill 11 (“SB 11”) which was passed during the 89th Texas Legislative session in 2025 and Texas Education Code Section 25.0823 (“Section 25.0823”), effective September 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, SB 11 and Section 25.0823, allows, *but does not mandate*, the Board to adopt a policy requiring every campus of the District 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;

WHEREAS, if the Board desires to adopt a resolution authorizing the above-described policy, the District must utilize and cannot stray from the language and contents specified by SB 11 and Section 25.0823 for the resolution and corresponding policy;

WHEREAS, if the Board opts not to approve the resolution and policy allowed under SB 11 and Section 25.0823, the Board must still “take a record vote on whether to adopt a resolution described by Section 25.0823(a-1)” by March 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes individual’s rights to practice religion and supports compliance with the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution (“First Amendment”);

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it must remain neutral in religious matters and avoid action that prohibits the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment;

WHEREAS, after full consideration of SB 11’s authorization for the Board to adopt the above-described policy, the Board finds that its policies and practices related to religious expression at school are appropriate and that adoption of an additional policy is not necessary to ensure that the District complies with the First Amendment’s protection of religious freedom, including both the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board affirms the District’s current policies and practices regarding religious freedom under the First Amendment, including it’s compliance with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the First Amendment.
2. The Board declines to adopt a policy under SB 11 and/or Texas Education Code Section 25.0823 establishing a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts.
3. Adoption of this Resolution shall be reflected in the Board’s Minutes for the meeting at which such action is taken and shall serve as this Board’s required consideration and action under SB 11.

Adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 24th day of February 2026, at which a quorum was present.

ATTEST:

By: _____
President Board of Trustees
Pasadena ISD

By: _____
Secretary Board of Trustees
Pasadena ISD