



2016-17-2: STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES for  
DENTON AREA INSTITUTIONS of HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District places great emphasis on the quality of education; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District proudly acknowledges the fact that the city of Denton is the home of the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, as well as being within the service area of North Central Texas College; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District recognizes the importance of higher education as not only a critical component for attracting and retaining quality professional career opportunities, but also major corporate investment for the entire state, and subsequently a year-round positive impact on the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District does hereby:

(a) Support the University of North Texas in its request for:

1. Full Restoration of the 4% Reduction of GR Funding required in the Legislative Appropriations Request
2. Award Formula Funding at 100% of recommendation of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3. Provide Funding in Support of Hazlewood Exemptions
4. Maintain and Increase funding support for Financial Aid
5. Support Funding for Exceptional Item Requests
6. Additive Manufacturing Prototype Lab (AMPL)
7. Texas Center for Data Centric Planning, Preparedness and Resilience

(b) Support Texas Woman's University in its request for:

1. 100% Formula Funding including enrollment growth
2. 100% Funding of the Higher Education Fund
3. Maintaining and increasing support for Financial Aid
4. Funding to Support Hazlewood Exemptions
5. Restoration of 4% Reduction
6. Funding for recruitment and retention of nursing faculty and clinical space
7. Funding for Exceptional Item Requests
  - a. Center for Women's Leadership, Politics, and Public Policy
  - b. Center for Mental Health and Vocational Literacy
  - c. Center for Effective Parenting

(c) Support North Central Texas College in its request for:



1. Funding for Core Operations, \$75 million, Student Success, \$186,621,616, and Instruction, \$1,567,146,597
2. Continued growth of the Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant program, and, Skills Development administered through the Texas Workforce Commission.
3. Inclusion of community colleges in new workforce development policies through the Texas Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

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**RESOLUTION**

2016-17-3: UNITED WAY of DENTON COUNTY, Inc. PRIORITIES  
DURING the 85<sup>th</sup> SESSION of the TEXAS LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District and the United Way of Denton County, Inc. share the philosophy that “education is the cornerstone to the success of Texans and must be a priority from birth through college or job training. Denton County’s strong economic productivity depends on effective education and a healthy and employable workforce;” and

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District and United Way are allies sharing support from many of the same benefactors, advocating a common pledge to help make the Denton area an attractive place in which to live and work, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District does hereby endorse the key points of the United Way of Denton County, Inc.’s employable workforce priorities for the 84<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature, to include:

- Increase access to effective early childhood programs and at-risk student programs that decrease Texas drop-outs and prepare all students for school and post-graduation success.
- Expand vocational job training and work experience to create an employable workforce.
- Provide adequate funding for coordinated mental health services that are planned, cohesive and monitored for effectiveness at the community level.
- Support prevention and intervention programs that make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.
- Provide adequate funding for programs that serve children, adults and families who are victims/survivors of abuse and neglect.
- Ensure adequate regulation of predatory lenders in order to provide protections from aggressive and harmful lending practices.

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**RESOLUTION**

2016-17-4: CITY of DENTON  
LOCAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District recognizes the need for the City of Denton to preserve its ability to determine its own financial destiny in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and to meet the needs and demands of those citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District Board has previously supported specific aspects of this position during the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District does renew its current position to:

- Support legislation that preserves municipal home-rule authority.
- Oppose legislation that would reduce or otherwise negatively impact municipal revenue streams.
- Oppose legislation that would erode current municipal economic development tools.

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RESOLUTION

2016-17-6:

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District of Commerce supports the nearly 800 membership accounts of Denton Chamber of Commerce, of which approximately 65% employ less than five full-time individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District supports the mission statement of the Denton Chamber stating the organization shall represent and serve its members by providing leadership on key issues that impact economic growth; and

WHEREAS, in the Interim Charges submitted by Speaker of the House for the Committee Economic & Small Business Development, initiative #3, advocates that the House of Representative "Study opportunities and financial incentives for expansion and growth of small businesses in Texas. Examine if adequate resources and capital exist for small businesses."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District does hereby

- Support legislation that would provide financial incentives impacting the expansion of small businesses.
- Support legislation that would provide funding for training and support to small businesses to develop business management and financial skills"

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2016-17-7:  
LOCAL CONTROL of SHORT TERM LODGING RENTALS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District recognizes the need for the City of Denton to preserve its ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denton has contracted with the Denton Chamber of Commerce continuously since 1976 to administer local Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues for the purpose of operating the Denton Convention & Visitor Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Convention & Visitor Bureau advocates and operates with the commitment to promote and support local short term lodging rentals based on equal, fair local regulatory practices for all venues and collection of all applicable taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District does hereby oppose any legislation restricting a municipal government's ability to regulate short-term, lodging rentals and their online listing platforms.

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