



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING SCHOOL FUDNING**

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has a historic \$33.8 Billion dollar surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has yet to fulfill their duty in the 88th Legislative Session, or subsequent special sessions, as required by the Texas Constitution to make suitable provision for an efficient system of free and public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has not made any adjustments to the Basic Allotment since 2019 thus resulting in no funding from the 88th legislative session for teacher compensation increases or inflationary costs; and

WHEREAS, per pupil spending in Texas should not include Tier II enrichment pennies or I&S funding because those funds are approved by local voters; and I&S/bond funds cannot be used to address everyday operating expenses such as employee salaries or inflationary costs; and

WHEREAS, during the prior legislative sessions unfunded state mandates continue to increase stretching school district budgets for example, requirements related to full day PreK and safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Independent School District is working to reduce a \$17 Million dollar deficit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

The following guiding principles aligned to the district mission and cornerstones will be utilized in making decisions on how to address the deficit budget:

- 1) Student Learning:
 - a) Protect quality of the learning environment and instruction
 - b) Safety and Security of students and staff
- 2) Student Experience:
 - a) Minimize negative impacts to students.
 - b) Be intentional in the opportunities and pathways for students to be successful.
- 3) Community Engagement:
 - a) Advocating for the legislature to fulfill their constitutional duty of funding of public schools as a partner to local community funding and understanding their economic impact to Denton County when public schools are not funded.
 - b) Protecting and preserving the intellectual capital and expertise that has built the

systems of Denton ISD to be the exceptional provider of education within our community.

- 4) Resource Stewardship
 - a) Maintaining efficiency of course offerings and electives as overall student enrollment continues to rise incrementally.
 - b) Maintain current levels of compensation for staff (should Legislature increase Basic Allotment address compensation increases for all employee groups).
 - c) Utilize attrition and unfilled vacancies to reduce expenses as allowable by certification.
 - d) Investigate future funding opportunities to maximize constituent local tax dollars by exploring a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE) in the absence of increased basic allotment from the legislature.

PRESENTED and passed this ____ day of _____ 2024, by a vote of ____ Ayes and ____ Nays by the Board of Trustees of the Denton ISD.

Denton ISD Board of Trustees

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