

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
LEVELLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

At a lawfully called meeting on February 18, 2026, the Levelland Independent School District Board of Trustees (the “Board”) does hereby make the following Resolution regarding a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day pursuant to Section 25.0823 of the Texas Education Code, as enacted by SB 11 of the Texas 89th Legislative Regular Session and effective as of September 1, 2025:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 25.0823(a), the board of trustees of a school district may, by record vote on a resolution described by Subsection (a-1), adopt a policy requiring every campus of the district or school 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 in accordance with Section 25.0823; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 25.0823(a-1), a resolution to adopt a policy under Subsection (a) (“SB 11 Resolution”) must read as follows:

“The (insert name of school district) shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of (insert name of district or school) to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code,” and,

WHEREAS, a policy adopted under Subsection 25.0823(a), must adhere to specific criteria and restrictions as provided in Subsections 25.0823(b) - (d); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3 of SB 11, “Not later than six months after the effective date of this Act, each board of trustees of a school district and each governing body of an open-enrollment charter school shall take a record vote on whether to adopt a resolution described by Section 25.0823(a-1);” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 25.0823(g), regardless of whether the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school adopts a policy under Subsection 25.0823(a), Section 25.0823 does not prohibit a student or employee of the district or school from participating in prayer or reading the Bible or other religious text during a period of the school day that is not designated as a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text; and,

WHEREAS, Section 25.901 of Texas Education Code affirms that a “public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school;” and that “a person may not require or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity;” and,

WHEREAS, Subsection 25.082(d) of Texas Education Code establishes a school district’s ability to institute a period of silence during which students may choose to “reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals contained in the Resolution are true and correct and are adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SB 11 and Section 25.0823 of the Texas Education Code, each present Board member hereby votes on the adoption of a SB 11 Resolution as follows:

“The Levelland Independent School District shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of the Levelland Independent School District to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code.”

Board of Trustees	“Yea”	“Nay”	Abstain	Absent
Carrie Ellis				
Mike Stafford				
Treva Potter				
Joyce Johnson				
Brooke Obenhaus				
Matt Buxkemper				
Gary Bridges				

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Levelland Independent School District Board of Trustees this 18th day of February 2026.

President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustee