

Manor Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
2/20/24

ACTION ITEM SHEET

RE: Adoption of Resolution Supporting a Fair Accountability System

Supporting Documents:

1. Resolution

District Goals*: {Select strategic goal from below, delete goals that are not applicable}

Goal 1: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- By 2026, 100% of Manor ISD scholars will graduate prepared for college, career, trade, and/or military services based upon their individual goals.

Background Information:

The Texas Education Agency has made significant changes to the state accountability system that will paint a negative picture of Manor ISD and all public schools across the state. Regardless of how well our children did during the 22-23 school year, the new accountability system will show schools with lower grades than in years past.

Some issues include:

- There is a 28 point increase to the College and Career Military Readiness (CCMR) standard, which moves the goal post from 60 percent to 88 percent.
- This increase retroactively applies to the graduated Class of 2022, changing this standard more than a year after they graduated leaving us no chance to improve.
- The district rating has moved to a weighted system that is highly dependent on our high schools' CCMR scores.
- The STAAR tests were fully redesigned, adding new question types, cross-curricular passages, and evidence-based writing as well as being 100% online, preventing a true measure of student growth from last year to this year.

School districts are not alone in their concern, as represented by a bipartisan group of 55 legislators who asked the education commissioner to delay implementing the new standards. As State Representative Gina Hinojosa said in March, "It's almost like there's a plan to make our public schools look bad this legislative session for some reason." Currently there is a lawsuit filed by many school districts to force the education commissioner to change course. While we are not part of the lawsuit, the administration supports many of it's principles

Fiscal Implications:

None

Administrative Recommendation:

Adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion Language (fill in the blank):

I move that the board adopt the resolution supporting a fair accountability system.

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Approved by Superintendent