

**Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
New Business Agenda Item
June 11, 2019
Approval of the Denton ISD Proposed
Legislative Resolutions & Priorities
for the TASB 2018-20 Advocacy Agenda**

SUMMARY:

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has invited the Denton ISD Board of Trustees to submit resolutions to be included in the 2018-20 Advocacy Agenda.

- In consideration of the TASB Advocacy Agenda efforts, the Denton ISD Board of Trustees approves and submits the following proposed resolutions:
 - Advocate for legislation opposing and/or restricting the diversion of public funds away from Texas Public Schools
 - Advocate for legislation requiring a comprehensive review of charter school policies, transparency, and charter school expansion.
 - Advocate for an assessment and accountability system that values student growth and achievement over time, rather than standardized, high-stakes one day testing.
 - Advocate for legislation making public education funding a priority.
 - Advocate for legislation addressing the mental health needs and school safety of our children.
 - Advocate for full funding for the expansion of universal high-quality Pre-K programs.
 - Advocate for a school finance system to provide adequate and equitable resources for all Texas Public Schools.
 - Advocates for effective governance structures allowing for local control of the school district.
 - Advocates for increased state funding to assist with the rising health care costs associated with TRS-ActiveCare and TRS-Care.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

Discussion during workshop agenda of the Denton ISD Board of Trustees' TASB resolutions draft on May 14, 2019 and May 28, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Resolution proposals will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on June 17, 2019. Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and then by the TASB Board. In September, the 2019 Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions that will form part of the 2018-20 Advocacy Agenda, which will remain in effect until the end of the 2020 TASB Delegate Assembly.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

As the District continues to express concern and advocates for policy changes to address the capacity of Texas public education to provide an equitable education for all Texas students, we recognize the need for continued support and advocacy for legislation promoting all Texas

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Public Schools. The District also realizes the power of a unified voice and the critical intertwining of all Texas Public Schools in advocating for policies impacting our students, families, and communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None noted.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Support our partnership with the Texas Association of School Boards as we advocate for legislation, which supports the communities of the Denton Independent School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES:

None noted

OTHER COMMENTS:

None noted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends consideration and approval of resolutions, which represent the position statements of the Board of Trustees for Denton ISD.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Gwendolyn M. Perkins

ATTACHMENT:

- TASB invitation to participate in the TASB 2018-20 Advocacy Agenda
- Proposed resolutions for the TASB 2018-20 Advocacy Agenda

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: Richard Valenta

Signature of Superintendent: _____