

**Resolution**

**For the Texas Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability  
From the Denton Independent School District**

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD Board of Trustees is committed to the success of every child;  
WHEREAS, the Denton ISD Board of Trustees is accountable for learning at the student, classroom, school and district level;

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD Board of Trustees has a Board goal to “Practice true accountability regardless of external mandates”;

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD is accountable to the communities it serves, inclusive of all taxpayers and citizens;

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD has the lead responsibility for most accountability functions related to measures and assessments of student learning;

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD recognizes there is more to determining the success of students, their classrooms, their schools, and their district than student performance on high stakes testing;

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD values the importance of accountability for student outcomes and student growth over time;

WHEREAS, the Denton ISD values community engagement and local expectations for educating all students, the Denton ISD recognize the significance of local control, locally elected officials, and local governance

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees on May 24, 2016, does hereby deemed it appropriate, necessary and beneficial to the educational experience of students and staff across the State of Texas to submit the following recommendations to the Commission of the Next Generation Assessment and Accountability System.

The Next Generation Assessments and Accountability System:

- Should focus on student learning rather than ranking and sorting Texas schools and Texas school districts.
- Recognize the growth in student performance over time by including students with continuous enrollment in a school system for no less than three years in district and school performance evaluations.
- Provide meaningful data for teacher use in designing effective instructional lessons for each individual student that are directly tied to readiness standards.
- Limit state testing to the readiness standards
- Limit state testing and its inclusion in the accountability system to the requirements of federal law.

- Expand the opportunities for innovation into locally controlled alternative, district based assessment and accountability subsystems

The foregoing Resolution for the Commission of the Next Generation Assessment and Accountability System. was offered for approval on motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and after discussion was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District at a regularly scheduled meeting called, posted, and held in Denton, Denton County, Texas, on May 24, 2016, at which \_\_\_ Trustees were present, by the following vote: \_\_\_\_\_ For, \_\_\_\_\_ Against, and \_\_\_\_\_ Abstaining.

DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Barbara Burns, President  
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Martinez, Secretary