



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function

Board of Education Meeting: 02/03/26

Item Title: Resolution No. 026/2025-2026  
Statutory Resolution relating to Senate  
Bill 11

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## BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 11 from the 89th Legislative Session adds Texas Education Code section 25.0823, which allows school boards to designate time each school day at every campus for students and employees to pray and read the Bible or other religious texts. The bill requires that, within six months of the effective date (by March 1, 2026), each district's board must take a record vote either to establish the daily prayer time and reading of religious texts by adopting the resolution set out in the new statute or to decline to establish the daily prayer time.

A board wishing to establish a daily period for prayer and reading of religious texts must do so by adopting the statutory resolution.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

## RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion and possible action of adopting resolution No. 026/2025-2026 regarding a period for prayer and reading of religious texts under Senate Bill 11.

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Recommended by: Staff Attorney

Dr. Linda Gallegos  
Approved by: Chief Human Resources Office

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

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Superintendent of Schools

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

**RESOLUTION No. 026/2025-2026 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGARDING PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF THE BIBLE**

WHEREAS, section 25.0823(a-1) of the Texas Education Code permits the board of trustees of a school district to approve a resolution on whether to require 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 religious texts on each school day; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11 requires each school board to take a record vote between September 1, 2025 and March 1, 2026 on whether to adopt such a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Free Exercise Clause of First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution affords students and school district employees with rights, though not unfettered, to freely exercise their religious beliefs, which may include prayer and reading of religious texts in schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District will not adopt a policy requiring every campus of the district to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of religious texts on each school day.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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**Daniella Lopez Valdez  
Board of Trustees President**

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**Attestation**