

# **Board New Business Agenda Item**

## **Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **June 9, 2020**

## **Approval of the Denton ISD Proposed Legislative Resolutions & Priorities for the TASB Advocacy Agenda**

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### **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:
  1. Advocates for improved and sustainable funding of the school finance system/maintenance or increase of state share.
  2. Advocates for improved mental health resources for students.
  3. Advocates for providing additional resources for school security and student safety.
  4. Advocates for the continued ability for school districts to lobby on behalf of constituents, parents, and students.
  5. Advocates for legislation which opposes vouchers and privatization vouchers.
  6. Advocates for support and solutions for staff recruitment and retention.
  7. Advocates for reduced testing.
  8. Advocates for charter transparency and limiting expansion of charters.
  9. Advocates for disaster response.

### **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The board annually discusses and adopts resolutions for submission to the TASB Advocacy Agenda.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The call for resolutions runs from April 1, 2020, until 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2020. Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and then by the TASB Board. In September, the Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

As the District continues to express concern and advocate for policy changes to address the capacity of public education to provide an equitable education for all Texas students, we recognize the need for continued support of those organizations supporting our community. The District also realizes the power of a unified voice and the critical intertwining of these organizations in advocating for policies impacting our students, families, and community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None noted.

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**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

\_\_\_\_\_ Deron Robinson

\_\_\_\_\_ Jason Rainey

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Valenta

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_