



Resolution Addressing 2024-2025 Legislative Priorities for Coppell ISD

Whereas, the quality of education is fundamental to the future success and well-being of our local community and state, and highly qualified teachers are essential to providing this quality education;

Whereas, there is an urgent need to recruit and retain talented educators to ensure that all students receive the education they deserve;

Whereas, increased salaries are critical to attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff;

Whereas, public education funding should prioritize equity and adequacy to support every student's learning experience and ensure that schools have the necessary resources to provide a safe and secure learning environment;

Whereas, the basic allotment per student should be increased and include an inflation index to ensure that funding keeps pace with rising costs and maintains its purchasing power over time and reflect the needs of the student population;

Whereas, school safety and security are paramount concerns, requiring dedicated resources and comprehensive strategies to protect students and staff;

Whereas, the implementation of vouchers and education savings accounts diverts necessary public funds from public schools, undermining the ability of these schools to provide a high-quality education to all students;

Whereas, School Boards are locally elected officials charged with making decisions in the best interest of the school system that they represent;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Coppell ISD prioritizes the following Legislative issues:

1. **Teacher/Staff Recruitment and Retention:** Implement policies to increase teacher salaries and improve working conditions to attract and retain highly qualified educators and staff.

2. Increased Basic Allotment: Increase the basic allotment per student to reflect current educational needs and include an inflation index to maintain the allotment's value over time. This will ensure that schools have the financial resources necessary to provide a high-quality education.

3. School Safety and Security: Allocate additional funds specifically for enhancing school safety and security measures. This includes investments in infrastructure, technology, personnel, and training programs designed to protect students and staff.

4. Opposition to Vouchers/Education Savings Accounts: Stand firmly against the implementation of vouchers and education savings accounts that divert public funds away from public schools. It is our firm belief that any educational entity receiving taxpayer dollars should be required to follow the same requirements, including accountability and finance, that public schools must follow.

5. Local Control: School Boards are locally elected officials charged with making decisions in the best interest of the school system that they represent. School Board members need to have local control to make decisions around funding and policy that is in the best interest of the communities that they represent.

Be it further resolved, that Coppell ISD will actively work to share these measures with our state legislators to ensure fair and adequate funding, and protect the interests of students, educators, and the community at large.

Adopted by Board of Trustees for Coppell ISD:

Date: June 10, 2024