



WHEREAS, the Coppel Independent School District has prepared, reviewed and approved a budget on the following principles:

- providing the best educational experiences for its' students,
- fiscal conservatism,
- maximizing the use of each taxpayer dollar,
- adhering to our community's long-standing desire for small schools and the highest quality educational programs,
- providing competitive teacher salaries and benefits; and

WHEREAS, Coppel ISD and all school districts in Texas are facing ever increasing inflationary pressures due to increases in district expenditures for fuel, utilities, and salaries; and

WHEREAS, the costs of providing an exceptional education has increased, yet funding received from the State of Texas to educate our students has been held harmless (constant) at the 2006 funding levels; and

WHEREAS, the State's funding formulas permit the State to benefit from Coppel ISD's property value growth and increased Operating Fund tax collections; and

WHEREAS, the result of House Bill 1 as passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session and school finance provisions adopted by the 80th Legislature has limited the District to a Target Revenue of \$5,433 per Weighted Average Daily Attendance; and

WHEREAS, Coppel ISD is required under Chapter 41, of the Texas Education Code to reduce its property wealth through Robin Hood payments; and

WHEREAS, Coppel ISD's Robin Hood payment is increasing by approximately \$4.6 million limiting the ability of Coppel ISD to increase funding in other spending categories; and

WHEREAS, the requirement that 65% of school district funds be expended for instructional purposes stated in Executive Order RP47 was not based on the type of evaluation required in Section 7.009 of the Texas Education Code, and fails to account for the vast economic differences and cost drivers that impact school districts from different parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, Coppell ISD's instruction budget is 63.38%, not reaching the required State target percentage of 65 % due the calculation of such target expenditures that include the Special Revenue Funds and Food Service Fund in the denominator; and

WHEREAS, the District is required to adopt and publish a board resolution with justification of why the target has not been met;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coppell Independent School District Board of Trustees recognizes that the budget does not meet the instruction expenditure target established by the Commissioner of Education for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the above stated reasons.

Be it further resolved that the Coppell Independent School District Board of Trustees is committed to the 2008-2009 budget as it is in the best interest and meets our commitments for fiscal conservatism and responsibility to our students, parents, staff and community.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2008, by the Board of Trustees.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

