

# **RESOLUTION**

## **Declining to Adopt a Policy Under SB11 Regarding a Period of Prayer and Reading of Religious Texts**

**WHEREAS**, SB 11 (89th Legislature) authorizes the Board of Trustees to adopt a local policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 11 does not require school districts to adopt such a policy, and adoption remains solely at the discretion of each local Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees acknowledges and supports the rights of students to engage in voluntary, student-initiated, non-disruptive religious expression, including prayer, in accordance with state and federal law, including Texas Education Code 25.151 and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of the statutory option provided by SB11, the Board finds that adopting a policy establishing a school-directed period of prayer and reading of religious texts is not necessary to protect or expand student's religious liberties.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board of Trustees declines to adopt a policy under SB 11 establishing a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts.
2. The Board affirms that students retain the right to voluntarily pray, read religious texts, or engage in other forms of religious expression, provided such activities are student-initiated, non-disruptive, and conducted during appropriate non-instructional time.
3. The Board directs the Superintendent to continue ensuring that district practices remain neutral toward religion, neither promoting nor inhibiting religious expression, in full compliance with state and federal law.
4. This resolution shall be recorded in the Board's minutes as documentation of the district's formal action under SB 11.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees