

Hitchcock Independent School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: February 2, 2025

Presented by: Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Senate Bill 11 Resolution

Consent Item

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Senate Bill 11 from the 89th Legislative Session introduces a new section, 25.0823, to the Texas Education Code. This provision permits school boards to designate time each school day at every campus for students and employees to engage in prayer and read the Bible or other religious texts. The bill mandates that within six months of its effective date, specifically by March 1, 2026, each district's board must conduct a recorded vote to either implement the daily prayer time and reading of religious texts by adopting the resolution outlined in the new statute or to choose not to establish such a practice. A board that opts to institute a daily period for prayer and reading of religious texts must do so through the adoption of the statutory resolution.

If Hitchcock ISD's board adopts the resolution, the Superintendent will contact a TASB policy consultant for recommended policy language for DGA(LOCAL) and FNA(LOCAL) to implement the daily period of prayer and the reading of the Bible or another religious text.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

I move that the Board approve the Senate Bill 11 resolution as presented.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

DGA(LOCAL)

FNA(LOCAL)

CONTACT PERSON:

Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Superintendent

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

ENCLOSURES:

Senate Bill 11 Resolution