

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUPPORTING LITIGATION AGAINST THE TEA  
CHALLENGING THE A-F ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM AND  
THE STATE OF TEXAS ASSESSMENTS OF ACADEMIC READINESS (STAAR)**

**WHEREAS**, the A-F Accountability System is a statewide rating system established by the Texas Legislature, and implemented in accordance with rules and procedures adopted by the Texas Education Agency (“TEA”), to provide information about the academic performance of Texas public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the TEA was made aware of statutory violations connected to the accountability system in 2023 resulting in an injunction; and

**WHEREAS**, the TEA has continued to demonstrate a pattern of ultra vires acts without affirmative action to correct the ongoing violations of statute that persist; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is the primary measure of student and school performance used in assigning ratings under the A-F Accountability System; and

**WHEREAS**, the TEA replaced STAAR with a redesigned assessment in the 2022-2023 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the TEA again made significant changes to the implementation of the STAAR by utilizing a system of machine scoring that replaced human grading in the 2023-2024 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the machine scoring system across the state had a negative impact on student performance, even greater on students in vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, changes to the College, Career, and Military Readiness indicators that were implemented in the 2022-2023 school year continue to negatively impact schools based on the performance of students who graduated before the implementation of the change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Education Code Section 39.0542 requires the TEA to provide sufficient notice of the performance methods, measures, and procedures to be used in the accountability system for a school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the TEA did not provide the notice required by the Texas Education Code for the 2023-2024 school year until May 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Education Code Section 39.023 requires the TEA to seek a neutral, third-party evaluation of the validity and reliability of any new assessment it implements for the purposes of the A-F Accountability System; and

**WHEREAS**, the TEA has stated that it did not seek such an evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, several Texas school districts have filed a petition in State District court requesting that the TEA be ordered to seek a neutral, third-party evaluation of the validity and reliability of the new STAAR prior to issuing ratings through the A-F Accountability System; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas school districts deserve a fair, rigorous, and transparent accountability system that utilizes a valid and reliable assessment and the necessary funding to improve student outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lewisville ISD Board has significant concerns regarding the validity and reliability of the newly implemented version of the STAAR, and therefore the fairness and transparency of the A-F Accountability system; and

**WHEREAS**, the accountability system applied to Texas schools with its changing methods, lack of proper notice, and reliance on assessment scores that have not been properly validated provide an inadequate representation of school and district performance; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts, including Lewisville ISD, continue to work collaboratively with the legislature and the TEA to achieve lasting change that improves the accountability system for the benefit of our students and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, violations of existing statutes must be addressed through use of the judicial system, however, due to financial considerations, the District is electing not to join litigation but wants to show support to the school districts moving forward with the litigation and agreement with the purpose of the litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Board of Lewisville Independent School District adopted by the vote \_\_\_\_ **for** and \_\_\_\_ **abstention** to express its strong support for the litigation against the TEA to challenge the TEA's statutory violations connected to the accountability system in violation of state law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Board President

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Board Secretary