



Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: February 16, 2026

Agenda Item: Resolution on school prayer

Background Information:

SB 11 from the 89th Legislative Session adds Texas Education Code section 25.0823, which allows school boards to designate time each school day at every campus for students and employees to pray and read the Bible or other religious texts. The bill requires that within six months of the effective date (by March 1, 2026), each district's board must take a record vote either to establish the daily prayer time and reading of religious texts by adopting the resolution set out in the new statute or to decline to establish the daily prayer time.

Administrative Consideration:

On or before March 1, 2026, each district's board must take a record vote on whether to adopt the statutory resolution.

The SB11 version of the resolution, will require schools to track consent forms, designate non-instructional time for prayer, identify private prayer spaces, and ensure non-participating students are not coerced to pray.

Budgetary Consideration:

None.

Supporting Documents:

SB11 Resolution
Texas Faith Leaders Letter
Alternate Resolution

Recommendation:

Take a record vote to decline to adopt the SB11 version of the resolution.
Vote to adopt an alternative resolution that affirms students' right to prayer and religious study under existing law and respects the religious diversity within public schools.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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