

Board Agenda Item
Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
January 15, 2019

**Approval of State and Federal Joint Committee Resolutions
for the 86th Legislative Session**

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the proposed resolutions, which represent the partners participating in the State and Federal Relations Committee. The participating partners are:

- Texas Woman's University
- University of North Texas
- North Central Texas College
- Denton Independent School District
- City of Denton
- United Way of Denton County
- Business Initiatives

On December 20, 2018, the Denton Chamber of Commerce adopted resolutions (see attached) reflective of the six entities represented by the State and Federal Joint Committee, which include:

1. Higher Education
2. Public Education
3. Local Control
4. Non-Profit – United Way of Denton County
5. Economic Development
6. Tourism Public Improvement District

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None taken during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For the past several legislative sessions, the District has partnered with various organizations serving the students, families, and communities of Denton County. The Denton Chamber of Commerce has facilitated the State and Federal Relations Committee. The partnership realized by the committee members provides a unified voice of advocacy regarding those issues having significant impact to our community.

The District is represented on the committee and the Board of Trustees has participated in legislative visits coordinated by the committee during Denton County Days. The District recognizes the power of this partnership in the past, present, and future. During the regular scheduled board meeting held on January 10, 2017, the trustees expressed a desire to extend their commitment to the organizations serving our community by considering similar resolutions as those approved by the Denton Chamber of Commerce on December 15, 2016. As in similar fashion during the 85th Legislative Session, the Board of Trustees would like to continue their

support and commitment to these organizations by supporting their legislative priorities as reflected in the State and Federal Joint Committee Resolutions (attached).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

As the District continues to express concern and advocates for policy changes to address the capacity of public education to provide an equitable education for all Texas students, we recognize the need for continued support of those organizations supporting our community. The District also realizes the power of a unified voice and the critical intertwining of these organizations in advocating for policy impacting our students, families, and community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None noted.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Support our partnership with Denton County as we advocate for legislation, which supports the communities of Denton County and the Denton Independent School District. Sharing information with our Denton ISD community and supporting their priorities creates a stronger voice and partnership with our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES:

Continue participation on the State and Federal Relations Committee without consideration/approval of resolutions.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None noted.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends consideration and approval of resolutions, which represent the position statements of those participating in the State and Federal Relations Committee.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Gwendolyn M. Perkins and Jason Rainey

ATTACHMENT:

- Resolutions approved by the Board of Directors of the Denton Chamber of Commerce on December 20, 2018
- DISD draft resolutions representing participating partners on the State and Federal Relations Committee for the 86th Legislative Session.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: Richard Valenta

Signature of Superintendent: _____