



## Board Agenda

**Item:** VI. C. 1. Approve Resolution to Continue Membership in the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition Page 1-2

**Related goal(s):** Optimize academic achievement for each student.

**Currently budgeted?** Yes ☒ No ☐ **Budgetary impact**

**Action** ☒ **Report** ☐ **Primary Contact Person:** Dr. Linda Henrie

Judge John Dietz recently announced that he plans to reopen the school finance lawsuit on January 21, 2014. It is anticipated that this case will continue through the appeal process regardless of the decision rendered and eventually be heard in the Texas Supreme Court.

To continue our participation in the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Group, coordinated by the Equity Center, it is necessary to contribute additional funds. The expenses that have been incurred have exceeded the original estimate, and the TT & SF is now requesting that participating districts contribute an additional \$.50 per WADA which would total \$24,993. This money should support any appeals through the Supreme Court; however, the district will have the option of deciding whether or not to continue as a party to the suit should additional funds be requested at a later time.

Our recommendation is to continue our membership in this coalition. Though progress has been made, the equity and adequacy gaps are still large.

Please let me know if I may answer any questions.