

## **BOARD RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Coppell Independent School District Board of Trustees commits support and priority to the collective efforts of the Region 10 area school districts and their work in pursuing legislative action for the sake of protecting school districts and students across the state of Texas;

WHEREAS, the Coppell Independent School District trustees, in partnership with, and in service to, their state and local communities, are committed champions of teaching and learning for success of schools and all students; and

WHEREAS, the Coppell Independent School District trustees, are vital voices of their communities, advocating for the needs and interests of children and youth as they prepare for their future; and

**WHEREAS**, the communities of Coppell have shown confidence and faith in their school trustees to make informed decisions that will provide excellence and success in education for their students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District joins in collective efforts with other area Region 10 School Boards to have our voices heard in support for the following list of legislative priorities as laid out by the Region 10 area school boards and districts:

- <u>A-F Accountability System</u>: We believe in strong accountability, but see no evidence that the A-F grading system will actually improve performance or help students. The system is designed to rank order schools within each domain to allow for comparison of schools/districts. The bulk of the rankings will be based solely on a once a year STAAR/EOC assessment that has been proven to be defective, not statistically significant or reliable, and detrimental to students and the teaching profession. The present standard setting process indicates that it will be impossible for all schools to earn an A.
- <u>Vouchers or Education Saving Grants</u>: We oppose a state voucher plan, tax credit, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements, or any program that diverts public tax dollars to private entities, homeschool students, or parents with little or no academic or financial accountability to the state, taxpayers, or local communities.
- **<u>Funding</u>**: We believe that the basic allotment should be raised creating additional funding for all districts in Texas. The increased allotment would not require additional revenue from the state, rather revenues generated by increased property values would be returned to local school districts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Coppell Independent School Board of Trustees respectfully urges that the members of the 85th Texas Legislature demonstrate that an investment in Texas Public School Children, in partnership with the Coppell Independent School District and the Region 10 area Districts, is of the highest priority in order to guarantee the best possible future for our students.



PASSED & APPROVED on the 12th day of December, 2016

**School Board President** 

**School Board Vice - President** 

**School Board Secretary** 

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