



**Beeville Independent School District**  
*John Hardwick, Jr., Ed. D.*  
**Superintendent**

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*“What the best and wisest parent wants for his/her child;  
that must we want for all...” Dewey*

To: The Honorable Robert Scott, Commissioner of Education  
The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor  
The Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor  
The Honorable Yvonne Toureilles, State Representative  
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator  
The Honorable Rob Eissler, Chair, House Education Committee  
The Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Education Committee

**RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATION FOR SCHOOL FUNDING**

The Board of Trustees for Beeville ISD hereby request your support for legislation of school funding in the upcoming legislative session scheduled to convene in January 2009.

**Whereas**, the current school funding hold harmless system driven by target revenue reveals statistically significant differences in learner performance as per the state accountability system when high target revenue districts are compared to low target revenue districts; and

**Whereas**, the lowest target revenue districts represent the largest number applying for tax rate elections that pit the community organizations against the public schools resulting in diminished trust; and

**Whereas**, the current school funding hold harmless system has frozen state and local revenue based on revenue per WADA received in 2005-2006; and

**Whereas**, the funding for virtually every school district is now determined by a “hold-harmless,” destroying the equity and adequacy of the school finance system; and

**Whereas**, inflation cost and unfunded state mandates has caused Beeville ISD and many districts around the state to adopt deficit budgets pending voter approval of TRE; and

**Whereas**, recent changes in state law have reduced local control over education by establishing more state restrictions on the use of state funds; and

**Whereas**, too many children enter school without the basic educational and social skills necessary to be successful within an educational system; and

**Whereas**, an increase in facility funding and an adjustment in the Educational Debt Allotment from the twenty-nine cent cap to a thirty-five cent cap; and

**Whereas**, there is a need to continue to fund the small school adjustment; and

**Whereas**, Beeville ISD has reduced its budget by \$1.4 million including cutting of twenty-seven positions in the past two years; and

**Therefore**, be it resolved the Beeville Independent School District Board of Trustees request your support and leadership to increase state funding that includes the following provisions:

- Bring the minimum target revenue to a level equal to the average target revenue for exemplary districts; or
- Return to a funding system that is driven by the actual formulas; and
- A more adequate technology allotment which has not been changed since 1989; and
- An increase in the transportation mileage rates which have not been changed since 1984; and
- An adjustment in the Cost of Education Index which has not been changed since 1990; and
- Full day pre-kindergarten program for all students; and
- The high school allotment needs to be funded on a per WADA basis; and
- Development of a school funding formula that provides flexible funding to meet escalating operating cost; and
- Revised school funding formulas based on current data, sufficient to cover all state and federal mandates and the education needs of all students that provide for continuous renewal to adjust for inflation, and increase flexibility in how funds are used.
- Remove the 85% rule as districts with declining enrollment can no longer meet the required expenses for this rule because staff must decline as enrollment declines.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, in a regular scheduled board meeting.

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