

Executive Summary
Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
January 10, 2017

State and Federal Joint Committee Resolutions
for the 85th Legislative Session

Board Goals:

Vision – Cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district; develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority; and, remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus.

Climate – Celebrate, respect and promote the values of diversity in our Denton ISD Community; and, encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative, and ethical.

Parent and Community Involvement – Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students; utilize citizens’ advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks; and, promote child advocacy across the state and nation.

Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility – Review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community; create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community; work continuously with our community to adjust and enhance district goals as appropriate; demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources; and, provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements.

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Trustees on our partnership with the State and Federal Joint Committee with Denton County. This report provides a summary of the resolutions adopted by the Denton Chamber of Commerce for the entities represented on the committee.

A copy of the resolutions adopted by the Denton Chamber of Commerce for the Board of Trustees’ review and in consideration of adopting similar resolutions as the Denton ISD continues to engage our communities in partnership with public education.

Objectives:

The following participating partners submitted their joint state legislative position statements to the State and Federal Relations Committee:

- Texas Woman’s University – Amy O’Keefe

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- University of North Texas – Jack Morton
- North Central Texas College – Brent Wallace
- Denton Independent School District – Jamie Wilson, Richard Valenta, and Gwen Perkins
- City of Denton – John Cabrales
- United Way of Denton County – Gary Henderson
- Business Initiatives – Monica Glenn

Joint state legislative position statements were reviewed and accepted by the committee.

On December 15, 2016, 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
5. Economic Development
6. Small Business

Operational Impact:

None noted.

Results:

Advantages:

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.

Disadvantages:

None noted.

Other Options:

None noted.