

**Joint Positions
85th Texas Legislature
Denton Chamber of Commerce**

**DENTON AREA INSTITUTIONS of
HIGHER EDUCATION**

Support the **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS** in its request:

1. Full Restoration of the 4% Reduction of GR Funding required in the Legislative Appropriations Request
2. Award Formula Funding at 100% of recommendation of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3. Provide Funding in Support of Hazlewood Exemptions
4. Maintain and Increase funding support for Financial Aid
5. Support Funding for Exceptional Item Requests
 - A. Additive Manufacturing Prototype Lab (AMPL)
 - B. Texas Center for Data Centric Planning, Preparedness and Resilience

Support **TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY** in its request:

1. 100% Formula Funding including enrollment growth
2. 100% Funding of the Higher Education Fund
3. Maintaining and increasing support for Financial Aid
4. Funding to Support Hazlewood Exemptions
5. Restoration of 4% Reduction
6. Funding for recruitment and retention of nursing faculty and clinical space
7. Funding for Exceptional Item Requests
 - A. Center for Women's Leadership, Politics, and Public Policy
 - B. Center for Mental Health and Vocational Literacy
 - C. Center for Effective Parenting

Support **NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE** in its request:

1. Funding for Core Operations, \$75 million, Student Success, \$186,621,616, and Instruction, \$1,567,146,597
2. Continued growth of the Jobs & Education for Texans (JET) Grant program, and, Skills Development administered through the Texas Workforce Commission.
3. Inclusion of community colleges in new workforce development policies through the Texas Legislature.

Board Resolution # 2016-17-2
Adopted 12-15-16

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UNITED WAY of DENTON COUNTY, Inc.	
<p>Endorse the key points of the United Way of Denton County, Inc.'s employable workforce:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increase access to effective early childhood programs and at-risk student programs that decrease Texas drop-outs and prepare all students for school and post-graduation success.2. Expand vocational job training and work experience to create an employable workforce.3. Provide adequate funding for coordinated mental health services that are planned, cohesive and monitored for effectiveness at the community level.4. Support prevention and intervention programs that make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.5. Provide adequate funding for programs that serve children, adults and families who are victims/survivors of abuse and neglect.6. Ensure adequate regulation of predatory lenders in order to provide protections from aggressive and harmful lending practices.	<p>Board Resolution # 2016-17-3 Adopted 12-15-16</p>
CITY of DENTON	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support legislation that preserves municipal home-rule authority.2. Oppose legislation that would reduce or otherwise negatively impact municipal revenue streams.3. Oppose legislation that would erode current municipal economic development tools	<p>Board Resolution # 2016-17-4</p>

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DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Oppose the diversion of public funds for vouchers, tax credits, education savings grants, or any other funding mechanisms diverting funds to private schools. Consider public accountability and transparency provisions to charter schools allowing for a more efficient and equitable public charter school system in compliance with the Texas Constitution.
2. Support an assessment and accountability system that values student growth and achievement over standardized, high-stakes one day testing. Promote the establishment of a comprehensive accountability system that looks beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers, as well as measures what each community deems important in promoting college and career readiness. Oppose A–F campus and district ratings.
3. Support legislation making public education funding a priority. Recommend that the state make appropriate budget adjustments to the school finance system by developing a simplified and sustainable plan, which provides resources promoting educational excellence for all Texas students.
4. Recognize the needs of rapidly growing districts and districts in areas of the state with low property values and supports the legislature in designing a school finance system to provide adequate and equitable resources.
5. Support governance allowing for local control of the school district. Support establishment of innovations in school district taxing authority allowing local school trustees more flexibility to raise and lower taxes within a voter-approved limit.

Board Resolution #2016-17-5

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SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that would economic development incentives for the purpose of expanding small businesses. 2. Support legislation that would provide funding for training and support to small businesses to develop business management and financial skills. 	Board Resolution # 2016-17-6
SHORT-TERM LODING RENTALS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppose any legislation that would restrict a municipal government’s ability to regulate short-term, lodging rentals and their online listing platforms. 	Board Resolution # 2016-17-7
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support and advocate continued funding for the Texas Enterprise Fund. 2. Support and advocate continued local control by municipal governments in implementing Tax Abatements and other Public Initiatives 	Board Resolution #2014-15-9



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