

ARGYLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ARGYLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION *Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 – Opportunity for Prayer and Religious Expression*

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a recorded vote by **March 1, 2026**, on whether to adopt a policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day; and

WHEREAS, Section 25.0823(a-1) of the Texas Education Code prescribes a model resolution that must be adopted by record vote before the District may implement such a policy; and

WHEREAS, Education Code 25.901 (FNA **LEGAL**) guarantees that public school students have an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school; and

WHEREAS, Education Code 25.151 (FNA **LEGAL**) requires that a district treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint in the same manner as a secular viewpoint, prohibiting discrimination based on religious expression; and

WHEREAS, FNA (LOCAL) allows students to organize prayer groups, religious clubs, "See You at the Pole" gatherings, and other religious activities before, during, and after school, with the same access to facilities as other noncurricular student groups; and

WHEREAS, TEC 25.082(d) provides for one minute of silence at each campus following the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags; and

WHEREAS, FNAB (LOCAL) confirms that each District secondary school campus shall offer an opportunity for noncurriculum-related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time, including student-led religious groups which, such as FCA, Bible Club, and Jesus Club, already operate at the high school level with parental permission and in compliance with district policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that existing law and district policy already ensure that students and staff may voluntarily engage in prayer, reading of religious texts, and other forms of religious expression without interference, and that additional policy adoption under SB 11 is therefore unnecessary;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required to hold a record vote on the approval of this resolution to comply with Senate Bill 11; and

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WHEREAS, if this resolution is approved by a majority vote, a policy shall be adopted requiring every campus of Argyle ISD to provide the prayer and reading time described by law; and

WHEREAS, if the resolution is rejected by majority vote, no such policy will be adopted and campuses will not be required to offer a period of prayer and reading as described by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Argyle ISD Board of Trustees:

1. Affirms that students and staff retain the right to voluntarily engage in prayer, reading of religious texts, and other religious expression on school property and during the school day, consistent with state and federal law and existing district policy.
2. Directs the Superintendent to report to the Board, as required, and to document the Board's decision regarding Senate Bill 11 in compliance with the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolution is rejected by the Argyle ISD Board of Trustees :

The Argyle Independent School District shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Argyle ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees in Argyle Independent School District during a lawfully called board meeting on January 20, 2026. A quorum of the Board being then present, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution, and the following vote occurred, resulting in the adoption of this resolution, which rejects the resolution prescribed by Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature.

For: (by name)

Against: (by name)

Abstentions: (by name)

Sam Slaton Craig Hawkesworth

Matt Slaton Dr. Leona McDade

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Leigh Ann Artho

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of January, 2026



Sam Slaton, Board President



Matt Slaton, Board Secretary