

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
***RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEXAS TAXPAYER AND***  
***STUDENT FAIRNESS COALITION***

**WHEREAS**, education is a fundamental right of every child in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Constitution requires an efficient system of public free schools that prepares students to become informed citizens and productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature has set clear requirements for what schools are expected to teach and what students are expected to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has an obligation to maintain and support a school finance system that provides districts the resources necessary to meet these requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the broken school finance system, students are being denied educational opportunities as they prepare to compete on a global basis in the world of work and in colleges and universities across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas school finance system, even after the actions of the 83rd Legislature, remains inefficient, inadequate, insufficient and thus unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mesquite Independent School District Board of Trustees believes it is imperative that its children benefit from the resources of this state to the same extent that other Texas students benefit;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mesquite Independent School District Board of Trustees authorizes the expenditure of \$0.50 per WADA to join with other members of the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition, together with taxpayers and parents, for the purpose of speaking with one voice in the litigation of public school finance matters essential to the fair treatment of Texas taxpayers and public school children.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 14th day of October, 2013.

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President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Trustees