

# Texas Student Assessment and Public School Accountability Resolution

From the Denton Independent School District

**Whereas** the Texas Commission on 'Next Generation Assessments and Accountability' is charged by the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature to develop and make recommendations for a new system of student assessment and public school accountability, and

**Whereas** the purpose for student assessment is to engage teachers and parents with actionable information to support student learning allowing for more productive classroom instruction, more efficient use of public funds and to provide resources for student growth over time, and

**Whereas** the purpose for state accountability is to support parental engagement through policy changes that are community based, reflect local control and values, and reflect meaningful student learning progress and mastery, and

**Whereas** Denton ISD is committed to the success of every child, answerable for student learning at every level, responsible for systems, progress and outcomes, and is directly held accountable to the communities it serves, and

**Whereas** Denton ISD recognizes and values student success and lifelong learning to be found outside the shadow of high stakes testing, punitive assessments, stifling policies that obstruct classroom meaningful learning,

**Therefore**, let it be resolved that Denton ISD does hereby deem it responsible and beneficial to the educational experience of all students, educators, and the citizenry of Texas to respectfully submit the following recommendations to the Texas Commission of the Next Generation Assessment and Accountability System for sincere consideration:

Let it be resolved that the Texas Commission should;

- Focus on student learning and successes over the contrivance of ranking, sorting, and labeling Texas school campuses and districts.
- Add value to student growth/performance domain measures and campus/district performance evaluations by representing only students that have had 3 continuous years of learning within the Texas public school system.
- Limit state testing and its inclusion in the state's accountability system to only readiness standards and the requirements of federal law.
- Provide meaningful data for classroom educators to use in designing effective instructional lessons directly associated to readiness standards for individual student success.

This **Texas Student Assessment and Public School Accountability Resolution** to the Texas Commission of the Next Generation Assessment and Accountability System was presented, discussed, and approved before the public of the Denton ISD at a regularly scheduled called and posted meeting held in Denton, Denton County, Texas on May \_\_\_\_, 2016.

Motion to adopt this forgoing resolution and honorably submit to the Texas Commission for consideration was made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and approved by the following vote of present Denton ISD Trustees;

\_\_\_ For, \_\_\_ Against, \_\_\_ Abstaining

**DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

Barbara Burns, President

ATTEST:

X \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

Dorothy Martinez, Secretary