# Baird Independent School District



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**DATE:** June 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM: Board Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 401 — Opting Out of

Homeschool Participation in UIL Activities

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Senate Bill 401, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, amends Texas law to permit homeschooled students to participate in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities sponsored by public school districts unless a district's Board of Trustees adopts a policy to opt out of such participation.

Under SB 401, districts that wish to opt out must adopt such a policy by record vote no later than September 1, 2025. If no action is taken, homeschooled students would become eligible to participate in UIL activities in the district beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

During the 2024-2025 school year, UIL operated under an opt-in model for homeschool participation. Under SB 401, the presumption shifts — participation is now allowed unless the Board takes action to opt out.

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution opting out of homeschool participation in UIL activities for the following reasons:

- To maintain consistent oversight of academic, attendance, and conduct standards for all UIL participants;
- To preserve the integrity of extracurricular programs as an extension of the district's educational mission for enrolled students;
- To avoid administrative and logistical complexities associated with managing eligibility and compliance for non-enrolled students.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution opting out of homeschool participation in UIL activities, in accordance with Senate Bill 401.

#### ATTACHMENT:

Draft Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 401