

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mineola Independent School District

Mineola, Texas 75773

WHEREAS, research shows that investment in high-quality, full-day prekindergarten programs yields dividends to schools in the form of reduced remedial education and interventions and their associated costs;

WHEREAS, research further indicates that long-term societal benefits of high-quality, full-day prekindergarten programs include reduced long-term costs associated with criminal justice and public assistance and increased high school graduation and college attendance among children who participated in high-quality early education programs;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas currently funds a half day of prekindergarten for eligible school children;

WHEREAS, approximately 85% of a child’s brain development occurs by age five, yet only 5% of public education dollars are spent on early childhood education;

WHEREAS, if students are not reading at grade-level by third grade they are four times more likely to drop out of school;

WHEREAS, participation in high-quality prekindergarten has been shown to increase grade-level reading by third grade;

WHEREAS, many school districts are providing local school district funds to expand prekindergarten offerings to full-day;

WHEREAS, research by the National Institute for Early Education Research indicates that children participating in full-day prekindergarten programs experience greater improvement in kindergarten-readiness assessments than children who participate in half-day programs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mineola Independent School District Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to expand the state’s investment in prekindergarten education, and to institute quality standards, in order for Texas to realize all of the benefits that high-quality, full-day prekindergarten programs have to offer Texas’ schoolchildren.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Mineola Independent School District during a regularly scheduled meeting on March 23, 2015.

A quorum of the Board of Trustees being then present, it was then duly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstentions: _____

To certify which, witness my hand and the official seal of the District this March 23, 2015.

President, Board of Trustees