

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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Texas Association of School Boards Advocacy Agenda 2018 – 20

BOARD GOALS

TEACHING & LEARNING:

- develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments supporting all students
- establishing high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship
- cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- foster and support an advanced digital learning environment
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors

CULTURE & CLIMATE:

- honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff
- celebrate, respect, and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- support a working environment ensuring open and transparent communication
- establish high expectations for success
- instill in students a love of lifelong learning
- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being
- effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community

GROWTH & MANAGEMENT:

- recruit, employ and retain high quality teachers
- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- work with the community in planning and facility development
- utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks
- adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.
- encourage teachers and staff to pursue advanced degrees
- pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles -
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning

- maintain a diverse workforce

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS:

- support college, career, military and life readiness
- engage students in extracurricular clubs and organizations
- Advocate for public education across the state and nation
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this workshop is to review the legislative priorities identified by the Board of Trustees for the 86th Legislative Session and discuss possible submission of these priorities to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) in consideration of their Advocacy Agenda 2018 - 20.

Objectives:

During the workshop we will:

- Provide an overview of priorities discussed to date in preparation of the 86th Legislative Session
- Review the TASB invitation to submit new resolutions for or amend current resolutions in the 2018 – 20 Advocacy Agenda (attached)
 - The TASB Advocacy Agenda consists of two parts:
 - Advocacy Priorities – a set of legislative goals arising from TASB’s grassroots process
 - Advocacy Resolutions – district submitted stances guiding TASB’s response to other issues that might arise before the Legislature and other government entities
- Review proposed submission of current priorities (attached)

Operational Impact:

No fiscal impact noted. Other operational impacts is noted in *Advantages* below.

Results:**Advantages:**

Utilizing various formats to communicate the District’s legislative priorities and alignment to our *guiding statements of outcomes* allows the DISD learning organization to articulate the value of our legislative priorities in realizing our stated outcomes. Staying abreast of legislative proposals and actions, while preparing for conversation and discussion with our elected officials may have significant impact to policies directly related to public education. Sharing information with our Denton ISD community creates a stronger voice and prepares voters as they consider policies impacting public education. Partnering with other organizations, such as TASB, reflects a strong partnership within the Denton community in support of public education.

Disadvantages:

None noted.

Other Options:

None noted.