Opting out of State Employee Charitable Campaign

Recommend continuing separately and not participating in SECC because:

1. **Operating independently of SECC, the College has had better flexibility, efficiency, and results.**
   - The last time Collin College participated in SECC (2011), there were nine donors giving $10,732.
   - Through the 2019 LiftUp campaign, there were more than 1,000 employee gifts totaling more than $150,000.
2. SECC charges an administrative cost of 10 percent.
3. SECC donors do not receive a tax receipt, so they have no official documentation for a tax deduction.
4. The state itself questioned the SECC campaign, and turned it over to the Sunset Commission for review. The Sunset Commission stated the following in its report:

   > "In the 18 years since SECC's first campaign, the world of charitable giving outside the Campaign has changed significantly, but SECC has not. Today, state employees can research charities on the Internet and sometimes authorize charities to electronically debit donations straight from their checking accounts. However, SECC continues to operate as it always has, with a paper-based donation system and an unwieldy administrative structure that requires almost 10 percent of employees' donations to fund campaign administration costs."

5. Collin College employees can and do donate to the charities of their choice all year long on their own without the restrictions of SECC.
6. SECC donors' ability to designate how the gift is administered by the organization is limited.