

Executive Summary
Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
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State and Federal Joint Committee Resolutions
for the 86th Legislative Session

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 report is to update the Board of Trustees on our partnership with the State and Federal Joint Committee with Denton County. This report provides a summary of the resolutions adopted by the Denton Chamber of Commerce for the entities represented on the committee.

A copy of the resolutions adopted by the Denton Chamber of Commerce for the Board of Trustees' review and in consideration of adopting similar resolutions as the Denton ISD continues to engage our communities in partnership with public education.

Objectives:

The following participating partners submitted their joint state legislative position statements to the State and Federal Relations Committee:

- Texas Woman's University
- University of North Texas
- North Central Texas College
- Denton Independent School District
- City of Denton
- United Way of Denton County
- Business Initiatives

Joint state legislative position statements were reviewed and accepted by the committee.

On December 20, 2018, the Denton Chamber of Commerce adopted the resolutions as proposed by the committee (see attached), which reflect the legislative priorities of the six entities represented by the State and Federal Joint Committee, which include:

1. Higher Education
2. Public Education
3. Local Control
4. Non-Profit – United Way of Denton County
5. Economic Development
6. Tourism Public Improvement District

Operational Impact:

None noted.

Results:

Advantages:

Support our partnership with Denton County as we advocate for legislation, which supports the communities of Denton County and the Denton Independent School District. Sharing information with our Denton ISD community and supporting their priorities creates a stronger voice and partnership with our community.

Disadvantages:

None noted.

Other Options:

None noted.