

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES: ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 05212019-1
Concerning State School Finance System and Local Property Tax Reform

STATE OF TEXAS §
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WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature is in its 86th Legislative session and is considering significant reforms to the State's school finance system, which is currently heavily reliant on local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, property tax relief for Aledo Independent School District local property owners cannot occur if legislators do not make sweeping changes to how the State funds its public schools; and

WHEREAS, property tax relief for Aledo Independent School District local property owners cannot occur if legislators do not commit to investing more State dollars into the State's school finance system; and

WHEREAS, State legislators have, for a number of years, used increasing local property values to fund non-education State expenditures, and have steadily decreased the State's proportion of school funding; and

WHEREAS, the Aledo Independent School District community and constituents of this Board of Trustees vocally oppose the State's emphasis and reliance upon the STAAR; and

WHEREAS, the Aledo Independent School District community and constituents of this Board of Trustees expect that locally-elected officials, those closest to community members, maintain their decision-making authority, avoiding overreach of regulation by State lawmakers;

WHEREAS, the Aledo Independent School District is the economic driver of our community, and the foundational system which prepares our children to be our community's and State's future workforce and leaders, securing the economic future of our community and the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Aledo Independent School District Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to approve measures to reform the State's school finance system in a way that contributes more state funds into Texas public schools; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the reforms include local property tax relief; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the reforms do not include expansion of STAAR testing beyond what the federal government requires, or tying teacher pay and/or school funding to student performance on the STAAR; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the reforms protect the local authority of school boards to make decisions based on the needs of their particular communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of May, 2019

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