

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

June 9, 2020

Discussion of the Proposed Resolutions for the Texas Association of School Boards Advocacy Agenda

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 discuss the proposed draft resolutions to be submitted to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2020, in consideration of TASB's Advocacy Agenda.

Objectives:

During the workshop we will:

- Provide an overview of the DRAFT resolutions proposed for consideration
 - These resolutions include:
 1. Advocates for improved and sustainable funding of the school finance system/maintenance or increase of state share.
 2. Advocates for improved mental health resources for students.
 3. Advocates for providing additional resources for school security and student safety.
 4. Advocates for the continued ability for school districts to lobby on behalf of constituents, parents, and students.
 5. Advocates for legislation which opposes vouchers and privatization vouchers.
 6. Advocates for support and solutions for staff recruitment and retention.
 7. Advocates for reduced testing.
 8. Advocates for charter transparency and limiting expansion of charters.
 9. Advocates for disaster response.

Operational Impact:

No fiscal impact noted. Other operational impacts are 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 and more than 1,000 districts across Texas 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.