

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible approval and adoption of Board Resolution regarding Senate Bill 11 concerning daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 11 (SB 11), passed during the 89th Texas Legislature and codified at Texas Education Code Section 25.0832, allows but does not require school districts to adopt a resolution authorizing a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day. School districts must take a vote on whether to adopt such a resolution and policy by March 1, 2026. If exercising the option provided by SB 11, a district must utilize and cannot stray from the language specified in SB 11 for the adopted resolution and/or corresponding policy. The administration has fully considered the allowances provided by SB 11 and current district policies and practices regarding religious expression at school, as well as the legal requirements related to the First Amendment's Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses. After review, the Administration believes that its current policies and practices comply with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and that additional action is not necessary to protect religious freedom of district stakeholders and maintain compliance with established legal principles related to religious expression at school. Accordingly, the Administration's proposed Board Resolution affirming the district's current policies and practices related to religious freedom and declining to adopt a new policy establishing a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text is attached.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend approval and adoption of Board Resolution regarding Senate Bill 11 concerning daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.

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**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 24, 2026