



Terrell Independent School District

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TERRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY REQUIRING EVERY CAMPUS TO PROVIDE A PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF THE BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 25.0823, EDUCATION CODE.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a policy requiring each campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day; and

WHEREAS, Section 25.0823(a-1) of the Texas Education Code prescribes a model resolution that must be adopted by record vote before the District may implement such a policy; and

WHEREAS, Terrell ISD Board of Trustees respect, recognize and affirm the fundamental right to freedom of religion and belief as protected by law, and values the individual faiths, beliefs, and traditions represented amongst its student and employees; and

WHEREAS, Terrell ISD supports each individual's right to engage in personal religious observance or reflection during one's personal time, consistent with applicable law and Terrell ISD Board Policies.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required to hold a vote on the approval of this resolution regarding prayer and religious reading time to comply with Senate Bill 11; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is approved by a majority vote, a policy shall be adopted requiring every campus of Terrell ISD to provide the prayer and reading time described above; and

WHEREAS, if this resolution is not approved by a majority vote, no such policy will be adopted and campuses will not be required to offer a period of prayer and reading as described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

The Terrell Independent School District shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Terrell ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Terrell Independent School District during a lawfully called meeting on February 16, 2026. A quorum of the Board being then present, a motion was made to accept the resolution and seconded, and the following vote occurred, resulting in the [adoption / rejection] of this resolution:

Ayes: _____ Abstentions _____
Noes: _____

President, Terrell ISD Board of Trustees

Signed _____
Ms. Dena Risinger

Secretary, Terrell ISD Board of Trustees

Signed _____
Ms. Ann Kines McDonald