

Approval of Legislative Priorities in Preparation of the 87th Legislative Session

November 17, 2020

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the District's legislative priorities discussed to date in preparation of the 87th Legislative Session.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

These priorities have been discussed at multiple Board meetings since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. They have been updated throughout these discussions to support and reflect the Board of Trustees and District mission of "Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community." The Board of Trustees also approved and submitted to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) resolutions that laid a firm foundation for these priorities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Our District's mission is measured by five guiding statements of outcomes:

1. Our faculty and staff feel recognized and appreciated
2. Our students are reading on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade
3. Our 9th grade students are mastering Algebra I
4. Our students are engaged in extra and co-curricular activities
5. Our graduates are meeting the College and Career Readiness Standards

In pursuit of these outcomes, we will advocate for legislation that will support our students and public education in Texas.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Travel and related expenses may be involved in scheduling relative meetings with elected officials in representing the Districts interests.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Establish legislative priorities for the Denton ISD aligned to Board goals as we advocate for our students and public education in Texas.
- Staying abreast of legislative proposals and actions, while preparing for engaging discussions with our elected officials may have significant impact to policies directly impacting public education.
- Sharing information with our Denton ISD community creates a stronger voice and prepares voters as they consider policies impacting public education.
- Partnering with the State & Federal Relations Committee and other such organizations reflects a strong partnership within the Denton community, which supports public education.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends approval of these legislative priorities and supports the Board of Trustees and the District's efforts to advocate for our students and public education in Texas in the 87th Legislative Session .

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent
Deron Robinson, General Counsel

ATTACHMENT:

Legislative Priorities Summary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____