



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: December 16, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt Board Resolution 12162025-1 and Board Policies FNA (Local) and DGA (Local) Regarding Texas Education Code Section 25.0823(a-1)

PRESENTER: Dr. Susan K. Bohn, Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- During the 89th Legislative Session the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 11. This bill 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.
- The Aledo Independent School District currently allows students and staff to engage in prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts on campus during non-instructional time or non-duty time; and students already have well established rights to engage in religious expression on school grounds, before, during, and after school. These rights of students and staff are well-established in law and Aledo ISD Board Policy, and students and staff are currently engaging in prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts on Aledo ISD campuses.
- This agenda item includes the consideration of the resolution required by law, as well as the Board Policies that would need to be revised if the Board votes to implement the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.
- The Board Policies that would need to be revised are FNA (Local) and DGA (Local), and the required revisions are included in the attached policy drafts for the Board's consideration. The Board Policies establish that the implementation of the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text will begin in the 2026-2027 school year. This recommendation has been made in an effort to permit students and staff to continue to pray and/or read the Bible/other religious text as they already have been this school year without all of the new requirements established by Texas Education Code Section 25.0823(a-1). In addition, it is the district's understanding that the state may be creating documents related to the implementation (such as a model consent form that includes the new language required by the law), and implementation in the 2026-2027 school year will permit the district to review any state-issued documents.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 12162025-1

Revised draft Board Policy FNA (Local)

Revised draft Board Policy DGA (Local)

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board approve Resolution 12162025-1 and revisions to Board Policies FNA (Local) and DGA (Local) Regarding Texas Education Code Section 25.0823(a-1).