Opting out of State Employees Charitable Campaign

Recommend continuing separately and not participating in SECC because:

1. **Operating independently of SECC, the college has had better flexibility, efficiency and results.**
   - Last time Collin participated in SECC (2011), there were 9 donors giving $10,732
   - Through the 2016 LiftUp campaign, 446 employee donors contributed $120,989.

2. SECC charges an administrative cost of 10%.
3. SECC donors do not receive a tax receipt so they have no official documentation for a tax deduction.
4. The state itself questions the SECC campaign, and turned it over to the Sunset Commission for review. The Sunset Commission stated the following in its report:

   > "In the 18 years since SECC's first campaign, the world of charitable giving outside the Campaign has changed significantly, but SECC has not. Today, state employees can research charities on the Internet and sometimes authorize charities to electronically debit donations straight from their checking accounts. However, SECC continues to operate as it always has, with a paper-based donation system and an unwieldy administrative structure that requires almost 10 percent of employees' donations to fund campaign administration costs."

5. Collin College employees can and do donate to the charities of their choice all year long on their own without the restrictions of SECC.
6. SECC donors' ability to designate how the gift is administered by the organization is limited.
7. Only **three** community colleges statewide were listed in the most recent guide of charities participating in SECC