

**Board Agenda Item**  
**Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**November 15, 2016**

**Approval of Legislative Priorities for the**  
**85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

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**SUMMARY:**

This item requests the approval of the Legislative Priorities established by the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District in preparation for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The priorities identified by the Board of Trustees promote the goals of the Board and the vision of the District in providing and promoting educational excellence for our students.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

None taken during the 2016-2017 school year.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On September 27, 2016, October 25, 2016, and November 15, 2016, the Board of Trustees engaged in conversation regarding the following:

- Review of legislative priorities identified for the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session
- Review the DRAFT of legislative priorities identified by the Board of Trustees' for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
- Review the legislative priorities identified by educational associations such as the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of School Boards, and Texas Association of School Business (to name a few) for the upcoming legislative session.
- Continue to share and explore partnerships the District can engage/initiate in advocating for the needs of public schools serving our children.
- Gather feedback and suggestions from the Board of Trustees in preparation for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and refinement of the DRAFT of legislative priorities.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

None noted other than the legislative priorities established by the Board of Trustees.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None noted other than the travel and related expenses, which may be involved in scheduling relative meetings with elected officials in representing the State & Federal Relations Committee or the Denton ISD Legislative Advisory Committee in advocating for the legislative priorities of the District.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Identification of the legislative priorities of the District advocates for the provision and promotion of educational excellence for our students. Identification of the legislative priorities allows our educational and community partners across the District and the state to advocate on our behalf as well as all Texas public school students.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None received.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The District could align themselves with another education association's priorities (TASA, TASB, TASBO, etc.) or adjust the presented priorities and approve at a later date.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the legislative priorities presented for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs

**ATTACHMENT:**

The Denton Independent School District 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Priorities.

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_