



February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 11 – PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF THE BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees not adopt a daily prayer period as permitted under Senate Bill 11 at this time.

RATIONALE: Senate Bill 11 allows a school board to adopt a policy requiring every school to provide students with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text (“Daily Prayer Period”) in accordance with the law.

While the district respects the importance of faith and individual expression, implementation of a daily prayer period presents several concerns:

- **Operational challenges** related to supervision, scheduling, and consistency across campuses.
- **Potential legal risk and ambiguity** regarding implementation requirements and student participation.
- **Existing opportunities already available** for students to engage in voluntary prayer individually or through student-led groups, consistent with current law.

BUDGET PROVISIONS / ACTION REQUIRED: Resources to implement District programming for SB 11 requirements

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