

**RESOLUTION REGARDING HUMBLE ISD's
PRIORITIES FOR THE 85th TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION**



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS
HUMBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Humble Independent School District Board of Trustees (“the Board”) has considered the needs of its over 40,000 students and their families, its over 5,000 district employees, and the Humble ISD community it serves, and desires to engage in advocating for issues that are most vital to achieving the educational outcomes that will best serve our students now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the 85th Texas Legislature has convened and will be deliberating on a multitude of legislative items that will have an impact on the Board’s ability to best serve the educational needs of our students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees, in partnership with its Legislative Committee members, interested members of the Humble ISD Community, and our representatives to the 85th Texas Legislature, seeks to have its voice heard along with others across the State of Texas with a common interest in the following legislative priorities:

I. School Funding

- *Support* adequate and equitable funding and oppose any cuts to the Foundation School Program (FSP).
- *Support* an updated and adequately funded formula-based school finance system, which takes into account student and district characteristics when determining appropriate levels of funding to meet state and local standards.
- *Support* increased funding for programs such as, pre-K grant programs, reading and math academics, compensatory education, and Communities in Schools.
- *Support* additional funding for the Student Success Initiative (SSI) in grades 3-8 for all grades and subjects that require remediation. Advocate for local flexibility in how districts can utilize SSI fund.
- *Oppose* any carve outs for special programs within SSI.
- *Support* increased funding for the Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) to ensure districts can provide adequate technology and instructional materials to meet increased standards for students.
- *Support* additional funding for the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA), Existing Debt Allotment (EDA), and the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA).
- *Support* full funding of pre-K for all students who meet state eligibility requirements.
- *Oppose* additional funding for charter school facilities unless adequate funding is provided to traditional public schools.

II. Instruction

- *Support* providing local flexibility for allocating number of minutes of instruction.
- *Support* providing local flexibility for school districts to develop their own curriculums.

III. Vouchers, Taxpayer Savings Grants, Virtual Vouchers

- *Oppose* any state voucher plans, or any program that diverts public tax dollars to private, entities, homeschool students, or parents with little or no academic or financial accountability to the state, taxpayers, or local communities.

IV. Assessment & Accountability

- *Oppose* A-F campus and district ratings as it creates a false impression about students, ignores the unique strengths of each school and unfairly reduces each student's worth to the school's assigned grade.
- *Support* the establishment of a comprehensive accountability system that looks beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers, as well as measures what each community deems important in promoting college and career readiness.

V. Election Dates

- *Support* providing local flexibility for school districts to choose election dates.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: February 14, 2017

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