



A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Hedwig Village, Texas

WHEREAS, Spring Branch was organized into an independent school district in 1946 and remains committed to providing an excellent educational experience for every child; and,

WHEREAS, SBISD embraces a range of diverse school communities in one of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas. District schools educate children from all over the world, and student populations reflect the increasing diversity of Texas and the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas public school finance model, under which local revenue in excess of entitlement is recaptured by the State has negatively impacted the financial status of the district as it allows the State to remove property tax dollars from SBISD schools. Further, there are over 1,000 school districts in Texas and 160 are designated "recapture" districts; and,

WHEREAS, As SBISD is considered property wealthy by the state, it is a "recapture" district, meaning it is required by law to send "excess local revenue" back to the State. **This year, SBISD's estimated recapture payment will be roughly \$87M;** and

WHEREAS, SBISD is the 39th largest school district **paying the 10th highest recapture payment, even though 57% of SBISD students are economically disadvantaged;** and,

WHEREAS, 21% of SBISD local property tax receipts go to the State. That percentage will increase and become financially unsustainable for SBISD – if no meaningful changes are made to the school funding formula this legislative session; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Hedwig Village is in support of legislation that raises the basic allotment benefit by \$1,000 for every Texas public school student which will reduce recapture payments; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hedwig Village is in support of legislation that adds an automatic inflation adjustment and cost of education adjustment to the school funding formula; and full credit for the local optional homestead exemption SBISD affords its taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hedwig Village, on behalf of all the citizens, do hereby support SBISD in the 88th Texas Legislative session and believe they should be fully funded to better ensure a proper education for our children.

Dated the 9th day of March, 2023

/s/

Tom Jinks, Mayor

