RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE AGAINST TEA ASSIGNING A-F RATINGS

WHEREAS, the 88th Texas Legislature will meet for a third special session in the fall of 2023;

WHEREAS, the A–F Accountability System is a statewide rating system established by the Texas Education Agency ("TEA") that evaluates the academic performance of Texas public schools and assigns letter grades A–F to districts and campuses;

WHEREAS, TEA substantially changed the STAAR/EOC assessments and in the same year substantially changed the accountability rating system in a manner that will impact every school district and campus in the state negatively;

WHEREAS, the ratings expected to be issued in Fall 2023 for the 2022–2023 school year will be based on a different set of rules than previous A–F ratings and evaluate students under a significantly different test format than before;

WHEREAS, the changes made by TEA to College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) Indicators are applied to graduating classes who have already graduated from Northwest Independent School District, and nothing can be done to proactively address these changes with the graduating classes the changes will be initially applied to; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Independent School District Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to direct the Commissioner of Education to refrain from assigning A-F ratings during the first year of implementation of a new ratings system and in any year there are substantial changes to the assessment instrument (STAAR/EOC Assessments).

Adopted on September 25, 2023 by the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees.

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