



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING THE FOURTH  
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 88<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott, has called a 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature beginning on November 9, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, public schools are required to meet academic expectations and private schools are not held to the same standard of academic expectations;

**WHEREAS**, public schools provide specialized services including, but not limited to, students identified for gifted and talented, emergent bilingual, or special education services in order to meet individual learner needs. Private schools are not required to provide differentiated supports;

**WHEREAS**, public schools are required to annually administer standardized assessments, providing a means by which to evaluate mastery of academic expectations. Private schools are not required to meet the same consistent, rigorous academic expectations as public schools, nor are they required to administer standardized measures of student achievement and growth. As a result, data comparisons between private and public schools, or between different private schools, cannot be validated with integrity, nor can the academic performance of private schools be evaluated with fidelity;

**WHEREAS**, public schools are required to report results to the public regarding performance on finances, standardized assessments, graduation rates, or other performance measures by student groups. Public schools are annually evaluated in these areas based upon consistent statewide methods, making comparisons between and among public schools and districts valid. Private schools are not required to report results to the public regarding performance in these areas. Therefore, in the absence of these evaluation processes on a consistent basis with private schools, performance between private and public schools or between different private schools cannot be compared;

**WHEREAS**, parental choice already exists in Texas via public school districts, charter schools, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas received more than \$30 billion surplus revenue this biennium;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature has not made any adjustments to the Basic Allotment since 2019;

**WHEREAS**, local school districts are facing historic levels of inflation of 17% and would need a \$900 increase in the Basic Allotment to address inflationary costs alone;

**WHEREAS**, local school districts are facing a statewide and nationwide teacher and staff shortage, requiring competitive compensation for teachers and staff;

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Dallas Independent School District adopted a \$211 thousand deficit to sustain pay increases for staff, and rising non-personnel costs associated with inflation;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Education Code requires certain Independent School Districts to send a portion of their collected tax revenue back to the State for redistribution to other independent school districts around the State;

**WHEREAS**, an Independent School District as a taxing authority has a fiduciary responsibility to provide transparency on how each district's tax dollars are spent;

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted its 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session priorities on September 18, 2023, focused on: School Funding, Learning and Instruction, Safety and Security, and Recruiting and Retaining Teachers and Staff;

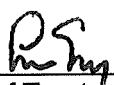
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lake Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to:

1. Reject any diversion of public dollars designated from the state budget for public education in the form of education savings accounts, tax credits or vouchers to private entities who are not required to comply with Texas Education Code provisions for academic expectations, transparency, and accountability;
2. Increase the Basic Allotment and establish an ongoing inflation factor to address crippling inflation, support future needs for our public schools, and address unfunded mandates placed on Texas public schools.
3. Compel the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the TEA to publicly report the amount of funds collected in recapture and how those funds are directly spent in meeting the goal of wealth equalization.

DULY PASSED on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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President, Board of Trustees  
Lake Dallas ISD

11/13/2023  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Lake Dallas ISD

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