

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGARDING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
FOR THE 89<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Midland Independent School District (MISD) is committed to providing a high-quality education that meets the diverse needs of all students within our district;

**WHEREAS**, the current state of public school funding in Texas does not adequately reflect the true cost of educating students, as evidenced by rising operational costs due to inflation, increased expenses for fuel, supplies, insurance, utilities, and other critical needs;

**WHEREAS**, the 88th Texas Legislature mandated new safety and security measures for schools, which require substantial funding that has not been fully provided;

**WHEREAS**, Texas public schools are facing significant challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified educators due to inadequate funding and increased financial pressures on school districts;

**WHEREAS**, the state's current accountability system, which heavily relies on the STAAR test, fails to comprehensively measure school performance and places undue stress on students, educators, and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Midland Independent School District identifies the following legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislature:

**1. Properly Funding Public Schools:**

- Advocate for an increase in the basic allotment to ensure that public schools receive the necessary resources to meet the educational needs of all students.
- Request that funding for schools be calculated based on average daily enrollment (ADE) rather than average daily attendance (ADA), to more accurately reflect the number of students served and ensure stable funding.
- Provide full-day funding for all Pre-Kindergarten students to support early childhood education.
- Request additional funds specifically to cover the costs associated with implementing the safety and security mandates enacted by the 88th Texas Legislature.
- Emphasize the need for flexibility in funding allocations to allow local school boards to address unique community needs effectively.
- Strongly oppose the diversion of public-school funds for voucher programs or education savings accounts, which undermine the financial stability and equity of public education.

**2. State Accountability Reform:**

- Support reforms to the state’s accountability system to reduce the over-reliance on standardized testing, particularly the STAAR test, and incorporate a broader range of performance indicators.
- Promote greater local flexibility in determining interventions and support for students who do not meet state standards, allowing for tailored solutions that best serve student needs.
- Require the Texas Education Agency to release the accountability manual in a reasonable amount of time before the school year begins to ensure districts can adequately prepare and comply with new standards.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the MISD Board of Trustees urges the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, legislators, and the Commissioner of Education to take immediate action to address these critical issues in the upcoming legislative session, ensuring that Texas public schools are adequately funded and fairly evaluated, thus supporting the overall success and well-being of our students.

**ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024 by the Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District.

  
Tommy Bishop, MISD Board President

  
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