

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN SUPPORT OF A FAIR AND TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees believes in a fairly and consistently applied Accountability Rating System from year-to-year;

**WHEREAS**, the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees acknowledges that the Rating System should provide transparency to parents and the public with simple, accessible, and understandable information;

**WHEREAS**, the transparency objective is also furthered by requiring the Commissioner to provide the measures, methods, and procedures to school districts that *will be* applied to school districts from year-to-year and without mid-year change;

**WHEREAS**, year-to-year consistency allows timely notice to school districts and their campuses to plan school improvement efforts based on the measures, methods, and procedures adopted by the Commissioner;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas legislature requires the Commissioner to provide the measures, methods, and procedures on a year-to-year basis and without mid-year change. Without annual consistency, school districts and campuses cannot effectively plan to achieve high-performance ratings unless the Commissioner complies with the legislature's mandate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees joins in collective efforts with other Texas School Boards to:

- Commit our support in pursuing action to ensure the Rating System provides a *fair, transparent, and effective system* for assigning performance ratings to school districts based on consistent measures, methods, and procedures.
- Oppose the Commissioner's retroactive and drastic mid-year change to the measures, methods, and procedures used for the 2022-2023 school year performance ratings.
- Stand in support of the Rating System adhering to Texas state law as passed by the Texas legislature.
- Stand in support of efforts to reform the Accountability Rating System to one that uses multiple effective school measures for all grade levels and a more holistic approach to assign the ratings of a campus and the performance of each student in lieu of relying heavily on one standardized test.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District.

*Tommy Bishop*

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Tommy Bishop, Board President

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Sara Burleson, Board Secretary