

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 9, 2026

WISD RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution Affirming Our Constitutional and Legal Right to Choose to Pray in School

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects students' religious freedom in public school. Specifically, the Establishment Clause ensures that the government cannot favor any particular religious belief or religion over non-belief, and the Free Exercise Clause ensures that individuals have the right to practice their religious beliefs, free from government interference; and

WHEREAS, Article I, § 6 of the Texas Constitution guarantees the principle that “religion is a matter of private conscience with which the state . . . is forbidden to interfere.” *Watts v. Watts*, 563 S.W.2d 314, 317 (Tex. Civ. App. 1978), writ refused NRE (July 5, 1978), disapp’d on other grounds by *Jones v. Cable*, 626 S.W.2d 734 (Tex. 1981); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 110.003, prohibits school districts and other government entities from “substantially burden[ing] a person's free exercise of religion”; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Code § 25.901 affirms that “[a] public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A person may not require or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity”; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Code § 25.082(d) establishes a school district's ability to institute a period of silence during which students may choose to “reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student”

NOW, LET IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED

THAT the Wimberley ISD Board of Trustees is committed to cultivating and maintaining a respectful school environment for students and teachers of any or no religious background; and supports the rights of individuals to pray in its schools.



Motion made by Ken Strange and seconded by Andrea Justus.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Wimberley Independent School District by a vote of Yea 6, No 0.

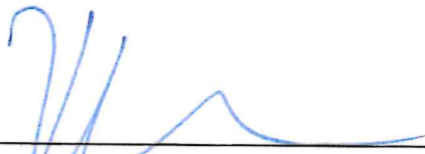
Voting in favor of this resolution: Will Conley, Andrea Jutus, Ken Strange, Lindsey Deringer, Lexi Jones,
and Rob Campbell

Voting against this resolution: None

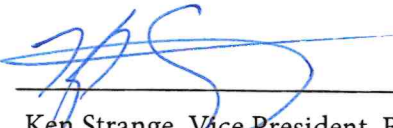
Absent: Chad Canine

Abstained: Chad Canine

Signed this the 9 day of February, 2026

By: 
Rob Campbell, President, Board of Trustees

Attest:


Ken Strange, Vice President, Board of Trustees

PRESENTED AND APPROVED February 9, 2026 Yea 6, No 0