

**RESOLUTION OF THE CROWLEY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE 88<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION AND SPECIAL SESSIONS**

WHEREAS, the Crowley Independent School District and its Board of Trustees believes public education is the cornerstone of our society;

WHEREAS, Crowley ISD offers students of all background and abilities opportunities to grow and learn in a safe environment;

WHEREAS, the District hopes to facilitate a collaborative conversation among educators, legislators, stakeholders and relevant associations to provide all students with excellence in education;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees met with members of the Texas legislature in Austin to discuss legislative positions and priorities on February 21, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees developed Priorities and Positions for the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and voted unanimously to approve these Priorities and Positions on February 23, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that the Texas Education Agency should hold districts harmless for 2023 state accountability ratings, rather than apply ratings and sanctions to a year in which both the STAAR test and the accountability system are undergoing a significant redesign;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports providing full funding for universal Pre-K to accelerate access to research-based early childhood learning experiences;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports adjusting the school funding formula to allocate the per pupil allotment based on enrollment as of snapshot date instead of average daily attendance;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports prohibiting charter school expansion next to traditional public schools rated "B" or higher;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees opposes vouchers, tax credits or any incentive that involves allocating public taxpayer funds to private or parochial institutions;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees opposes any kind of Education Savings Accounts and/or insurance investment accounts that are designed to funnel public money to parents to pay for private education;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports providing subsidized childcare for all teachers and authorizing eligibility for Pre-K for children of teachers;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees opposes any requirement that would make school board races partisan elections;

WHEREAS, these items were not addressed and/or resolved during the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Regular Session;

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott has called three additional special sessions of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crowley ISD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to consider and act on the Crowley ISD Positions and Priorities for the Special Session of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of October 2023.



Dr. La Tonya Woodson-Mayfield  
President, Board of Trustees



Ms. Nedra Robinson  
Secretary, Board of Trustees