



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Valerie Jochen, Board President

From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent of Schools *MEJ 12/5/16*

Date: December 8, 2016

Subject: Consider approval of CSISD Legislative Priorities for the 85th Texas Legislature

Agenda Item: F-5

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priorities A & B; Goals 1, 2 & 3

Background

Next month 181 state legislators will go to Austin to pass a two-year budget and consider other legislation to improve our state. Decisions made this spring by the Texas Legislature will impact over 13,200 students and their families in College Station ISD and over 5.2 million students and their families across Texas.

Issues that will have the most impact for our district include

- improving the state funding system (providing adequate and equitable resources and funding growing districts),
- not diverting resources away from public schools through vouchers, taxpayer savings grants or other private school choice mechanisms,
- repealing the A-F state accountability system, and
- providing more local control for community specific issues like the school calendar

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District adopt the attached legislative priorities for the 85th Texas Legislature.