



College Station Independent School District

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CSISD School Board

To: CSISD School Board
From: Eddie Coulson, Acting Superintendent
Date: August 11, 2006
Priorities: Priority 1 and 3: Goals 2, 4 and 5
Agenda: K - 1
Re: Texas School Coalition

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddie Coulson", is written over the "From:" line of the memo.

Background

The Texas School Coalition is organized for the purpose of bringing together independent school districts that have an interest in improving the school funding laws for all school districts. The organization provides research, information, and consultation regarding school finance legislation. The Texas School Coalition is comprised of approximately 120 Texas school districts, and has an Executive Committee of that includes the Texas School Coalition Executive Director (Clayton Downing) and thirteen Texas superintendents.

Much of the school finance reform debate was initiated by the Texas School Coalition, and as Texas school finance reform continues, I anticipate that the Coalition will be a major contributor to the debate, discussion and dialogue that occurs during the 80th legislative session. By continuing our partnership with the Texas School Coalition, we will continue to have the opportunity to have access to the latest school finance information, attend workshops and conferences related to school finance, and participate in structuring the debate that will bring final resolution to the school finance issues.

For the 2006-2007 school year the fees for participation for school districts have been reduced since the litigation is no longer in progress. For 2005-2006, CSISD paid \$13,500 to participate in the Texas School Coalition, and the fees for the 2006-2007 school year will be \$8,500.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the CSISD School Board approve membership for CSISD in the Texas School Coalition at a fee of \$8,500 for the 2006-2007 school year.