



College Station Independent School District

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CSISD School Board

To: CSISD School Board
From: Eddie Coulson, Superintendent
Date: August 14, 2008
Priorities: Priority 1 and 3: Goals 2, 4 and 5
Agenda: K-4
Re: Texas School Coalition

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. 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 that includes the Texas School Coalition Executive Director (Clayton Downing) and several 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 on-going dialogue that will continue to occur. Most school finance experts believe the current Texas school finance system will not sustain Texas school districts for many years. 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 the debate that will bring resolution to the school finance issues.

My anticipation is that CSISD will have an on-going relationship with the Texas School Coalition, assuming we continue to see the benefit of our relationship with them.

For the 2008-2009 school year, the fees for participation for school districts with a student enrollment between 8,001-15,000 is \$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 2008-2009 school year.