

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the state treats all our children and all our school districts equally when it comes to setting academic standards and expectations but does not treat them equally when it comes to providing the resources to meet those standards and expectations, and

WHEREAS the state's accountability system measures the academic performance of children in *every* Texas school with *one* test and determines the rating of every district based on *one* set of criteria, and

WHEREAS young men and women from *every* Texas school sit side by side in the *same* colleges and universities, facing the same challenges and eventually competing for the *same* jobs, and

WHEREAS incentive programs under discussion by our state legislature are based on the concept that every one of Texas's 1,031 school districts should be striving for the same educational outcomes, and

WHEREAS even though all of the standards, expectations, and challenges remain the same for every child, the funding level available to some children is significantly lower than the funding level for other children, and

WHEREAS the state's own adequacy study clearly indicates there is a direct correlation between student performance and the amount of money a district invests in its children's education, and

WHEREAS all Texas children, regardless of where they happen to live, need and deserve equal access to the state's educational resources, and

WHEREAS the state can provide virtually equal access to educational resources and at the same time significantly reduce both recapture and property tax burdens generally by substantially increasing the state's share of the cost of public education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Pearland Independent School District hereby urges the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the legislature to enact such statutes and propose such constitutional amendments as are necessary to establish a school finance system that will provide a fully equalized funding system.

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each member of the legislature who represents all or part of the Pearland Independent School District.

WITNESS our signatures this ____ day of _____, 2008, in Pearland, Texas.

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