

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, school districts face statewide and nationwide teacher and staff shortages, which require competitive compensation for teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, attracting and retaining quality teachers is the single, most important factor affecting student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has not changed the Basic Allotment per student since 2019; and

WHEREAS, local school districts have faced historic and continuing levels of inflation; and

WHEREAS, these factors hinder school districts' ability to make meaningful investments in teacher and staff pay and the growing educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3, requiring the addition of armed personnel at each campus, and House Bill 1416, supporting high quality tutoring programs, were passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session without sufficient funding; and

WHEREAS, we wholeheartedly acknowledge parental rights, support their involvement in their children's education, and respect parents as experts in their children's needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees respectfully supports and encourages our Texas Legislators to:

Support an increase in the Basic Allotment and establish a formula-driven index that allows the Basic Allotment to increase with inflation.

Support an increase in school funding for teacher compensation.

Address unfunded mandates placed on public schools.

PRESENTED and passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION REGARDING ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS