

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING HIGH STAKES, STANDARDIZED TESTING
OF TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DENTON §

WHEREAS, the over-reliance on standardized, high-stakes testing as the ultimate assessment in the state and federal accountability systems is strangling our public schools and undermining professional educators; and

WHEREAS, students enrolled in the public school systems across the country must adhere to the federally-mandated standardized testing requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation; and

WHEREAS, ESEA and NCLB require students enrolled in the public school systems to be assessed only in Reading, Math and Science; and

WHEREAS, federally mandated tests are not legally required to be high-stakes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has instituted additional, non-federally mandated, high-stakes assessments in Writing and Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, neither college nor career readiness programs associate a value in the state assessments; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code Section 7.102 (c)(4) gives the power and duties to the State Board of Education to establish graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, local school boards do not currently have the authority to override state or federal requirement for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and STAAR End of Course (EOC) assessments; and


RESOLVED that Lewisville Independent School District respectfully implores our legislative representatives to eliminate all state assessments unaffiliated to federal mandates, including the number and high-stakes nature of the assessments; and be it


RESOLVED that state assessments that are required to meet federal mandates shall test only grade level Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills; and be it


RESOLVED that all federally-mandated state assessments and mandatory tutoring associated with these state assessments be funded entirely by the state.


PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of April, 2015.

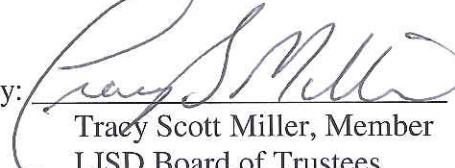
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