

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
LEANDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Leander ISD is one of the fastest growing school districts in the State of Texas, with more than 37,000 students enrolled for the 2015-16 school year; and

WHEREAS, LISD is considered a destination district and as such is recognized for its outstanding academic, extra- and co-curricular programs, community engagement, and student and staff achievements; and

WHEREAS, LISD has a focus on student learning, as illustrated in one of LISD's Guiding Documents, the *Learning Model* and as such believes that high-stakes testing is not the sole descriptor of a student's achievement and that independent school districts should have local control on decisions that ensure that there remains a focus on student learning as detailed in the LISD Board of Trustee's recent passing of a resolution on high-stakes testing; and

WHEREAS, as an independent school district in the State of Texas, LISD believes that with the announcement of Texas Governor Greg Abbott's search for a successor to Texas Commissioner of Education, Michael Williams, whose resignation is effective January 1, 2016, it is imperative that Governor Abbott consider various criteria and attributes in an education commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commissioner of Education and the Texas Education Agency, which the Commissioner oversees, regularly make decisions, rulings and policies that directly and indirectly affect the 4.3 million school children of Texas, as well as more than 1,000 Texas school districts, 8,300 plus campuses, and 324,000 public school teachers throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ideal candidate for the position needs to be an advocate for the free public education of all children of Texas; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ideal candidate for the position needs to be a goal-directed visionary; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ideal candidate for the position needs to have a proven and appropriate organizational, fiscal, and leadership skill suitable for the size and complexity of Texas public school systems; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ideal candidate for the position demonstrates commitment to equity and access to quality education and world-class standards of achievement for all students as outlined in one of LISD's Guiding Documents, the *Graduate Profile*, which is attached; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ideal candidate for the position practices good and efficient governance, understanding the role of policy-maker versus administrator; and

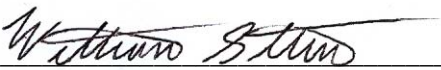
WHEREAS, we believe that the ideal candidate for the position possesses direct experience in the area of public education as a current or former school administrator, trustee and/or teacher.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LISD urges Texas Governor Abbot to select an individual that has the above attributes to serve as the next Texas Commissioner of Education to lead the Texas Education Agency and serve the children of Texas; and be it

RESOLVED further that we welcome an opportunity to provide additional feedback and input into the selection process, as LISD is a *continuous improvement district*; and be it

RESOLVED further that we are committed to leading our students to a bright future.

Signed this 19th day of November 2015.


Will Streit, President


Pamela Waggoner, Vice President