



## **Bryan Independent School District Resolution of the Board of Trustees Regarding Voluntary Religious Expression and Religious Texts**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Bryan Independent School District is committed to supporting students and staff while upholding all applicable federal and state laws, including constitutional protections related to freedom of religion, speech, and expression; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board values and respects the diverse religious beliefs and perspectives represented within the District and affirms the importance of protecting individual rights in a manner that fosters mutual respect and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, in full compliance with current state and federal law, the Board affirms students' rights to voluntarily pray, read religious texts, express religious viewpoints, and organize religious groups before, during, and after the school day on the same basis as other noncurricular groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the District currently allows and supports the right of students and staff to engage in personal and individualized religious expression at appropriate times throughout the school day, when they feel the need for such expression, rather than limiting it to designated times or locations;

### **IT IS THEREFORE:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Bryan Independent School District reaffirms its commitment to supporting and valuing students and staff while upholding all constitutional and statutory protections related to religious expression in public schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board will continue to ensure students and staff may exercise voluntary religious expression, including prayer, in a lawful, nondisruptive, and flexible manner throughout the school day consistent with existing law and District policy, with the intent to provide opportunities which are personally meaningful.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Bryan Independent School District during a called meeting on February 23, 2026, a quorum of

the Board of Trustees being then present. It was then duly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

By:

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Joel Bryan  
President, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees

By:

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Felicia Benford  
Vice President, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees

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Ruthie Waller  
Secretary, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees

By:

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Julie Harlin-Wolf  
Member, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees

By:

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Tim Pavlas  
Member, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees

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David Stasny  
Member, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees

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David Stennis  
Member, Bryan ISD Board of Trustees