MARBLE FALLS
Independent School District

Meeting Date: 11/4/2026 **Date Submitted:** 10/29/2026

Meeting Type: Special Meeting **Agenda Placement:** Presentation/Discussion Items

Subject:

Adoption of Legislative Priorities for the 90th Legislative Session

Executive Summary:

Consideration for the MFISD Board to adopt the attachment that lays out the legislative priorities for the 90th Session of the Texas Legislature. We have used a variety of sources as context to help us develop our own MFISD Legislative Priorities.

After feedback from the Board at the October Board Meeting, minor adjustments were made that strengthened wording in the area of funding for public education.

Fiscal Impact: **Funding Source:** **Fiscal Year:** **Amendment Required?**

How will you present this item to the Board?

Summary Sheet & Supporting Documents

Does this item require any documents to be signed by the Board?

No

Administration's Recommendation:

Approve the Marble Falls ISD Legislative Priorities as presented

Submitted By:

Dr. Jeff Gasaway

Presenter:

Dr. Jeff Gasaway

Board Approval Required: YES

Marble Falls ISD Legislative Priorities

90th Texas Legislature | 2027 Legislative Priorities

Advocating for policies that strengthen public education, support our educators and students, and give local school districts the flexibility to serve their communities.

Priority: Fund Public Education

Position:
State funding should keep pace with the actual cost of educating students. The Basic Allotment has not been adequately adjusted to keep up with rising inflation, while school districts continue to absorb additional unfunded and underfunded mandates.

Why It Matters to MFISD:
We are a district where 62% of students are economically disadvantaged and 22% receive Special Education services, yet we are sending $7.5 million back to the State. An updated basic allotment would help MFISD meet rising operational costs, address unfunded mandates and provide the resources needed to serve our students.

MFISD Asks:
Increase the basic allotment to reflect current costs and inflation and provide adequate funding for the expenses it is intended to support.

Position:
Public education funding should be based on total student enrollment, with special consideration given to districts with higher special ed and economically disadvantaged numbers.

Why It Matters to MFISD:
Funding based on enrollment would bring in an additional $1,098,000 for MFISD. The staffing, facilities and operational costs required to educate students remain the same whether attendance is 90% or 100%.

MFISD Asks:
Align state funding with official district enrollment rather than average daily attendance and increase funding for districts with higher special education and economically disadvantaged populations.

Priority: Safety & Security

Position:
Student and staff safety should never be compromised, and state-mandated safety requirements should be accompanied by adequate, sustainable funding.

Why It Matters to MFISD:
Keeping students and staff safe is a fundamental responsibility of every school district. Dedicated funding allows districts to meet evolving safety requirements without diverting resources from other student needs.

MFISD Asks:
Establish dedicated, recurring safety funding for school districts and increase the Student Safety Allotment to adequately support mandated safety requirements.

Priority: Local Control

Position:
Locally elected school boards are closest to their communities and are best positioned to make decisions about staffing, curriculum, operations and other local priorities.

Why It Matters to MFISD:
MFISD trustees understand the unique needs of our students, families and community. Decisions about district operations, curriculum and locally approved initiatives are most effective when made at the local level.

MFISD Asks:
Preserve and strengthen local control by reducing unnecessary state regulations and allowing locally elected boards the flexibility to make decisions based on the needs of their communities.

Priority: Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Position:
School districts need flexibility to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, particularly in hard-to-fill positions and specialized programs.

Why It Matters to MFISD:
A shrinking teacher workforce makes recruitment increasingly competitive. Districts need access to every appropriate tool available to attract qualified educators and ensure students have access to the teachers they need.

MFISD Asks:
Preserve district flexibility in teacher recruitment, including the ability to utilize H-1B visas and TRS retire/rehire options to address hard-to-fill teaching positions.

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