



EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Resolution on Destination District Redesign

WHEREAS, the El Paso Independent School District is the pioneer of public education in the Paso del Norte region, boasting a legacy that spans over 140 years and includes the education of nearly 49,000 students and more than 4,000 educators, making it the largest district in the area;

WHEREAS, EPISD has a rich history of producing high-quality graduates who, over the years, have positively impacted the region with their skills, talents, and stewardship;

WHEREAS, recognizing the evolving landscape of education, the district remains committed to continuous evaluation of its programs and facilities to foster innovation, empowerment, and inspiration for students' whole child development and equitable instructional excellence;

WHEREAS, the administration, in pursuit of these goals, is developing fair and informed criteria to guide decision-making;

WHEREAS, the district, in collaboration with the board and community, has adopted a comprehensive strategic blueprint titled "Hopes and Dreams Realized 2022–2025," reflecting the shared vision to establish El Paso ISD as the premier destination district;

WHEREAS, "Hopes and Dreams Realized 2022–2025" has set criteria to increase the number of high-quality seats available and enhance the district's financial stability;

WHEREAS, high-quality seats are the cornerstone of a student's academic excellence and whole child development. Recognizing this, the district is committed to ensuring that every El Paso ISD student has access to high-quality instruction. The redesign process is integral to this commitment, allowing the district to provide more comprehensive high-quality instruction with fidelity, efficiency, and effectiveness, thereby enhancing students' academic and whole child development outcomes;

WHEREAS, acknowledging historical data, the district's student population reached its peak of 64,880 in the 1994–95 school year, but over the past three decades, enrollment has steadily declined to 49,139, a decrease of nearly 16,000 students. This decline is attributed to national decreases in birthrates and historic declines in the school-aged population across the United States, Texas, and our region, with projections indicating a continuation until at least the 2032–33 school year;


WHEREAS, the administration and the Board of Trustees recognize the invaluable role of parents and the community in shaping the future of our district. We value their voices and perspectives in ensuring that the community's needs and concerns are heard and considered in alignment with our El Paso ISD Core Beliefs of Whole Child, Opportunity, Excellence, Equity, Community, and Accountability;

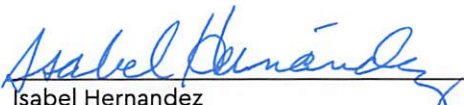
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the administration is committed to creating criteria that support a Destination District Redesign (DDR), incorporating recommendations to increase the availability of high-quality seats for all families. The DDR will also address equitable distribution of resources among schools, aligning with the Strategic Blueprint adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2023, and the mission of El Paso ISD: In partnership with our families and community, we will uphold the highest standards to provide inclusive and fair learning experiences that support the whole child.

The administration will present a quality seat framework to El Paso ISD community stakeholders through a series of meetings, organized according to the feeder patterns and geographic areas of our ten comprehensive high schools. During these meetings, the administration will present the high-quality seat criteria and a preliminary analysis, while also gathering stakeholder input. The administration will consider this input along with appropriate data and make recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Trustees.

El Paso ISD is committed to being a responsible steward of taxpayer money, fostering longitudinal solvency while promoting fiscal responsibility. High-quality seats, as defined by El Paso ISD Core Beliefs, signify a supportive and conducive environment for 21st-century learning, attracting top teachers, and redesigning academic spaces to be conducive to learning, thereby fostering a transparent culture of excellence and intentional equity design to make El Paso ISD a destination district.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the El Paso Independent School District at its regular meeting held on the 20th day of February 2024.


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