

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROVIDING NOTICE REQUIRED BY TEXAS EDUCATION CODE §44.011 RELATED  
TO EXPENDITURE TARGETS AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO  
THE SUBJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Grand Prairie Independent School District (the District) has prepared the 2008-2009 Budget on the following principles:

- Providing the best educational experiences for students
- Adhering to our community's long-standing desire for smaller schools and high quality educational programs
- Providing competitive salaries and benefits
- Maximizing the use of each taxpayer dollar
- Fiscal conservatism; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is continually expanding and improving its Instructional Programs to enhance and improve educational opportunities for District students and their educational performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the District and all school districts in Texas are facing ever increasing inflationary pressures due to increases in expenditures for fuel, utilities, and salaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs of providing a quality education has increased, yet funding received from the State of Texas to educate our students has been held harmless (constant) at the 2006 funding levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the current school funding formulas permit the State of Texas to benefit from property value growth and increased General Fund tax collections; and

**WHEREAS**, the result of House Bill 1 as passed by the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 3<sup>rd</sup> Called Session and school finance provisions adopted by the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature has limited the District to a Target Revenue of \$4,638 per weighted average daily attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement that 65% of school district funds be expended for instructional purposes as stated in Executive Order RP47 was not based on the type of evaluation required in Texas Education Code §7.009 and fails to account for the vast economic differences and cost factors that impact school districts from different parts of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the aforementioned factors the District's National Center for Education Statistics calculated Instruction of 61.32% is less than the targeted rate of 65%; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is required by §44.011 to adopt and publish a resolution if the Board of Education intends to vary from the spending targets published by the Commissioner;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Education of the Grand Prairie Independent School District recognizes the 2008-2009 Budget does not meet the Instruction expenditure target established by the Commissioner of Education for the above stated reasons.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

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/s/ Terry L. Brooks

Terry L. Brooks, President

Attested:

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/s/ Paul E. Martinez

Paul E. Martinez, Secretary

District Name:	GRAND PRAIRIE ISD
CD #:	057-910
Community Type:	Major Suburban

	TEA Target Expressed As % of Total Op Budget	District Budget Expressed As % of Total Op Budget
<b>Instruction</b>	65.00	<b>61.32</b>
<b>Leadership</b>	6.25	<b>8.18</b>
<b>Student Support</b>	13.88	<b>15.80</b>
<b>Administration</b>	3.37	<b>2.05</b>
<b>Non-Student Support</b>	11.50	<b>12.23</b>

**District Status / Action**

- Meets TEA target - no action required
- Within 50% of TEA target- no action required
- Target not met - must adopt board resolution