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## Arlington ISD joins school finance litigation

ARLINGTON, Texas, Oct. 21, 2011 – The AISD Board of Trustees passed a formal resolution at the Oct. 20 meeting to join the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition school finance suit against the state. The Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition, organized by the Equity Center, consists of more than 250 school districts and claims that the school finance system is unconstitutional because it does not treat taxpayers and students fairly.

The AISD receives \$375 less per student than the state average target revenue and still has the same accountability standards. "The system we have right now is arbitrary; it's not equal," Superintendent Jerry McCullough said. "If we received the state average, we would have received an additional \$29 million this past year."

School districts participating in the litigation are asked to contribute a one-time payment of \$1 per student in weighted average daily attendance to help fund the cost of the litigation. For the AISD, that total is \$74,713.

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