

**RESOLUTION EXPLAINING INTENT TO EXCEED OR FALL SHORT
OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Independent School District has encountered unexpected increased costs in fuel, materials, and supplies; and

WHEREAS, these costs have increased overall projected non-student-based support services spending significantly; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Independent School District was placed in the Major Suburban category with no process for appeal and the District is largely rural; and

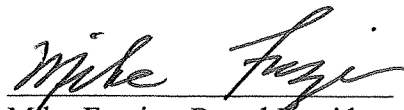
WHEREAS, there is no scientific data to support the 65% expenditure target for instructional expenditures as defined by the NCES definition; and

WHEREAS, the Standard & Poors study titled, The Issues and Implications of the "65 Percent Solution", find no basis for the use of the 65% target; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code §44.011, requires that the board of trustees of a school district adopt and publish a resolution that includes an explanation justifying an intent to exceed proposed expenditure targets;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Independent School Board of Trustees intends to exceed the proposed non-student-services based expenditure target and fall short of the instruction expenditure target established by the commissioner of education for the 2008-2009 school year.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 27th day of August, 2008.



Mike Frazier, Board President
Southwest Independent School District

Attested:



Ida Sudolcan, Secretary
Southwest Independent School District

