

Brenham
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EST. 1875

Brenham ISD Board of Trustees

Bluebonnet Haven Residential Facility Resolution

Whereas, Bluebonnet Haven, a for-profit residential treatment center for troubled youth is being constructed in Washington County; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD is aware that Bluebonnet Haven is applying for licensure as a residential treatment center through the applicable State agency; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD currently educates approximately 4,972 students in Washington County; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD currently educates a student special education population of 646 students, 13% of the total student enrollment; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD currently has a special education population that exceeds the state average of 8%; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD currently educates students from four different Residential Treatment Facilities in Washington County; and

Whereas, the enrollment of proposed residents of Bluebonnet Haven in Brenham ISD would substantially increase the student special education population and the intensity of services required for students in special education programs, and would result in a disproportionately high number of students in special education programs to students in regular education programs; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD would be required to hire additional specialized staffing in hard to fill areas upon enrollment of proposed residents of Bluebonnet Haven in Brenham ISD; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD would be expected to cover all educational costs incurred above state and federal fund reimbursements and currently lacks the resources to hire the additional specialized staff to provide services to the proposed residents of Bluebonnet Haven; and

Whereas, Brenham ISD would be expected to pay costs to rent facility to educate students at this residential treatment center and currently lacks the resources to pay such costs; and

Whereas, the District will continue to value and provide a safe and secure environment for ALL our campuses;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Brenham ISD Board of Trustees of Washington County, Texas that:

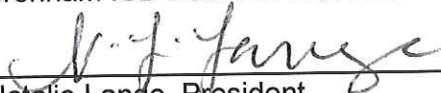
Resolved, the BISD Board of Trustees completely and unequivocally oppose the opening of, and partnering with, the Bluebonnet Haven Residential Treatment Facility; and

Resolved, the BISD Board of Trustees finds that the enrollment of the proposed residents of Bluebonnet Haven would have a detrimental impact on the ratio of the number of students in special education programs to the number of students in regular education programs and that BISD currently lacks the resources to provide specialized instruction to the proposed residents of Bluebonnet Haven; and

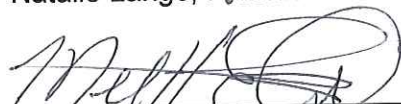
Resolved, the BISD Board of Trustees further strongly urge the Texas State Licensure Board to deny any form of license to operate this facility in Washington County, which encompasses a total population of 35,056 residents.

Signed on April 19, 2018


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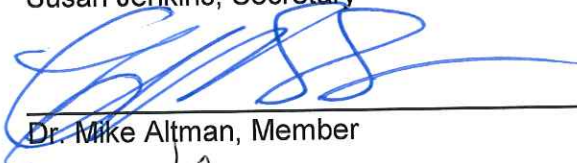
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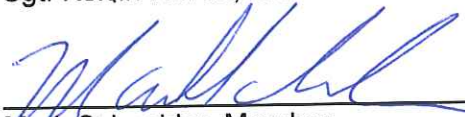
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