

## **Williamson County and Hutto Education Foundation Solid Waste Fee Funding Policy**

The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines and regulations to the Hutto Education Foundation relating to the Solid Waste Fee Account established by Williamson County through collections of fees at the Williamson County Landfill.

### **FUNDING POLICY**

#### **1. Hutto ISD Solid Waste Fee Distribution**

- a) The Hutto Education Foundation shall receive the fees designated for the Hutto ISD.
  - I. Up to One Percent (1%) of the Solid Waste Fees collected each year shall be transferred to the Hutto Education Foundation annually at the discretion of the Williamson County Commissioners Court.
  - II. Each year, the Hutto Education Foundation shall deposit Twenty Five Percent (25%) or a minimum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) of the Solid Waste Fees received (the "Minimum Annual Investment Amount") in an endowment for use in the future (the "Endowment Fund"). The Minimum Annual Investment Amount must be deposited each year into the Endowment Fund until the Endowment Fund balance amounts to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000).
  - III. The Board of Trustees of the Hutto Education Foundation may compose an endowment board or appoint an entity that shall have financial expertise to manage the Endowment Fund.
  - IV. The Endowment Fund shall be kept in a separate account and shall not be commingled with any other Hutto Education Foundation monies or funds. The Hutto Education Foundation or its designee shall invest the funds of the Endowment Fund in order to obtain a maximum amount of return.
  - V. In no event shall the principal balance of the Endowment Fund be reduced to an amount that is less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) once the balance of the Endowment Fund is built up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) (the "Minimum Fund Balance"). At the discretion of the Williamson County Commissioners Court and the Hutto Education Foundation, the Minimum Fund Balance (\$500,000) of the Endowment Fund may be increased.
  - VI. Any portion of funds that are received in excess of the Minimum Annual Investment Amount may be distributed throughout Hutto ISD in direct services that assist student learning including teacher training, purchase of classroom and library materials, technology, college and technical training scholarships, and equipment; and/or deposited into the Endowment Fund.
  - VII. Once the Minimum Fund Balance (\$500,000) is attained, any principal that is in excess of the Minimum Fund Balance (\$500,000) and any interest earned on such fund may be used for higher education of high school students, which shall include, but not be limited to two year, four year and technical education programs. Any principal exceeding the Minimum Fund Balance (\$500,000) and any interest earned on such funds are intended for the sole purpose of providing higher education opportunities for Hutto ISD students.
  - VIII. Up to a maximum of Five Percent (5%) of the funds that are collected in excess of the Minimum Annual Investment Amount can be used for administrative work of the Hutto Education Foundation.
  - IX. The funds are not available for and shall not be used for on-going maintenance, construction or remodeling of any type of facilities or property without prior approval from the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

- X. Annually, the Hutto Education Foundation must provide a presentation and submit a report to the Williamson County Commissioners Court that includes the following:
- A report on the Endowment Fund, which includes the end of year balance, the annual amount invested, interest made on the Endowment Fund, and amounts of return on any investments.
  - A report on how the previous funds were used and any goals, benchmarks or accomplishments that were met because of the funds.
- b) Williamson County shall have the right; at any time, to suspend or deny any future transfers of any of the Solid Waste Fees to a particular organization should Williamson County determine that such organization is not using the fees in the manner that was approved by Williamson County or in any manner that violates any term or condition of this Policy/Agreement.

This Williamson County and Hutto Education Foundation Solid Waste Fee Funding Policy was considered and approved in a duly called Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, on January 11, 2011. The following parties hereby acknowledge the terms of said policy and hereby agree to comply with them:

Williamson County, Texas

By: 

Dan A. Gattis,  
Williamson County Judge

Date: January 11, 2011

Hutto Education Foundation

By: 

Printed Name: K. Denise Carrington

Date: March 2, 2011

By: 

Printed Name: Melanie R. Rios

Date: March 2, 2011