

Resolution for the Transition of the Gladstone Meals on Wheels Program to Merrick Community Services

Independent School District 622 has historically operated the Gladstone Meals on Wheels program to serve seniors and individuals in need within the community. The District recognizes the importance of continuing to support access to nutritious meals and services for vulnerable community members and Merrick Community Services, a trusted and experienced nonprofit organization with a strong history of community support, is prepared to assume responsibility for the Meals on Wheels program currently operated by the District. The transition of the Meals on Wheels program to Merrick Community Services will ensure continued service to clients without interruption.

THEREFORE, the Director of Community Education recommends the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 622:

1. That effective July 1, 2025, Independent School District 622 will transition operations of the Gladstone Meals on Wheels program to Merrick Community Services.
2. That Merrick Community Services will assume full responsibility for the administration and delivery of the Meals on Wheels program for current and future clients within the service area.
3. That the District will work in good faith to ensure a smooth and effective transition of services, including the transfer of necessary information, resources, and communications to Merrick Community Services.
4. That the School Board expresses its gratitude to the staff, volunteers, and community members who have supported the Gladstone Meals on Wheels program throughout the years, and welcomes the continued partnership with Merrick Community Services to meet community needs.

Annotation:

Independent School District 622 has proudly operated the Gladstone Meals on Wheels program for many years, providing essential nutrition and support to seniors and other vulnerable individuals in our community. As the needs of the program evolve and align more closely with the mission and structure of community-based service organizations, the District has identified Merrick Community Services—a well-established and trusted nonprofit—as a capable and mission-aligned partner to carry this important work forward.

This resolution formally authorizes the transition of the Meals on Wheels program to Merrick Community Services, effective July 1, 2025. The transition will ensure uninterrupted service to clients and ongoing support for the community. District staff will work closely with Merrick to ensure a seamless handoff of operations, resources, and communication, and to maintain the high standard of care the program is known for.

The resolution also acknowledges the tremendous dedication of ISD 622 staff, volunteers, and community partners who have contributed to the program over the years, and affirms our continued partnership with Merrick to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as presented.