

RESOLUTION OF THE HITCHCOCK ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RE: Authorization to Apply for a Good Cause Exception Regarding Campus Security Personnel

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock Independent School District (the "District") is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students, staff, and visitors;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code §37.0814 and Texas Education Agency (TEA) regulations require each school campus to have at least one armed security officer present during regular school hours;

WHEREAS, the District is currently operating under a TEA-approved Good Cause Exception that is set to expire on March 13, 2026;

WHEREAS, due to the recent resignation of an officer, the Hitchcock ISD Police Department currently employs four (4) officers to cover the District's five (5) campuses;

WHEREAS, the District is currently navigating specific financial constraints and requires adequate time to conduct a rigorous and thorough recruitment process to identify highly qualified candidates who meet the District's standards for excellence in school policing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Hitchcock Independent School District that:

1. **Authorization to Apply:** The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, Dr. Darryl Henson, or his designee, to submit a formal application to the Texas Education Agency for a Good Cause Exception to the armed security officer requirement.
2. **Justification of Need:** The Board recognizes that the current staffing vacancy, coupled with district-wide financial constraints, constitutes a valid "good cause" for a temporary waiver of the one-officer-per-campus mandate.
3. **Commitment to Safety:** During the term of the Good Cause Exception, the District shall maintain its existing police force of four officers and continue to implement alternative security measures to ensure the continued safety and well-being of the Hitchcock ISD community.
4. **Recruitment and Evaluation:** This exception shall provide the District with the necessary time to evaluate the position and secure the funding and personnel required to return to full compliance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

President, Board of Trustees Hitchcock Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees Hitchcock Independent School District