

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

At a lawfully called meeting on September 27, 2026, the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees (the "Board") does hereby make the following Resolution regarding the provision of armed security officers on each Big Spring Independent School District ("District") campus.

WHEREAS, the 88th Legislature passed and Governor Abbott signed into law House Bill 3, effective September 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 3 added section 37.0814 to the Texas Education Code, requiring the Board to determine the number of armed security officers for each District campus and to ensure at least one (1) armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each campus; and,

WHEREAS, section 37.0814 requires a security officer to be: (1) a school district peace officer; (2) a school resource officer; or, (3) a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Board may claim a good cause exception from the requirement to comply with section 37.0814 if the District's noncompliance is due to the availability of: (1) funding; or, (2) personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer under section 37.0814.; and,

WHEREAS, the Board must develop an alternative standard with which the District is able to comply if it cannot comply with the aforementioned requirements of section 37.0814; and,

WHEREAS, an alternative standard may include providing a person to act as a security officer who is a school marshal or a school district employee or a person with whom the district contracts who (1) has completed school safety training provided by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under section 411.1901 of the Government Code, and (2) carries a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations or written authorization of the District under Section 46.03(a)(1)(A) of the Penal Code; and,

WHEREAS, the District is required to maintain documentation of the District's implementation of and compliance with Section 37.0814; and,

WHEREAS, the District lacks funding to ensure an armed security officer is present on each school campus, as demonstrated in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District is unable to engage the services of personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer as demonstrated in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD has developed an alternative standard in order to comply with section 37.0814, as provided in Board Policy CKC (LOCAL) and CKC (REGULATION).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals contained in the Resolution are true and correct and are adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board determines that at least one (1) armed security officer or authorized employee under its alternative standard should be provided for each District campus; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board claims a good cause exception from the requirement to comply with section 37.0814 by reason of lack of funding and/or personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds that it may satisfy the requirements of section 37.0814 by implementing the alternative standard documented in Board Policy CKC (LOCAL) and CKC (REGULATION); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs and authorizes the Superintendent to take any and all action necessary to maintain compliance with Section 37.0814.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees this 27th day of September 2026.

President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Exhibit A

- I. The state allows \$15,000 for each armed security guard for each campus. This amount does not come close to covering the compensation needed for an armed security guard at each of our 9 campuses.
- II. We have researched the possibility of hiring security guards and/or firms to cover each of our campuses, and the cost is overwhelming, and not something that our budget can support at this time.
- III. Our district has the Guardian Program in place, and has had since 2018. We currently have armed school personnel (Guardians) across many of our campuses in BSISD. We will soon be putting out the request for more school personnel to become Guardians, and go through our extensive training in order to qualify.
- IV. Our district pays all Guardians a \$2,500.00 stipend, and will continue to train our Guardians throughout the school year.
- V. Our Guardian Program will continue to be strictly voluntary, and all school personnel that volunteer to become Guardians will still be asked to go through extensive training, as well as a psychological examination.
- VI. Our plan is to have a trained Guardian on each campus, and eventually more than one on each campus across BSISD. We also will continue to explore options with our local Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department.
- VII. We will also continue to explore options with companies that are willing to supply armed security officers at our campuses. However, we would need more help from the state in terms of funding to make this a reality, and financially sound for our district. We hope that in the special session in October, this situation is addressed, as it is obvious that \$15,000 is not near enough compensation for a trained security officer, and it will be a tremendous strain on the budget of Big Spring ISD.
- VIII. Our District Safety and Security Director will continue to be a presence across Big Spring ISD on a daily basis. He will be accompanied on many instances with our K-9 drug detection dog. We have installed access control to all of our exterior doors across BSISD, and now have close to 600 interior and exterior cameras.