

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CELINA  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HEREBY DECLARING A ONE-TIME  
EXCEPTION FROM BOARD POLICY FOR THE 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the District recognizes the monumental occasion of graduation ceremonies and commencement in a student's life;

**WHEREAS**, the District maintains Board Policy FMH (LOCAL), which addresses the criteria for student participation in commencement exercises;

**WHEREAS**, Board Policy FMH (LOCAL) requires a student to meet all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable state testing, to participate in commencement exercises;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas requires the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) be successfully completed as a graduation requirement;

**WHEREAS**, graduation/commencement ceremonies are scheduled for May 20, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the STAAR assessment preliminary results will not be available until May 23, 2023, due to a change in format and delays at the state-level;

**WHEREAS**, this is an unusual and novel circumstance affecting applicable Board Policy for the 2022 – 2023 school year;

**WHEREAS**, students cannot earn a diploma in the state of Texas until all graduation requirements are met, including the completion of state testing requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the number of students affected by the exception amount to less than five senior students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board concludes that due to the delay in receipt of STAAR results, an exception to Board Policy FMH (LOCAL) is appropriate to allow students to participate in commencement exercises before the receipt of STAAR scores;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the findings and recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Board of Trustees of Celina Independent School District authorizes the **one-time exception** to Board Policy FMH (LOCAL) for the partial participation of students without completion of the state testing requirements in the commencement ceremonies on May 20, 2023.
3. The students will participate in the commencement ceremony but are not eligible to receive a diploma until all graduation requirements are satisfied, including state testing.
4. That it is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, time, place and subject of the meeting of the Celina ISD Board at which

this Resolution was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Celina ISD Board further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and posting thereof.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage

PASSED AND ADOPTED this      day of May 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Juergens, President, Board of Trustees of  
the Celina Independent School District

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Balsamo, Secretary, Board of Trustees of  
the Celina Independent School District