



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for House Bill 3 Armed Security Officer Requirement

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the board to ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the board of trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of funding or qualified personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Gregory-Portland Independent School District hereby determines that the School District is unable to ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by law, is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees determines that:

The District's noncompliance is due to lack of available qualified personnel.

The District is contracted separately with the cities of Gregory and Portland to secure School Resource Officers for each campus. While three (3) roles are currently filled, the remaining five (5) roles are in various stages of being filled by Licensed Peace Officers. The District remains contracted with a service provider for DPS Level II and III Security Officers to fulfill coverage requirements in the interim

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and € of the Texas Education Code.

Adopted this _____ (date) day of _____ (month), _____ (year), by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding officer's signature: _____

Secretary's signature: _____