

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DENTON INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY DURING THE  
2026 WINTER STORM EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS** the Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees (Board) recognizes that officials in Denton County and the United States have declared an emergency regarding the January 2026 Winter Storm, and that the territory included in Denton Independent School District is within the areas where an emergency has been declared;

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2026, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a statewide emergency, and, on January 25, 2026, the President of the United States declared an emergency in the State of Texas pertaining to this Winter Storm, beginning on or about January 26, 2026 and designated as 2026 Winter Storm;

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the January 2026 Winter Storm is an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency of urgent public necessity, and that additional emergency declarations may follow in the coming days and weeks;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and therefore desires to ensure that the school district and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, community, and public facilities in light of the January 2026 Winter Storm;

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to retain its employees, reduce turnover, maintain equitable treatment of employees, decrease unemployment claim exposure, decrease medical claims, increase morale, help employees focus on work-related matters while at work, encouraging the safety of all employees and their children and family members, and facilitate the return to duty of employees if schools or buildings are closed and believes that an additional public purpose exists in doing so;

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes the public purposes described above are fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Superintendent to address this ever-changing emergency situation in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of its students, staff, community, facilities and the citizenship at-large.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District finds a substantial public purpose exists in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and therefore in ensuring that the school district and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community in light of the January 2026 Winter Storm.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution shall remain in effect until revoked by the Board of Trustees.

In furtherance of the public purposes so stated in this Resolution, the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District makes the following delegations to the Superintendent and designee(s) in order to efficiently and effectively prepare the school district in response to the declarations of emergency announced by the County of Denton, State of Texas, and the United States as well as in preparation for the potential declarations of emergencies by other local, state, and/or national officials:

1. The authority to act in the place of the Board under Board Policy DEA(LOCAL) and thus make all decisions regarding payment of employees during an emergency closure, to implement the provisions of Board Policy DEA(LOCAL), and to make determinations regarding the purpose and parameters of any such payments;
2. The authority to alter the Denton ISD 2025-2026 school calendar by changing and/or adding school/instructional hours and work/school days as necessitated by any emergency closure or related concerns;
3. The authority to seek any necessary waivers from the Texas Education Agency without further action of the Board of Trustees regarding missed instructional days, emergency closures, low attendance, or any matters related to the emergency closures as part of this Resolution;
4. In the event other waivers or immediate action is needed, the Superintendent is authorized to take other action and to submit/apply for other waivers in accordance with guidance and instructions from the national and state authorities and/or agencies;

**PRESENTED** and passed this 10th day of February 2026, by a vote of \_\_\_ Ayes and \_\_\_ Nays by the Board of Trustees of the Denton ISD.

## **Denton ISD Board of Trustees**