

DALE RYKEN

Letter of Authorization Pursuant to CKE (LOCAL) Policy

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the McKinney ISD Board of Trustees has adopted policy CKE (LOCAL), related to safety program and security personnel; and

WHEREAS, policy CKE (LOCAL) requires the Board of Trustees to take specific action to authorize school administrators/employees to possess certain firearms on school property, at school-sponsored or -sanctioned events, and at school board meetings; and

WHEREAS, policy CKE (LOCAL) requires the Superintendent to issue written authorization to possess certain firearms on school property, at school-sponsored or -sanctioned events, and at school board meetings to each approved employee; and

WHEREAS, any duties performed by an employee under policy CKE (LOCAL) shall be considered within the course and scope of his or her employment; and

WHEREAS, authorization of a specific employee to possess a firearm under policy CKE (LOCAL) shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, as well as the Board, have the authority to revoke at any time an employee's authorization to possess a firearm under policy CKE (LOCAL); and

WHEREAS, **DALE RYKEN** has demonstrated to the Superintendent that he/she has met all training and licensing requirements established by the State of Texas and policy CKE (LOCAL), to carry a concealed/open carry handgun in accordance with state law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT APPROVED BY THE MCKINNEY ISD SUPERINTENDENT:

THAT, by virtue of this Letter of Authorization **DALE RYKEN** is specifically authorized to be in possession of an approved concealed/open carry handgun with District-approved ammunition on school property, at school-sponsored or -sanctioned events, and at school board meetings; and be it further **APPROVED**

THAT, **DALE RYKEN** is authorized to use this weapon in his/her best judgment and discretion for the purpose of protecting students, staff, and others lawfully on school property in emergency situations at school or school events, including invasion of the schools by an armed outsider, hostage situations, students who are armed and posing a direct threat of physical harm to themselves or to others, acts of terrorism and related criminal activity, and similar circumstances; and be it further **APPROVED**

THAT, this Letter of Authorization be filed and maintained in the personnel records of the authorized individual and that **DALE RYKEN** maintain a true and correct copy of this Resolution in his/her possession and on his/her person at all times that he/she is in possession of a concealed/open carry handgun on school property, at school-sponsored or -sanctioned events, and at school board meetings.

APPROVED BY THE MCKINNEY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 18, 2025

Shawn Pratt, Superintendent

Date