

Hitchcock Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: February 23, 2025

Presented by: Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Resolution: Good Cause Exception Waiver

Consent Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At present, the Hitchcock ISD Police Department is operating under a Good Cause Exception granted by the Texas Education Agency, which acknowledges specific challenges in meeting the requirement of having an armed officer on every campus during regular school hours. This existing waiver is currently set to expire on March 13, 2026. However, following the recent resignation of Officer Ryan Zuniga, our department is now operating with four officers to cover our five district campuses.

Given the current budgetary constraints of the district, it is the recommendation that Hitchcock ISD apply for a new Good Cause Exception at this time. Pursuing this waiver ensures that we remain in full compliance with TEA rules and regulations despite our temporary staffing vacancy. Beyond addressing immediate budgetary concerns by freeing up funding, this extension will provide the district with the necessary time to strategically evaluate the position and conduct a thorough search for highly qualified candidates who meet our rigorous standards for campus safety.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

I move that the Board approve the resolution for the Good Cause Exception Waiver as presented.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON:

Brian Rusk, Chief of Police

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

ENCLOSURES:

Resolution: Good Cause Exception Waiver