

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE
DUE TO DANGEROUS WEATHER**

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District (“District”) is a public school district located in Webb County, Texas;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, the National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning (the “NWS Warning”) affecting several counties in South Texas, including Webb County, based on an increasing chance of freezing precipitation and possible sleet or snow through Monday, February 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, the NWS Warning states that ice accumulations for the affected counties, including Webb County, could lead to up to an impact on travel, especially bridges and overpasses, and bitter cold, sleet, snow, or freezing rain through Monday, February 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) finds that the expected weather as stated in the NWS Warning would likely create a dangerous situation for the District’s students, staff, and community traveling to school and work on Monday, February 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the District’s students, staff, and community, and finds that an emergency need exists to close District schools and departments on Monday February 15, 2021 due to the dangerous weather;

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code section 45.105 to expend funds of the District for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board;

WHEREAS, per District Board Policy DEA (Local), the Board shall adopt a resolution or take other Board action establishing the purpose and parameters for payment during an emergency closure;

WHEREAS, the District has always been and will remain committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for its students while at the same time keeping all District staff safe and being good stewards of its resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That all the above recitals are adopted as findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this resolution for all purposes, and that the Board hereby determines that the public purposes served by this Resolution and any expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution include: (i) keeping the District’s students, staff, and community as safe as possible during the dangerous weather forecast for February 15, 2021; and (ii) maintaining instructional continuity to the greatest extent possible during the temporary period of emergency closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public purposes described above fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Superintendent

of Schools to address this ever-changing emergency situation in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of its students, staff, community, and the citizenship at-large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of these public purposes and this Resolution, the Board makes the following delegations to the Superintendent:

1. The authority to temporarily close the District's campuses and departments on an emergency basis on February 15, 2021, due to dangerous weather;
2. The authority to offer remote instruction to the District's students during this period of emergency closure;
3. The authority to continue providing pay to all District employees during this period of emergency closure;
4. The authority to direct certain essential District employees to report to work during this period of emergency closure, including but not limited to those District employees who are essential to continuing certain District operations such as transportation and food services, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent; and
5. The authority to submit any necessary waivers to the Texas Education Agency to further the implementation and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized by the Board to take such further actions necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution without further Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted to the Superintendent by the Board via this Resolution shall remain until rescinded by Board Action at a duly-called Board meeting, but in no event shall the authority granted to the Superintendent by this Resolution remain in effect past February 28, 2021.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2021, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

ATTEST:

Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez
Board Secretary