

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE
DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY**

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

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, the County of Webb informed the District that there were issues with a Webb County water line negatively affecting the supply of water to the District’s Juarez-Lincoln Elementary School (“School”), and;

WHEREAS, lack of adequate water supply can pose serious health and safety risks to students and staff;

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) finds that the lack of adequate water supply to the School would likely have created a dangerous situation for District students, staff and community attending and/or visiting the School on Thursday, May 4, 2023;

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 existed to close the School on Thursday, May 4, 2023, due to the lack of adequate water supply;

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), following an emergency closure, 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 while experiencing a lack of adequate water supply on May 4, 2023; 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 School on an emergency basis on May 4, 2023, due to the lack of adequate water supply;
2. The authority to continue providing pay to all School employees during this period of emergency closure;
3. The authority to direct certain essential District and School employees to report to work during this period of emergency closure, including but not limited to those District and School employees who are essential to continuing certain District and School operations such as transportation and food services, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent; and
4. 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 June 1, 2023.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2023, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

ATTEST:

Michelle Molina
Board Secretary