

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE DUE TO A WEATHER,
SECURITY, AND SAFETY EVENT**

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

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Laredo, Texas, experienced a severe destructive weather event which impacted United High School Main Campus located at 2811 United Ave. (“UHS Main Campus”);

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, the District was informed by American Electric Power, AEP, that UHS Main Campus would not have its electricity restored until 4:00 p.m. due to disruptions caused by the severe destructive weather event;

WHEREAS, the lack of electrical power to operate the UHS Main Campus prohibited the District from safely allowing students and staff to be present at UHS Main Campus on May 29, 2024;

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 UHS on May 29, 2024, due to the power outage, which caused a security and safety event;

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 due to a security and safety event, the Board shall adopt a resolution or take other Board action establishing the purpose and parameters for payment due to the closure and

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 students and 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 weather, security and safety event that took place at UHS Main Campus on May 29, 2024; and (ii) maintaining instructional continuity to the greatest extent possible during the security and safety event which led to a temporary closure at UHS Main Campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public purposes described above are fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Co-Administrators-in-Charge to address this security and safety event in the best interest of mental 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 Co-Administrators-in-Charge:

1. The authority to enact an emergency closure at UHS Main Campus on May 29, 2024, due to a weather, security, and safety event;
2. The authority to continue providing pay to all District employees due to the emergency closure;
3. The authority to direct certain essential District employees to report to work during the emergency closure, including but not limited to those District employees who are essential to continuing certain District operations such as facilities, transportation, and food services, in the sole discretion of the Co-Administrators-in-Charge; 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 Co-Administrators-in-Charge are 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 Co-Administrators-in-Charge 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 Co-Administrators-in-Charge by this Resolution remain in effect past June 21, 2024.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED on June 19, 2024, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

ATTEST:

Michelle Molina
Board Secretary