CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING POLICY RELATED TO GRADING AND CLASS RANK TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL CLOSURE ISSUE

Action Item:

This agenda item will allow the Board to consider recommendations related to amending the grading and class rank policy due to changes associated with the mandatory school closure. Since normal school operations had to cease beginning March 23, 2020, JISD had to begin providing instruction remotely through technology and hard-copy packets. This unique circumstance presents a very difficult situation for teachers, administrators, students, and parents. Traditional grading cannot be considered as in the past. Therefore, it is recommended that graduation/class rank for this year's seniors be determined by the grades that were taken at the end of the 3rd nine weeks, which was March 13, 2020. Additionally, teachers and administrators must have discretion to consider grade promotion on a case by case basis which should be determined by the mastery of academic concepts (proficiency) that are necessary for the student to be considered "ready" for the next grade level, which is in line with what is normally done every school year. There are documents included in your agenda to explain these changes.

Recommendation:

I recommend the Board approve this resolution, as presented.