

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING BUS SEAT BELTS

Action Item:

This item provides the Board with the opportunity to determine that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with the statutory requirement of Senate Bill 546, Texas Transportation Code 547.701 (e), which requires all school buses operated or contracted for use by a school district must be equipped with a three-point seat belt for each passenger and driver beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.

Currently, JISD operates 29 District-owned busses.

- 13 buses have no passenger seat belts,
- 6 buses have two-point (lap) seat belts only,
- 10 buses have three-point seat belts for all passengers and driver.

The estimated cost to equip all non-compliant busses is approximately \$680,000 and the District's budget does not currently permit compliance with Texas Transportation Code 547.701 (e).

The District invokes the budget-based exception under 547.701(e)(1).

Superintendent's Recommendation:

I recommend the board approve the resolution as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve the resolution as presented.