

RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVING AN EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR AN INTERLOCAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LAREDO COLLEGE TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE UISD BUS DRIVERS

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District (“District”) and the Laredo College (“College”) are considered “local governments” pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the District and the College are granted contracting authority under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code to adopt an Interlocal Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) as a form of interlocal contract providing a governmental function or service that each party to the contract is authorized to perform individually; and

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, the District is experiencing a shortage of qualified bus drivers, but it owns a large fleet of school buses, and the College offers a Commercial Driver's License ("CDL") program, but the College is experiencing a shortage of school buses for conducting its CDL program; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to execute an MOU with the College to provide the College with access to District school buses for its CDL Program, in exchange for the College adopting a tuition assistance program that will certify CDL bus drivers who agree to work for the District for a specified period of time (“Training Program”); and

WHEREAS, the College expressed interest in adopting an MOU with the District to certify CDL bus drivers for the District Training Program, in exchange for the College’s use of District school buses for its CDL Program; and

WHEREAS, the overall goal for the District’s adoption of the MOU is to support local College students that want to participate in the Training Program and provide the District with qualified bus drivers that are committed to employment at the District for a specified period of time; and

WHEREAS, the District shall execute a separate Tuition Assistance Agreement with each individual College student that wishes to participate in the Training Program and accept tuition assistance from the District; and

WHEREAS, the MOU and Tuition Assistance Agreement referenced above are attached as Exhibits “A” and “B” to this Resolution; accordingly, both the MOU and Tuition Assistance Agreement are fully incorporated as if written herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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 United Independent School District and the Laredo College are granted contracting authority under § 791.011 of the Texas Government Code to adopt the Interlocal Memorandum of Understanding attached as Exhibit “A” as a form of interlocal contract to provide a governmental function or service that each party to the contract is authorized to perform individually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of this Resolution, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The District is experiencing a shortage of qualified bus drivers, but it owns a large fleet of school buses; and
2. The College offers a CDL program but has a shortage of school buses; and
3. The District shall enter an MOU with the College to provide the College with access to District school buses for its CDL Program, in exchange for the College’s participation in the District’s Training Program; and
4. The District’s overall goal for the adoption of the MOU is to support local College students that want to participate in the Training Program and provide the District with qualified bus drivers that are committed to employment at the District for a specified period of time; and
5. The District shall execute a separate Tuition Assistance Agreement with each individual College student that wishes to participate in the Training Program and accept tuition assistance from the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, or one of the Administrators in Charge is authorized by the Board to take such further actions necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution without further Board action. **This authority shall expire upon the termination of the MOU.**

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

BY:

Ramiro Veliz III, President
Board of Trustees
United Independent School District

ATTEST:

**Michelle Molina, Secretary
Board of Trustees
United Independent School District**

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