

**ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

Date: February 12, 2024

Subject: Discuss and Consider Approval of Adopting a Policy Regarding Chaplains

Administrator Responsible: Dr. Marc Puig

Position: Superintendent

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only

Action Needed

B. Authority for this Action:

Local Policy \_\_\_\_\_

Law or Rule \_\_\_\_\_

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed: Approve adopting a policy regarding chaplains.

D. Summary: Senate Bill 763, passed during the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, requires each school board to take a record vote within six months of September 1, 2023 on whether to adopt a policy that would authorize a campus of the District to either: 1) Employ or accept as a volunteer, a Chaplain to provide support, services, and/or programs for students as assigned by the Board of Trustees under Texas Education Code, Section 23.001. The deadline for that decision, March 1, 2024. The Board has one of the following three options: 1) To adopt a policy or revise current policy to allow for the employment or volunteering of Chaplains at District campuses, 2) To vote that Chaplains will be allowed to act as volunteers under existing Board policy, or 3) To vote that no policy will be adopted at this time. In order to document the required record vote, I recommend that no policy be adopted at this time.

E. Alternatives Considered:

F. Comments Received:

G. Administrative Recommendation: That the Board approves the administration's recommendation.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

I. Monitoring and Reporting Timeline: 2023-2024 School Year