

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the United Independent School District (“District”) is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board, through its purchasing policies, has the duty to monitor District finances to ensure that the superintendent is properly maintaining the District's financial procedures as authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.1511(b)(9); and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code § 45.105 to expend funds of the District for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that Texas Education Code § 44.0312 provides that notwithstanding any other provision of the Education Code, in the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting a District, the board may delegate to the superintendent or designated person the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of school equipment or facilities under Texas Education Code Chapter 44, Subchapter B if emergency replacement, construction, or repair is necessary for the health and safety of District students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board Acknowledges that Texas Education Code § 44.031(h) provides that if school equipment, a school facility, or a part of a school facility or personal property is destroyed or severely damaged or, as a result of an unforeseen catastrophe or emergency, undergoes major operational or structural failure, and a board determines that the delay posed by the methods provided for in Education Code § 44.031 would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes or other essential school activities, then contracts for the replacement or repair of the equipment, school facility, or the part of the school facility may be made by methods other than those required by Texas Education Code § 44.031; and

WHEREAS, the District’s public purpose is served by taking measures to ensure District facilities are safe for educating the District’s students; and

WHEREAS, the District’s R.C. Centeno Elementary School (“School”) was severely damaged as a result of an unforeseen catastrophe or emergency when a motor vehicle unexpectedly crashed into the School on September 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the delays posed by procurement process and the need to likely procure services and support to promptly repair the School and ensure the safety of all students, staff, property, and equipment at the School will prevent or substantially impair student safety and or other essential school activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby suspends its normal purchasing policies and authorizing the Superintendent or designee to make emergency procurements reasonably necessary to respond to the unforeseen catastrophe or emergency affecting the School as described herein and to address the specific needs related to this situation.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby (1) determines that these payments serve a public purpose, (2) retains sufficient control over the expenditures to ensure a public purpose is served, and (3) is confident the District will receive a return benefit.

RESOLVED, the Superintendent shall inform the Board of Trustees of all emergency purchases made hereunder at the next regular Board meeting following such purchases.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of October 2024 by the Board of Trustees for the United Independent School District.

By: _____
Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

Attest: _____
Michelle Molina
Board Secretary