

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE
DUE TO A NOXIOUS ODOR**

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District (“District”) is a public school district located in Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, October 21, 2024, the District discovered a noxious sewer-like odor at the District’s Juan Roberto Ramirez Middle School (JRRMS); and

WHEREAS, the District had to cancel all classes and school-related activities at 9:40 a.m. at JRRMS on October 21, 2024 due to the noxious sewer-like odor; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) has a substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the District’s students, staff, and community, and finds that an emergency need existed to cancel all classes and school-related activities at 9:40 a.m. at JRRMS on October 21, 2024 due to the noxious sewer-like odor; 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; and

WHEREAS, the District has always been and will remain committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for its students while at the same time keeping all District staff safe and being good stewards of its resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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 public purposes served by this Resolution and any expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution include: (i) keeping the District’s students and staff hygienically safe due to a noxious sewer-like odor at JRRMS on October 21, 2024; and (ii) maintaining instructional continuity to the greatest extent possible during the event which led to the school closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public purposes described above are fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Superintendent to address the noxious sewer-like odor in the mentioned campus in the best interests of its students and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of these public purposes and this Resolution, the Board makes the following delegations to the Superintendent:

1. The authority to enact an emergency closure at 9:40 a.m. at JRRMS on October 21, 2024, due to due to a noxious sewer-like odor; and
2. The authority to continue providing pay to all District employees due to the school

closure; and

3. The authority to direct certain essential District employees to report to work during the emergency closure, including but not limited to those District employees who are essential to continuing certain District operations such as facilities, transportation, and food services, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent; and
4. The authority to submit any necessary waivers to the Texas Education Agency to further the implementation and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized by the Board to take such further actions necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution without further Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted to the Superintendent by the Board via this Resolution shall remain until rescinded by Board Action at a duly-called Board meeting, but in no event shall the authority granted to the Superintendent by this Resolution remain in effect past November 29, 2024.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED on November 19, 2024, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

ATTEST:

Michelle Molina
Board Secretary