

## **COPPELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COPPELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (“COPPELL ISD” OR “DISTRICT”) AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST TO SEEK ADDITIONAL MINUTE WAIVERS FROM THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (“TEA”) AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION FOR ANY OTHER WAIVER OF A REQUIREMENT, RESTRICTION, OR PROHIBITION IMPOSED BY THE EDUCATION CODE OR RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR COMMISSIONER.**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government has declared a national emergency and the State of Texas has declared a statewide disaster regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Texas Governor issued Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and through this action and in accordance with Guidelines from the President ordered the temporary closure of all Texas school districts;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 11.151 gives the Board of Trustees the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 7.056 permits a district to apply to the commissioner of education for a waiver of a requirement, restriction, or prohibition imposed by the Education Code or rule of the State Board of Education or commissioner;

WHEREAS, TEA has indicated that it will accept a waiver request made pursuant to Texas Education Code 7.056 by a superintendent, if the Board of Trustees has delegated general operational authority or waiver-specific authority to the Superintendent;

WHEREAS, from March 16-20, 2020, the District was in “closed, preparing” status which is defined in TEA COVID-19 guidance as: [school has ceased] normal operations, but campus staff are working (either on-site or remotely) in order to prepare so they can deliver instruction to students while they the students are at home / off-site;

WHEREAS, from March 23-May 21, 2020, the District was in “closed, instructing” status, which is defined in TEA COVID-19 guidance as: [school has ceased] normal operations, so that children no longer come to the school site at all, but are instead provided support to receive instruction at home / offsite;

WHEREAS, TEA recommends that if the Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to request waivers from the commissioner, that the Board ratify the waiver request at a future Board meeting to ensure compliance with Texas Education Code Chapter 11 and section 7.056;

WHEREAS, for school closures of any status based on COVID-19-related concerns, the District must seek additional minute waivers from TEA in order to meet the 75,600 operational minute requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds there is a need for the District to maintain efficient, effective, and consistent District operations during the period of the disaster declaration under these circumstances, which may include the need to request available waivers under state and federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Coppell Independent School District:

- The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as findings of fact;
- Coppell Independent School District shall apply for the Missed School Day Waiver for all instructional campuses for all days of closure due to COVID-19;
- The Superintendent is hereby granted:
  - The authority to pursue any necessary and available waivers from TEA without further action of the Board;
- In the event other waivers are needed, the Superintendent is authorized to submit other waiver requests in accordance with guidance from national, state, or local authorities or agencies; and
- The Board shall ratify any waiver requests made by the Superintendent under this authority at a future Board meeting.

The authority granted by this resolution shall apply until the District resumes full operations at the direction of the Superintendent or the Board takes further action.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ (date) day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year), by the Board of Trustees.

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Thom Hulme, President

Board of Trustees

Coppell Independent School District

ATTEST:

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Nichole Bentley, Secretary

Board of Trustees

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