

RESOLUTION REGARDING INABILITY TO PURCHASE SCHOOL BUSES

FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL 546

The Harleton Independent School District Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 546 establishes requirements for school districts regarding school bus fleet compliance and safety standards; and WHEREAS, the District has determined that eleven (11) new school buses are necessary to achieve full compliance with the provisions of Senate Bill 546; and WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the purchase of eleven (11) new school buses, including necessary equipment and specifications required by SB 546, is substantial and represents a significant financial obligation; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a comprehensive review of its current budget allocation and available financial resources; and WHEREAS, despite careful budget management and exploration of available funding sources, the district has insufficient funds in the current fiscal year budget to complete the purchase of eleven (11) new school buses; and

WHEREAS, the District remains committed to student safety and transportation excellence while maintaining fiscal responsibility and avoiding actions that would create budget shortfalls or jeopardize other essential educational programs and services; and WHEREAS, the District acknowledges its obligation to work toward compliance with SB 546 and will continue to explore funding opportunities, including but not limited to state funding assistance, grant programs, and future budget allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of maintaining transparency with the community regarding budgetary constraints and compliance challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the District that: SECTION 1: DETERMINATION The Board of Trustees hereby determines that the district is currently unable to purchase eleven (11) new school buses required for compliance with Senate Bill 546 due to insufficient budgetary resources in the current fiscal year.

SECTION 2: COMMITMENT TO FUTURE COMPLIANCE The Board directs the Superintendent and administrative staff to:

1. Continue to monitor and evaluate budgetary capacity for the purchase of compliant school buses in future fiscal years;
2. Actively pursue state funding, grants, and other financial assistance programs that may support the acquisition of school buses meeting SB 546 requirements;
3. Develop a multi-year capital improvement plan that prioritizes school bus fleet modernization and compliance with state mandates.
4. Provide regular updates to the Board regarding progress toward compliance and availability of funding sources.

SECTION 3: BUDGETARY PRUDENCE The Board reaffirms its commitment to responsible fiscal management and directs that no purchases shall be made that would create budget shortfalls or compromise the district's financial stability.

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SECTION 4: COMMUNICATION The Superintendent and/or his Designee is authorized and directed to communicate this resolution to the Texas Education Agency and other appropriate state agencies, and to maintain ongoing dialogue regarding compliance timelines and available assistance.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20____. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President

Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Superintendent