

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR COVID-19 ILLNESS

**WHEREAS**, it is in Denton ISD's best interest for employees who are ill with COVID-19 to not come to work;

**WHEREAS**, there is concern that employees who have exhausted all other leaves may be less likely to obtain a COVID-19 test or report positive test results to the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that a need exists to temporarily supplement its current leave policy for COVID-19 illness of employees;

**WHEREAS**, the Board concludes that providing employees up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for their own COVID-19 illness serves the public purposes of protecting the health and safety of students and staff, maintaining morale, and reducing employee turnover.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District authorizes allowing employees from the first day of the employee's contract for the 2021-2022 school year until June 30, 2022, to use up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for their own test-confirmed COVID-19 illness. This resolution and the leave benefits conveyed in it will be immediately void if the state or federal government provides a substantially similar benefit to employees.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to establish administrative guidelines for COVID-19 Leave, consistent with this Resolution, Board Policy, and law.

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees.

Doug Chadwick President, Board of Trustees Charles Stafford Secretary, Board of Trustees