

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CONCERNING SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES  
PURSUANT TO TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE SECTION 547.701**

**WHEREAS** The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Pasadena Independent School District (the “District”) is aware of Senate Bill 546 (“SB 546”) which was passed during the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session in 2025, became effective September 1, 2025, and enacted new subsections of Texas Transportation Code Section 547.701 (“Section 547.701”) applicable to Texas public school districts;

**WHEREAS**, SB 546 and Section 547.701 requires a school bus, school activity bus, multifunction school activity bus, or school-chartered bus operated or contracted for use in transporting schoolchildren by the District to “be equipped with a three point seat belt for each passenger, including the operator, “not later than the end of the 2025-2026 school year;”

**WHEREAS**, Section 547.701 specifies that the above-listed requirement does not apply to a bus operated or contracted by Pasadena ISD if the bus’s “warranty would become void if the bus were equipped with the [required] seatbelts” or if the District’s Board “determines that the district’s budget does not permit the district to purchase a bus that is equipped with the [required] seatbelts;”

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 547.70, if the Board “determines that the district’s budget does not permit the district to purchase a bus that is equipped with the [required] seatbelts,” then the following information about buses operated by and/or contracted for use by the District must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (“TEA”) and reported during a public meeting of the Board prior to the end of the 2025-2026 school year:

- The number of buses that are not equipped with seat belts;
- The number of buses that are equipped with two-point seat belts;
- The number of buses that are equipped with three-point seat belts; and
- The estimated cost to the District to equip each bus with a three-point seatbelt;

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2026, during a properly noticed and posted Meeting of the Board, the following information was presented regarding buses operated by and/or contracted for use by the District:

- The District requires all buses contracted by the District for transporting students to be equipped with a three-point seat belt for the operator and passengers;
- The District owns and operates 332 school buses;
  - All 332 buses are equipped with three-point seat belts for the operator;
  - 87 of the 332 buses are equipped with three-point seat belts for passengers;
  - 89 of the 332 buses are equipped with two-point seatbelts for passengers;
  - 156 of the 332 buses are not equipped with seat belts for passengers; and
  - The estimated cost to equip the 245 buses that are not currently equipped with three-point seat belts for passengers is:
    - Approximately \$8,458,864.82 to retrofit and equip these 245 buses with three-point seatbelts for passengers; and/or
    - Approximately \$37,139,060.00 to replace these 245 buses with new buses equipped with three-point seat belts for the operator and passengers;

**WHEREAS**, the Board’s adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2026 school year does not include monies budgeted for retrofitting and/or purchasing school buses equipped with three-point seat belts for the operator and passengers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

By its approval and adoption of this Resolution, this Board:

1. Determines that Pasadena ISD's budget for Fiscal Year 2026 does not permit the District to retrofit current buses to be equipped with three-point seat belts for passengers or purchase new school buses equipped with the required three-point seat belts for the operator and passengers as required by SB 546 Section 547.701;
2. Declares that the public report required under SB 546 and Section 547.701 was presented during the properly noticed and posted Meeting of this Board before the end of the 2025-2026 school year on April 28, 2026;
3. Authorizes the Superintendent and/or their designee to submit to TEA the report required by SB 546 and Section 547.701 before the end of the 2025-2026 school year; and
4. Directs that Board action related to this Resolution be reflected in the Minutes of the Board's April 28, 2026 Meeting and any approval and/or adoption of this Resolution serve as this Board's required consideration, determination, and/or action under SB 546 and Section 247.701.

Adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, at which a quorum was present.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President Board of Trustees  
Pasadena ISD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Board of Trustees  
Pasadena ISD