

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SILVERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RE: Senate Bill 546 – School Bus Seat Belt Financial Inability Determination

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 546 (89th Texas Legislature) requires all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district to be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger; and

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code § 547.701(e) provides an exception if a school district's Board of Trustees determines that the district's budget does not permit the purchase or retrofitting of compliant buses; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a report on the district's current bus inventory, which includes:

- Buses with **no** seat belts: 1
- Buses with **2-point** seat belts: 3
- Buses with **3-point** seat belts: 4

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to bring the entire fleet into full compliance is \$79,978.78;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Silverton ISD hereby determines that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent to submit this determination and the required fleet data to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) via the Sentinel portal no later than May 29, 2026

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Silverton Independent School District Board of Trustees this 21st day of April, 2026.

President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustees