

GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the board to ensure that at least one-armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one-armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the board of trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of funding or qualified personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District hereby determines that the School District is unable to ensure that at least one-armed security officer, as defined by law, is present at all times during regular school hours at each district campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees determines that:

(1) A lack of available funding. Specifically, the cost of employing commissioned peace officers for each District campus exceeds the additional Safety and Security Allotment provided by the State Legislature for the 2025-2026 School year; and

(2) A lack of available qualified personnel. Specifically, the District contracts with the City of Coppell, Coppell Police Department to provide commissioned peace officers to provide security services to the District, in the form of school resource officers, and the Coppell Police Department cannot provide more than eleven (11) school resource

officers and no more than one (1) school resource officer supervisor to the District for the 2025-2026 school year due to the Coppell Police Department's own personnel shortages, and there are currently at least 160 statewide vacancies for commissioned peace officers as listed on the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement website; and

(3) A lack of sufficient officer coverage during all school hours. Specifically, officers may be required to attend in-service training, make court appearances, respond to off-campus calls, or take personal leave during regular school hours, military service, sick/injury leave, which creates gaps in coverage and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

The alternate standard adopted will be to have the Coppell Police Department Officer assigned to Coppell North Middle School cover Denton Creek Elementary School and Victory Place as these schools are in close proximity. The Coppell Police Department Officer assigned to Coppell East Middle School cover Mockingbird Elementary School as these schools are in close proximity.

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

Board President's signature: _____

Board Secretary's signature: _____