

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COPPELL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION
UNDER HOUSE BILL 3 FROM 88TH REGULAR SESSION AND THE REQUIREMENT
TO MAINTAIN ARMED SECURITY OFFICER(S) ON EACH DISTRICT CAMPUS.**

WHEREAS, the District recognizes safety and security of all students and staff members is paramount;

WHEREAS, the Texas legislature enrolled House Bill 3 (“HB 3”) which requires a minimum of one armed security officer during school hours at each District campus, including a school district peace officer; a school resource officer (“SRO”); or an armed commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code (individually or collectively “Security Officer”);

WHEREAS, HB 3, outlining the requirements of Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code, allows the District to declare a good cause exception if the District is not able to comply with the requirement for a Security Officer due to the availability of funding or personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer;

WHEREAS, HB 3 allows for the adoption of an alternative standard with which the District can comply;

WHEREAS, the District maintains 18 District campuses;

WHEREAS, the local municipalities and the District currently do not have the staffing numbers to fulfill the required positions;

WHEREAS, the District does not maintain an internal Coppell ISD Police Department served solely by Security Officers; rather, the District contracts with the local law enforcement jurisdictions to provide SROs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the findings and recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District finds that the District is not able to comply with the requirements of HB 3 due to both the lack of availability of funding as well as lack of personnel qualified as a Security Officer, and declares good cause exists for an exception to HB 3’s requirements.
3. In declaring a good cause exception exists pursuant to Texas Education Code 37.0814(c), the Coppell Independent School District adopts the following requisite alternative standards to provide a multi-layered plan for the safety and security of the District:
 - a. By authorizing school marshal(s) under Section 37.0811 of the Texas Education Code,
 - b. By authorizing locally designated employee(s) under 18 U.S.C. § 922(q)(2)(B)(v) and Section 46.03(a)(1)(A) of the Texas Penal Code, and/or
 - c. A contract with a security services contractor under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code.

4. That it is hereby found, determined and declared that sufficient written notice of the date, time, place and subject of the meeting of the Coppell ISD Board at which this Resolution was adopted, was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; the meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution; and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Coppell ISD Board further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and posting thereof.
5. The Board of Trustees hereby finds that the District in determining this good cause exception and establishing the alternative standard is in compliance with Texas Education Code 37.0814.
6. The Superintendent shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement this resolution in compliance with State and Federal law and District policies, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and to ensure that documentation is maintained related to the good cause exception and to provide said documentation to the Texas Education Agency as prescribed.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of August 2023.

By: _____
David Caviness, President, Board of Trustees of
the Coppell Independent School District

ATTEST:

By: _____
Nichole Bentley, Secretary, Board of
Trustees of the Coppell Independent
School District