



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Resolution of the United Independent School District Board Regarding

Temporary Emergency Closure Due to Dangerous Weather

SUBMITTED BY: David H. Gonzalez **OF:** Superintendent's Office

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: January 26, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution Regarding Temporary Emergency Closure Due to Dangerous Weather

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
REGARDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE
DUE TO DANGEROUS WEATHER**

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District ("District") is a public school district located in Webb County, Texas;

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning (the "NWS Warning") affecting several counties in South Texas, including Webb County, based on an increasing chance of freezing precipitation and sleet or snow through Friday, January 21, 2022;

WHEREAS, the NWS Warning states that ice accumulations for the affected counties, including Webb County, could lead to slippery road conditions and a hazardous commute through Friday, January 21, 2022;

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees ("Board") finds that the expected weather as stated in the NWS Warning would likely create a dangerous situation for the District's students, staff, and community traveling to school and work on Friday, January 21, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the District's students, staff, and community, and finds that an emergency need exists to close District schools and departments on Friday, January 21, 2022 due to the dangerous weather;

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code section 45.105 to expend funds of the District for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board;

WHEREAS, per District Board Policy DEA (Local), the Board shall adopt a resolution or take other Board action establishing the purpose and parameters for payment during an emergency closure;

WHEREAS, the District has always been and will remain committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for its students while at the same time keeping all District staff safe and being good stewards of its resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That all the above recitals are adopted as findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this resolution for all purposes, and that the Board hereby determines that the public purposes served by this Resolution and any expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution include keeping the District's students, staff, and community as safe as possible during the dangerous weather forecast for January 21, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public purposes described above fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Superintendent

of Schools to address this ever-changing emergency in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of its students, staff, community, and the citizenship at-large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of these public purposes and this Resolution, the Board makes the following delegations to the Superintendent:

1. The authority to temporarily close the District's campuses and departments on an emergency basis on January 21, 2022, due to dangerous weather;
2. The authority to continue providing pay to all District employees during this period of emergency closure;
3. The authority to direct certain essential District employees to report to work during this period of emergency closure, including but not limited to those District employees who are essential to continuing certain District operations, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent; and
4. The authority to submit any necessary waivers to the Texas Education Agency to further the implementation and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized by the Board to take such further actions necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution without further Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted to the Superintendent by the Board via this Resolution shall remain until rescinded by Board Action at a duly called Board meeting, but in no event shall the authority granted to the Superintendent by this Resolution remain in effect past January 24, 2022.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January 2022, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

ATTEST:

Juan Roberto Ramirez
Board Secretary