

Terrell Independent School District

Executive Summary Report

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March 18, 2020		4

Agenda Item: Consideration and Possible Action to Delegate Additional Authority to the Superintendent during Emergency School Closure, Including Authority Related to Hiring, Construction Contracts, Budgeted Purchases, and Interlocal Agreements with other Local Government Entities

Summary:

The Board of Trustees will consider action to delegate authority to the superintendent in case of emergency school closure and an extended period of time in which the Board of Trustees is unable to convene for public meeting, including:

1. **HIRING AUTHORITY.** Final hiring authority to hire and contract with contractual personnel for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years without further Board approval;
2. **EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT CONTRACTS.** As permitted by Texas Education Code Section 44.0312((c) the authority to contract for the replacement, construction or repair of school equipment or facilities, if emergency replacement, construction or repair is necessary for the health and safety of district students;
3. **BUDGETED PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES.** To make budgeted purchases for goods or services. However, any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$100,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place; further the requirement for a report to the Board of budgeted purchases in excess of \$25,000, but not exceeding \$50,000, in Board Policy CH(Local) shall be suspended during the period of emergency; and
4. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS.** Authority for the provision of any lawful emergency assistance related to the control of the COVID-19 Virus, to another Local Government, including but not limited to the use of school district facilities and vehicles, and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into and execute any Interlocal Agreement with the Local Government as contemplated by Texas Government Code Section 791.027, provided such Interlocal Agreement is approved by counsel for the District prior to execution.

This designated authority is only for the duration of emergency school closure.

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Attachments:

Administrative Recommendation:
It is the recommendation of Administration that the Board approve that authority be granted to the Superintendent in the event of an emergency school closure for hiring authority, emergency replacement contracts, budgeted purchases of goods or services, and entry into interlocal agreements only for the duration of the emergency.

Budget/Funding
N/A