

Agenda of Budget Workshop

The Board of Trustees Jarrell ISD

A Budget Workshop of the Board of Trustees of Jarrell ISD will be held February 5, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Jarrell ISD Annex Cafeteria, 508 N. 5th Street, Jarrell, TX 76537.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum
2. Pledge to American and Texas Flags
3. Public Comments
4. Communication and Informational Item
 - A. Jarrell Ranch Middle School Attendance Zones Revision 3
presented by Laura Buckley
5. Action Items
 - A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During Emergency School Closings presented by Bob Mabry 13
 - B. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment or Special Election to Fill the Place 2 Vacancy on the Board of Trustees 16
 - C. Consideration of Possible Approval of Resolution for Legislative Priorities For The 89th Legislature 17
6. Budget Workshop #1
7. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board may recess into Closed Session for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084
 - A. Discussion of Personnel, Gov't. Code 551.074
 - B. Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, Tex. Gov't Code 551.072
 - C. Discussion Regarding Roles and Duties of a Public Officer or Employee
 - D. Level III Hearing Complaint of Krystal Cabla
8. Return to Open Session and Take Action if Needed on Closed Session Items
 - A. Possible Action on Personnel
 1. Consideration and Possible Action on Approving Additional Positions
 2. Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting Resignations

- 3. Consideration and Possible Action on Employing Personnel
 - B. Consideration and Possible Action on Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
 - C. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Level III Complaint of Krystal Cabla
9. Adjournment

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JARRELL, TEXAS**

Date: February 5, 2025

Reported by: Laura Buckley

Subject: Jarrell Ranch Middle School Attendance Zones

Discussion/Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This presentation aims to inform the Board and the community about the attendance zone process.

STRATEGIC GOAL: Accurately forecast the growth to allow the management of infrastructure, facilities, and technology.

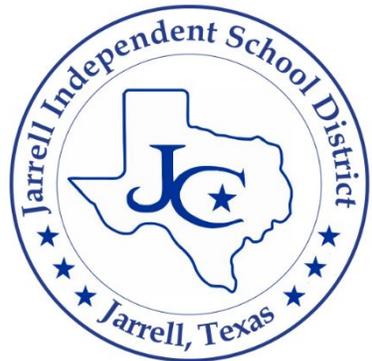
ITEM ADDRESSED: Jarrell Ranch Middle School Attendance Zones

BUDGET INFORMATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is an informational item only.

Jarrell Ranch Middle School Attendance Zones

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Laura Buckley
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Special Meeting
February 5, 2025

STEP #1: Establish a committee to include the following:

- Parents
- Teachers and Staff
- Community and Stakeholders



STEP #2: Facilitate a meeting

Primary Purpose: Establish Priorities

- Capacity
- Traffic Patterns
- Proximity
- Demographics
- Subdivisions staying intact



STEP #3: Staff & Community Surveys

Primary Purpose: Solicit stakeholder input.

- Survey results were close for plans #3 and #4.
- Community offered great feedback.
- Committee requested additional plan to address feedback.
- Subsequent survey, to include plan #5, was sent.

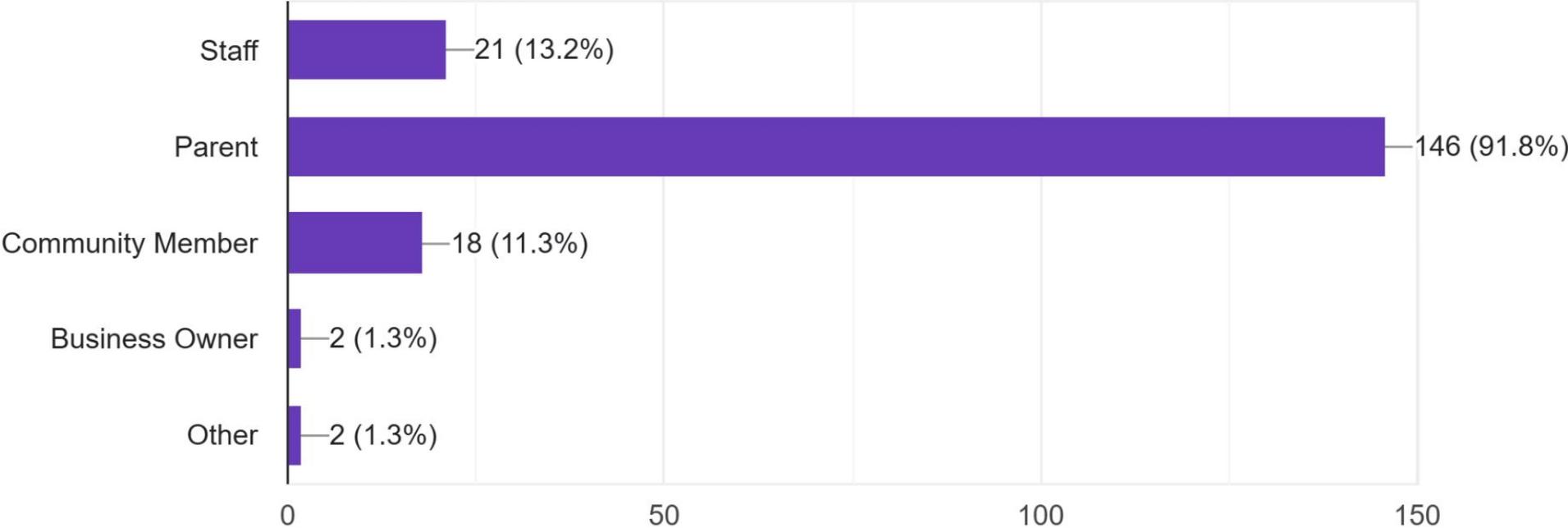
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Survey Results:

What is your connection to JISD?

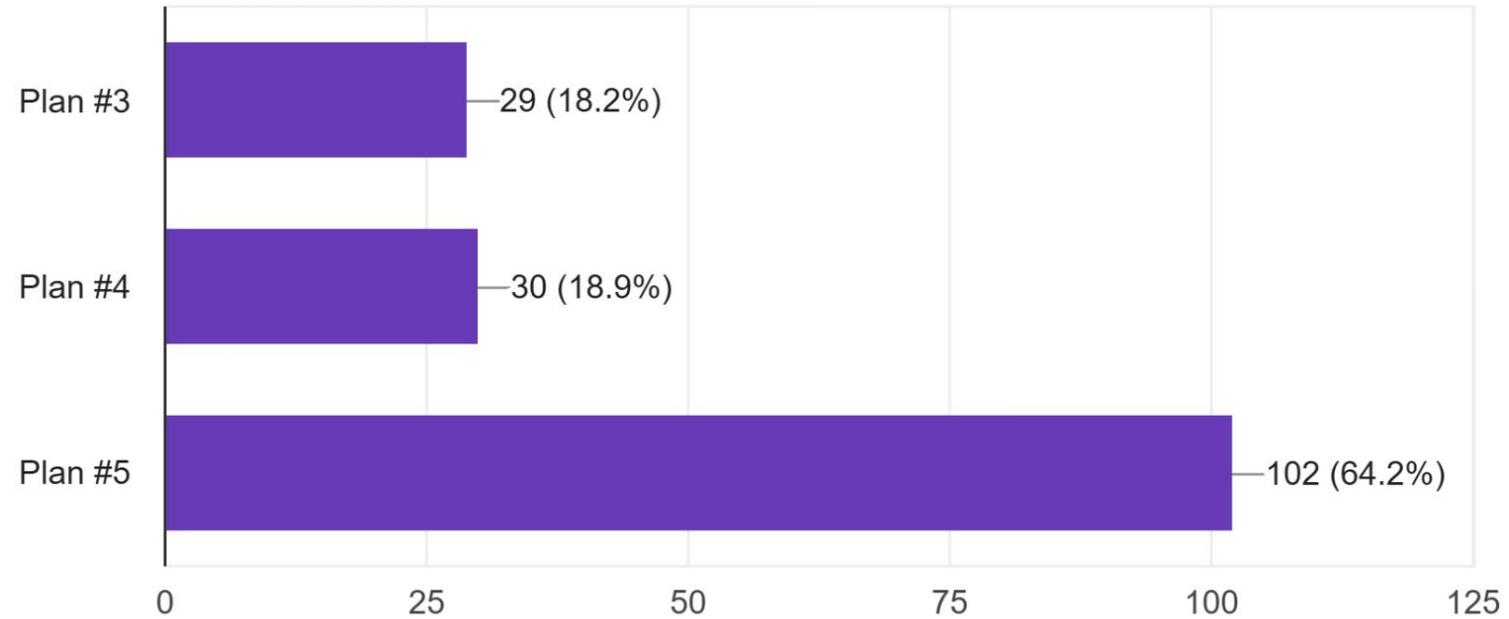
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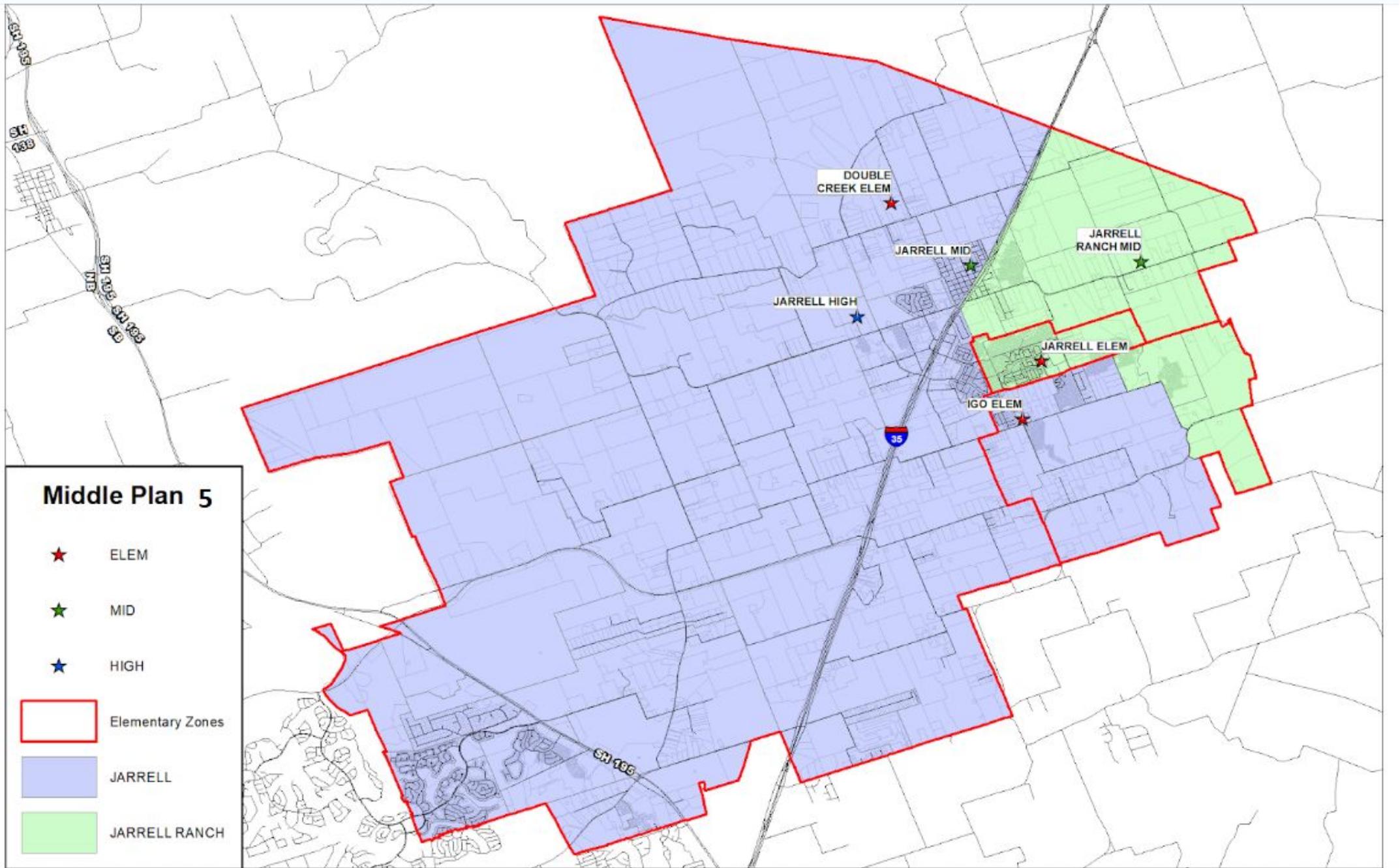


Survey Results:

Which plan is your top choice?

159 responses





Conclusion:

As recommended by the community,
100% of the Attendance Zone Committee Members
present at the January 16th meeting
agreed they could support
PLAN #5.





**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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JARRELL, TEXAS**

Date: February 5, 2025

Reported by: Bob Mabry

Subject: Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

Discussion/Action

Background Information:

Due to inclement weather on January 21, 2025, all Jarrell ISD campuses were closed for the safety of our students and staff.

Item Addressed:

Employees who are instructed not to report to work may suffer a loss of pay when the District is closed. District administrators conclude that continuing wage payments to all regular employees—contractual and non-contractual, salaried and non-salaried—who suffer a loss in pay due to an emergency closing serves the public purposes of maintaining morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity of District staffing.

Recommended Action:

Based on the information provided, staff recommends approval of the resolution to pay staff members for the day of the emergency school closure on January 21, 2025.

I move to approve the recommended Jarrell ISD Resolution of the Board regarding wage payments during emergency school closings.



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Jarrell ISD Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

WHEREAS, recent inclement weather resulted in the closure of all schools and facilities in the Jarrell ISD on January 21, 2025 (a total of 1 workday);

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

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that during an emergency closing, most District employees are instructed not to report for work;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a need exists to address wage payments for employees who are idled;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that employees who are instructed not to report to work may suffer a loss of pay if the District is closed; and

WHEREAS, the Board concludes that continuing wage payments to all regular employees—contractual and non-contractual, salaried and non-salaried—who suffer a loss in pay due to an emergency closing serves the public purposes of maintaining morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity of District staffing when schools reopen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Jarrell Independent School District

1. authorizes continued wage payments to all regular employees—contractual and non-contractual, salaried and non-salaried—who are instructed not to report to work during an emergency closing;
2. The Board determines that the District will not require employees to make up work days missed due to the closure of school facilities or operations as a result of emergency closure due to inclement weather on January 21, 2025; and
3. The Board finds that a public purpose and a benefit to the JISD exists to compensate JISD employees for 1 work day(s) missed due to the closure of school facilities or operations as a result of inclement weather on January 21, 2025], and that this expenditure is necessary for to serve a legitimate public purpose; and,
4. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to identify employees and absences covered by this Resolution and to take any and all action necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.



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The authority granted by this resolution to continue wage payments to idled employees is effective for closure with a maximum duration of five days unless the Board takes action to authorize payment for a longer duration.

Adopted this 5th day of February 2025, by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding Officer

Secretary



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Jarrell ISD Board Members Office Vacancy, Place 2

Appointment or Special Election to Fill Place 2 Vacancy on the Board of Trustees:

- **Option 1: Appointment**

- The Board will take applications through a recommended date:

Application Deadline: February 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

- **Option 2: Special Election**

- Estimated Cost: \$17,500
 - The estimated cost is based on the Special Election held in May 2023. More information will be available once the filing period is closed and could be approximately the same amount or slightly higher.
- Special Election Timeline
 - February 22, 2025: Deadline to Order a Special Election
 - March 3, 2025: Deadline to file an application
 - May 3, 2025: Election Day

Board of Trustees: Option ____ to Fill the Place 2 Vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

THE JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, A MEMBER OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (“TACS”), RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 89TH LEGISLATURE

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Jarrell Independent School District (the “Board”) constitutes a body corporate elected to advocate for the interests and needs of the District’s youth and public educators;

Whereas, Texas Education Code § 11.151(b) grants the Board the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of public schools of the District;

Whereas, Texas Education Code § 11.1511(b) authorizes the Board to establish working relationships with other public entities to make effective use of community resources and serve the needs of public school students in the community;

Whereas, the Board partners with the Texas Association of Community Schools (“TACS”), who represents almost two-thirds of the small and mid-sized schools in Texas, through advocacy and legislative support for Texas public school Districts.

Whereas, in accordance with Texas Education Code § 11.1511(b), the Board joins with TACS and its public-school members to respectfully encourage our esteemed legislators to fight for the interests and voices of the District and all Texas public schools by promoting and enforcing the District’s following priorities for the 89th Legislature:

Be it resolved, the District, in conjunction with TACS, **SUPPORTS**:

School Finance

- Increasing the basic allotment to achieve per-pupil funding equal to the national average.
- Using enrollment rather than attendance as the standard for school funding.
- Sustainable funding for all day Pre-Kindergarten.
- Increased funding for the Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment (IMTA) with no additional carve-outs so districts may provide adequate technology and instructional materials to meet higher standards for students.
- Continuing to invest in teacher compensation programs using local district discretion to recognize outstanding achievement and instructional practices.
- Any bills that are proposed relating to property tax reductions or that would impact funding for public schools will have a fiscal note which explains the full effect on funding formulas for education.
- Creating an inflationary measure to adjust the basic allotment to ensure funding meets the standards of Texas taxpayers and communities.

Assessment & Accountability

- A comprehensive school accountability system, rather than one based on high stakes standardized tests.

- An assessment system that provides meaningful opportunities for each student, campus, and district to meet all local, state, and federal performance expectations.
- A system that holds students and parents accountable for school attendance that restores consequences for excessive absences.
- Use of locally determined industry certification for state accountability purposes.

Texas Teacher Retirement System

- Enhancing the use of retired teachers' opportunities to return to the classroom in school districts, with no cost to the district or employee.
- Increased contributions by the state for TRS ActiveCare and TRS Care health insurance to reduce participants' out-of-pocket costs.
- Annual cost-of-living increases to retired personnel to assist in recruiting and retaining school employees.

Education Service Centers

- The regional Education Service Centers; the ESCs are critical to the success of our state's school children and are a cost-effective delivery system for services that are needed by Texas schools.

University Interscholastic League

- The UIL as a voluntary and independent association governed by rules and regulations adopted by its member schools.

Be it further resolved, the District in conjunction with TACS, **OPPOSES**:

School Finance

- We oppose the diversion of public funds for education savings accounts or any other funding mechanism that funnels state funds to private schools, home-schooled students, or parents with no academic or financial accountability or transparency to the state, taxpayers, and/or communities.
- Forced consolidation of school districts.
- Further expansion of publicly funded charter schools without oversight from elected officials such as the State Board of Education
- Virtual education without accountability and education standards used for all public-school districts across Texas.
- Legislation or other measures that seek to limit or restrict school districts' or administrators' ability to be represented before the Texas Legislature, state agencies, and/or the executive branch.

Assessment & Accountability

- Legislation that would remove Districts of Innovation and local control.

- Additional testing, including for elementary students.

Education Service Centers

- Use of Education Service Centers in a required or expected regulatory role.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jarrell Independent School District, as a member of TACS and its member schools, respectfully and urgently seek that the members of the 89th Legislature prioritize and invest in Texas public schools, placing the education, safety, and success of Texas youth as the highest priority to secure a better future for Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED during a scheduled meeting with a quorum of the Board present on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstentions: _____

Jenny Arnold, Board of Trustees President

Dave Lovelace, Board of Trustees Secretary