

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF _____ INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code Sections 276.001 and 276.004 protect an employee’s right to vote;

WHEREAS, exercising one’s right to vote is a civic duty that should be encouraged and promoted;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of _____ ISD seeks to create a culture of voting and encourage all District employees to model responsible citizenship for the benefit of students;

WHEREAS, public education and the educated citizenry created by public education are the greatest safeguards to the State of Texas and the continuation of a free society; and the institution of public education is best protected by a robust and informed electorate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Board of Trustees of _____ ISD supports a culture of voting and seeks to encourage maximum participation by District employees and eligible students in the elections process.

2. That the Board of Trustees of _____ ISD authorizes the administration to take steps necessary to ensure maximum participation by District employees and eligible students in the elections process, which may include:

- Creating District communications that inform employees and eligible students of the importance of voting;
- Creating District communications that inform employees and eligible students about when and where they may vote;
- Creating District communications that encourage employees to participate in voter pledge programs (such as TexasEducatorsVote.com);
- Creating District communications that encourage employees to use third party tools to learn about candidates’ positions on public education (such as TeachTheVote.org);
- Conducting campus or Districtwide assemblies that promote a culture of voting;
- Implementing administrative procedures that provide time during the early voting period for employees to vote;
- *Where feasible, providing District transportation to and from polling places;
- Implementing no cost incentives to promote voter participation, such as permitting employees with an “I Voted” sticker to wear jeans; and
- Encouraging District and/or campus coordination with volunteer organizations, such as the PTA/PTO or retired educators groups, to encourage and facilitate the District’s efforts to create a culture of voting.

*[*If the district will allow nonschool use of district-owned vehicles, consult with the district’s attorney and insurance carrier and ensure such use is permitted by district policy at CNB(LOCAL).]*

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

_____, Presiding Officer

_____, Secretary