

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF _____ INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Texas Election Code Sections 276.001 and 276.004 protect citizens' 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 by encouraging eligible students and all District employees to model responsible citizenship;

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;

WHEREAS, school campuses are used as polling places and the Board of Trustees of - _____ ISD wishes to promote safe and secure schools;

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 election process.

2. That the Board of Trustees of _____ISD authorizes the administration to take steps necessary to provide District employees and eligible students the maximum opportunity to participate in the elections process, which may include:

- a. Declaring (date, year) Election Day a student holiday;
- b. Allowing employees up to two hours paid time off on Election Day;
- c. Creating District communications that inform employees and eligible students of the importance of voting;
- d. Creating District communications that inform employees and eligible students about when and where they may vote;
- e. Creating District communications that encourage employees and eligible students to participate in voter education programs;
- f. Creating District communications that encourage employees and eligible students to research candidates' positions on public education;
- g. Conducting campus or Districtwide assemblies that promote a culture of voting by reinforcing the relevant Texas Education Knowledge and Skills, providing for voter registration, sharing factual information about future elections, and encouraging participation;
- h. Implementing administrative procedures that provide time during the early voting period for employees to vote;

i. Encouraging District and/or campus coordination with appropriate nonpartisan, nonprofit volunteer organizations to encourage and facilitate the District's efforts to create a culture of voting.

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

_____,'

Presiding Officer _____,

Secretary
