

**COLLEGE STATION ISD BOARD RESOLUTION
REGARDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the College Station Independent School District ("College Station ISD" or "the District") will close for a period of time to be determined and subject to adjustment pursuant to federal, state and local mandates in response to the COVID 19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, under Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-08, the COVID 19 pandemic constitutes an unforeseen "operational failure" suffered by educational institutions and their physical facilities; as contemplated under Texas Education Code Section 44.031(h);

WHEREAS, the public purpose of the District is served by our continued work to support our students and families during periods of closure and/or modified operations, as well as our efforts to ensure a safe return to normal school operations for both students and staff;

WHEREAS, the District and may experience limited or modified operations for an even greater length of time beyond this period of initial closure;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees finds a substantial public purpose exists in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and therefore in ensuring that the school district and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community in light of COVID-19.

In furtherance of these public purposes, the Board of Trustees makes the following delegations to the Superintendent and designee(s):

1. The authority to alter the College Station ISD 2019-2020 school calendar by changing and/or adding school/instructional hours and work/school days as necessitated by any emergency closure or related concerns;
2. The authority to act in place of the Board under Policy DEC (Local) regarding employee leave and thus create guidelines and make decisions regarding absences, leave time, leave days, and compensation of any employee who is quarantined as a result of COVID-19 and/or who tests positive for COVID-19 and who presents appropriate medical documentation regarding themselves and/or an immediate family member, in compliance with Texas and federal law;
3. To the extent permitted by law, the authority to act in place of the Board under Policy DEC (Local) regarding employee leave as it relates to payment and usage of leave to employees who were on leave or take leave during the emergency for reasons unrelated to COVID-19;
4. The authority to act in place of the Board to suspend or modify the timelines for the local grievance process in Board Policies DGBA (Local), FNG (Local), and GF (Local);
5. The authority to seek any necessary waivers from the Texas Education Agency without further action of the Board of Trustees regarding missed instructional days, low attendance, or any matters related to the emergency closures as part of this Resolution;

6. In the event other waivers or immediate actions are needed, the Superintendent is authorized to take other action and to submit/apply for other waivers in accordance with guidance and instructions from the national and state authorities and/or agencies;
7. To the extent permitted by law, the authority to act in the place of the Board under Policy EIA (LOCAL) and to modify the provisions of Board Policy EIA (LOCAL), and the authority to modify the local student grading guidelines contained in the College Station ISD Student Handbook; and
8. The authority to adjust Board Policy EIC (Local) regarding class rank as follows:
 - a. The calculation of GPA for the purposes of determining final class rank and local graduation honors (cum laude designations) for the current senior class graduating in 2020, shall be based on the grades available for the most recent final grading period before the District began remote instruction, which ended on February 21, 2020, and will exclude grades awarded during the final two grading periods of the 2019-2020 school year; and
 - b. The calculation of GPA and determination of class ranking for all students taking courses for high school and/or college credit, excluding those members of the senior class graduating in 2020 as noted above, shall exclude grades awarded during the spring semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, at an emergency meeting held on April 6, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District voted, by a vote of ____ "for," ____ "against," and ____ abstaining, to adopt this RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Attest:

Michael Schaefer
Board President

Mike Nugent
Secretary