



MARTINSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGARDING GRADING AND CLASS RANK POLICIES DURING PERIODS OF COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE AND GRANTING THE SUPERINTENDENT CERTAIN AUTHORITY RELATED TO GRADING AND CLASS RANK

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Independent School District Board of Trustees (Board) recognizes that officials in the State of Texas and the United States Government have declared a disaster and emergency regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 (COVID-19) and its potential spread;

WHEREAS, the territory included in Martinsville Independent School District (District) is within the areas declared a disaster and an emergency area;

WHEREAS, on or about March 13, 2020, the President of the United States first declared a national emergency and the Governor of the State of Texas declared a statewide disaster regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 19, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, in accordance with guidelines issued by the President of the United States related to the COVID-19 emergency, issued an Executive Order that temporarily closed all school districts in the State of Texas and ultimately issued an order closing all schools in Texas through the end of the 2020 spring semester; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 is an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency of urgent public necessity, that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and that additional emergency declarations may continue to be issues in the coming days and weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District Administration are following advice and directives from federal, state and local authorities in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the District has implemented procedures for continuity of instruction to the extent possible during the closure of its schools or suspension of normal District operations; and

WHEREAS, the District's public purpose and need are served by temporarily adjusting local policy provisions relating to grading and determination of class rank; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports future decisions the Superintendent may make under the authority of this Resolution regarding grading and the determination of class rank as set out in Board policies EIA(LOCAL), EIC(LOCAL) and all other Local polices related to grading to the extent legally allowable: and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to provide controls and oversight for the District authority granted to the Superintendent herein through requiring that the Superintendent timely report to the Board all actions taken under this grant of authority.



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IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees finds that a substantial public purpose exists in making the following temporary modification to Board policies regarding grading and class rank, including but not limited to EIA(LOCAL) and EIC(LOCAL), and in authorizing the Superintendent to make determinations set out below:

1. Delegation to the Superintendent to determine Local Graduation Honors, and Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the graduating seniors from the class of 2020 only, with the determination for those honors to be determined based on the grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the 4th 6 week grading period during the 2019-2020 school year, in a manner that shall not impact the District's ability to calculate class rank for purposes of admission to application to Texas institutions of higher education, as required by state law; and
2. Delegation to the Superintendent to determine grades for any grading period during the 2019-2020 Spring semester, after the closure of the District due to COVID-19 related matters, including after remote instruction was instituted. This delegation further authorizes the Superintendent to interpret and institute final grades for the 2019-2020 school year (or you have this provision specifically state what you are going to do) ; and
3. Delegation to the Superintendent to interpret and execute all aspects of LOCAL Board Polices EI, EIA, EIC, EIE and EIF, in compliance with Federal and State law.

The authority and temporary modification granted by this Resolution are effective until July 1, 2020 unless the Board takes action to authorize continuation for a longer duration, or to terminate any authority or temporary modifications at an earlier date.

The above Resolution is passed and adopted this 27th day of April 2020, by the Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Teresa Weaver

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Gregory Newton

Secretary, Board of Trustees