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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGARDING GRADING AND CLASS RANK POLICIES AND  
GRANTING THE SUPERINTENDENT CERTAIN AUTHORITY RELATED TO  
INTERPRETATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOUTH TEXAS ISD LOCAL  
POLICIES DURING PERIODS OF COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**WHEREAS**, the South Texas Independent School District Board of Directors (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 South Texas 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;

**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;

**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 follow in the coming days and weeks;

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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, the public purpose and needs of the District are best served by temporarily adjusting local policy provisions relating to grading and determination of class rank;

**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 policies 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.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,** the Board of Directors finds that a substantial public purpose exists in making the following temporary adjustments 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 grade point averages and final class rank, as well as Local Graduation Honors, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the graduating seniors from the class of 2020, consistent with South Texas ISD's current EIC(LOCAL) policy and 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 grade point average for the 2020 Spring Semester for students graduating in the 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 school year, based solely on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grade and 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
3. Delegation to the Superintendent to re-calculate any transfer students' grade point averages for the 2019-2020 school year for students graduating in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, to be consistent with the grade calculations set out in section 2 above, as it relates to the 2020 Spring semester or its equivalency as determined by South Texas ISD; and
4. Delegation to the Superintendent to determine grades for any grading period during the 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; and
5. Delegation to the Superintendent to interpret, revise, implement and execute all aspects of LOCAL polices, including but not limited to policies EIC and EIA, related to a response to COVID-19 matters during the time period when the District is closed, except for limited services, including providing meals and remote instruction to students, in compliance with Federal and State law.

The authority and temporary adjustments granted by this Resolution are effective until the District resumes in-person instruction of its students, unless the Board takes action to authorize continuation for a longer duration, or to terminate any authority or temporary adjustments at an earlier date.

**The above Resolution is passed and adopted this 28th day of April, 2020, by the Board of Directors.**

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Douglas E. Buchanan  
President, Board of Directors

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