

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS UNDER SENATE BILL 763**

WHEREAS, Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code permits the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the Board;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 763, passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote between September 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024, on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Education Code Chapter 23;

WHEREAS, The Midland Independent School District welcomes volunteers in our schools and recognizes the vital role a volunteer plays in supporting the educational experience of students. Interested individuals can volunteer through various district and school-based programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District hereby affirms the practice of a district campus permitting any community members who meet requirements, including chaplains, to volunteer to provide support, services, and programs for students in accordance with the District's existing GKG (LOCAL) policy and declines to extend our current support, services, or programs under Chapter 23 of the Texas Education Code. In accordance with policy, volunteers shall not be used to replace the position or functions of salaried professional or paraprofessional employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Midland Independent School District does not authorize hiring chaplains as counselors or for other mental and behavioral health roles. An individual who is a chaplain would still be eligible for hire if they meet the same requirements and possess the required credentials that the District has set forth for the position and they are deemed the best candidate. All policies, regulations, and procedures would still apply for those positions.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District.



Tommy Bishop, Board President



Sara Burleson, Board Secretary