

**RESOLUTION OF THE
PEASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the PEASTER Independent School District ("PEASTER" or "District") is committed to the safety and security of all students and staff at PEASTER; and

WHEREAS, the 88th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3 addressing school safety and security to include amending the Texas Education Code by adding Section 37.0814, effective September 1, 2023, requiring the board of trustees of a public school district to determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 37.0814 requires an armed security officer at each campus during regular school hours, and each armed security officer must be either a school district peace officer, school resource officer, or commissioned peace officer employed as security (referred to collectively as, "commissioned peace officer"); and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 37.0814(c) provides a good cause exception for Districts that are not able to provide a commissioned peace officer at every campus during regular school hours due to the availability of funding or lack of qualified commissioned peace officers, so long as school districts develop an alternative standard for compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the District qualifies for the good cause exception(s), due to the shortage of available qualified commissioned peace officers in the District's geographical area; shortage of time to vet and train any officers, and

WHEREAS, the District will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies to secure a qualified commissioned peace officer to serve as an SRO within the district. Should the officer become available the District intends to enter into an inter-local agreement for an SRO with a local law enforcement entity within Parker County Texas.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has developed an alternative as outlined in Texas Education Code 37.0814(c) for the safety and security of students and staff, by authorizing District employee(s), who have been trained by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901 of the Texas Government Code, on each campus to carry a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations (commonly referred to as "School Guardian Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the PEASTER Independent School District has determined, pursuant to Texas Education Code 37.0814(c), that the District qualifies for the good cause exception to providing armed security officers at each campus during regular school hours, and has developed a suitable alternative for providing safe and secure campuses by authorizing District employee(s), who have been trained by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901 of the Texas Government Code, on each campus to carry a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations (commonly referred to as "School Guardian Program").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby finds that the District in determining this good cause exception and establishing the alternative standard is in compliance with Texas Education Code 37.0814; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the meeting Minutes of the PEASTER Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement this resolution in compliance with State and Federal law and District policies, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and to ensure that documentation is maintained related to the district's implementation of and compliance with these

laws, including documentation related to the good cause exception and to provide said documentation to the Texas Education Agency as prescribed.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the PEASTER Independent School District during a lawfully called meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025. A quorum of the Board being then present, a motion was made to accept the resolution and seconded, such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Abstentions 0 Nays 0


President, Jake Bashore


Secretary, Austin McKinley
Mike Bowling, Vice President