

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Article III, Sections 51 and 52 of the Texas Constitution prohibit political subdivisions from making gifts of public funds to private individuals or entities; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Code (§ 45.105(c)) provides, in part, that districts are limited in the use of school district local funds to purposes necessary for the conduct of public schools, as determined by the board of trustees; and,

WHEREAS, a governing body must be involved in any decision concerning the expenditure of public funds ahead of time, to allow for a determination that the expenditure would serve a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, in Texas Attorney General Opinion JC-113, the attorney general found that “the constitution does not bar a governmental expenditure that benefits a private interest if it is made for the direct accomplishment of a legitimate public purpose.” The attorney general concluded that if a school district’s use of public money will benefit a private person or entity, the board must:

- 1) Determine in good faith that the expenditure serves a valid school district purpose, and
- 2) Act to place sufficient controls on the transaction to ensure that the school district’s purpose is carried out.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District seeks to retain its employees, improve productivity, and build employee morale; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District finds that providing small ‘de minimis’ gifts (such as but not limited to plaques, flowers, employee spirit shirts, holiday hams/turkeys, campus/department meals, etc.) to be done in accordance with district guidelines serves an important public purpose in that continued retention of employees shall enable the school district to continue efficient educational activities and build employee morale.

IT IS THEREFORE:

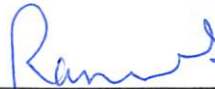
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District hereby authorizes the administration to allow small ‘de minimis’ gifts to be given in accordance with district guidelines.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

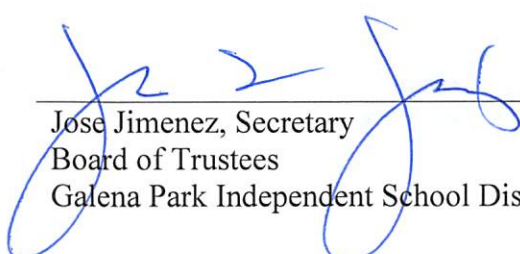
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of Galena Park Independent School District during a scheduled Board Meeting on October 6, 2025. A quorum of the Board of Trustees being then present, it was then duly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

To certify which, witness my hand and the official seal of the District, this 6th day of October, 2025.



Ramon Garza, Board President
Board of Trustees
Galena Park Independent School District



Jose Jimenez, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Galena Park Independent School District