

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
MAGNOLIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 546 of the 89th Legislative Session requires that all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the operator, with full compliance required no later than September 1, 2029;

WHEREAS, Magnolia ISD administration made a public report to the Magnolia ISD Board of Trustees at its April 13, 2026 regularly called meeting on Senate Bill 546's seat belt requirements and the associated costs to Magnolia ISD and the feasibility to comply;

WHEREAS, the Magnolia ISD Board of Trustees has reviewed report including the fleet inventory, cost projections, and multi-year capital replacement requirements and finds that full compliance by the statutory deadline is not financially feasible under current funding conditions;

WHEREAS, Magnolia ISD currently operates a fleet that includes a significant number of buses that do not meet the newly mandated safety equipment requirements;

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to replace or retrofit the non-compliant buses creates a substantial financial burden on the Magnolia ISD, and current budget conditions do not permit full compliance within the required timeframe; and

WHEREAS, SB 546 authorizes a school district to determine, through Board action, that the District's budget does not permit the purchase of compliant buses or retrofitting of non-compliant buses at this time, provided that required reporting to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Magnolia ISD Board of Trustees hereby:

1. Determines that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 by September 1, 2029;
2. Directs the Superintendent to submit the required SB 546 reporting to the Texas Education Agency, including the fleet inventory, cost estimates, and this Resolution; and
3. Directs the Superintendent to develop a phased, fiscally responsible replacement and/or retrofit plan and to provide updates to the Board as part of annual budget planning.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAGNOLIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, this 13th day of April 2026 as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Signed: _____

Gary Blizzard, President, MISD Board of Trustees

Signed: _____

Sonja Ebel, Secretary, MISD Board of Trustees