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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SB 546 SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS – FINANCIAL INABILITY DETERMINATION**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 546 (89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature) 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, Stafford MSD 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 District, and current budget conditions do not permit full compliance within the required timeframe;

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;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Trustees of Stafford MSD hereby determines that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 by September 1, 2029.
2. The Board directs the Superintendent to submit the required SB 546 reporting to the Texas Education Agency, including the fleet inventory, cost estimates, and this Resolution.
3. The Board further 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.

Adopted and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of Stafford Municipal School District.

**Ash Hamirani**

Ash Hamirani, Board President



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