RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MATHIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DECLARING A GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION FOR HOUSE BILL 3: ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires that the Board of Trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each campus; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the Board to ensure that at least one (1) armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one (1) armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the Board of Trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the Board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of funding or qualified personnel; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a shortage of law enforcement personnel across the State of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Mathis Independent School District determine there is a good cause exception for non-compliance due to lack of available qualified personnel. Although local jurisdictions have provided additional personnel to be used as School Resource Officers (SROs), there remains an insufficient number of qualified individuals to meet the new state-mandated requirement.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

Adopted on this **18th** day of **May 2026** by the Mathis ISD Board of Trustees.

Melinda Barajas

Board President

APPROVED

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Superintendent of Schools