A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TRENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARGING GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION UNDER HOUSE BILL 3 FROM 88TH REGULAR SESSION AND THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN ARMED SECURITY OFFICER(S) ON EACH DISTRICT CAMPUS.

WHEREAS, the District recognizes safety and security of all students and staff members is paramount;

WHEREAS, the Texas legislature enrolled House Bill 3 ("HB 3") which requires a minimum of one armed security officer during school hours at each District campus, including a school district peace officer; a school resource officer ("SRO"); or an armed commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code (individually or collectively "Security Officer");

WHEREAS, HB 3, outlining the requirements of Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code, allows the District to declare a good cause exemption if the District is not able to comply with the requirement for a Security Officer due to the availability of funding or personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer;

WHERAS, HB 3 allows for the adoption of an alternative standard with which the District can comply;

WHEREAS, in [February, 2026], the Board of Trustees initially adopted a good cause exemption due to unavailable staffing and funding to fulfill the requirements of an armed officer at each campus;

WHEREAS, the District maintains [3] District campuses;

WHEREAS, the approximate cost of having a Security Officer would be $[100,000] per Security Officer resulting in an approximate total cost to the District of $[200,000];

WHEREAS, the local municipalities and the District currently do not have the staffing numbers to fulfill the required Security Officer positions;

WHEREAS, the District does not maintain an internal Trenton ISD Police Department served solely by Security Officers; rather, the District maintains a Safety and Security Department served by a combination of active/retired peace officers and other personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the findings and recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Trenton Independent School District finds that the District is not able to comply with the requirements of HB 3 due to both the lack of availability of funding as well as lack of personnel qualified as a Security Officer, and declares good cause exists for an exemption to HB 3's requirements.
3. In declaring a good cause exemption exists, the Trenton Independent School District adopts a requisite alternative standard authorizing a minimum of one school marshal under Section 37.0811 of the Texas Education Code.

4. That it is hereby found, determined and declared that: sufficient written notice of the date, time, place and subject of the meeting of the Trenton ISD Board at which this Resolution was adopted, was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; the meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution; and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Trenton ISD Board further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and posting thereof.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of February 2026.

By: _____
Allen Lambright, President, Board of Trustees
of the Trenton Independent School District

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elisha Stufflebeme, Secretary, Board of Trustees
of the Trenton Independent School District