

WEIMAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION
Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 546 – School Bus Seat Belts Declaring Financial Hardship and
Temporary Exemption from SB 546 Compliance

WHEREAS, Texas Senate Bill 546 requires that all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district be equipped with three-point (lap and shoulder) seat belts for each passenger and the driver; and

WHEREAS, the law requires full compliance by September 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Weimar ISD is committed to student safety while also maintaining fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of the district; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a review of its current transportation fleet and determined the number of buses that are not equipped with compliant three-point seat belts; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed cost estimates associated with retrofitting or replacing non-compliant buses; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the total projected cost to bring the District into full compliance with SB 546 at this time would create a significant financial burden and cannot be accommodated within the current budget without adversely impacting instructional programs and district operations;

RESOLVED:

1. **Declaration of Hardship**

The Board of Trustees hereby formally determines, in an open and public meeting, that the District **lacks sufficient funding at this time** to fully comply with the requirements of SB 546.

2. **Temporary Exemption**

Based on this determination, the District **claims a temporary exemption from full compliance** with SB 546 as permitted by law.

3. **Required Public Disclosure**

The District has presented and will maintain the following information as part of the public record:

- Number of buses without seat belts
- Number of buses with two-point seat belts (if applicable)
- Number of buses with three-point seat belts
- Estimated total cost to achieve full compliance

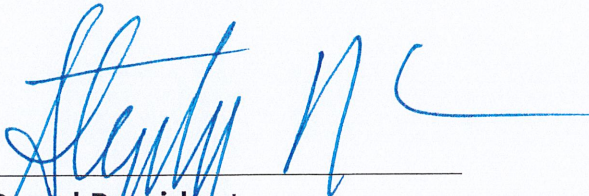
4. **Continued Good Faith Effort**

The Board directs the Superintendent to:

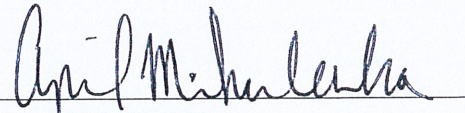
- Continue evaluating options for compliance through phased replacement or retrofit
- Pursue available funding sources, including grants and donations

- Prioritize student safety within available financial resources
- 5. **Annual Review**
The Board will **review this determination annually** and reassess the District's financial capacity to move toward full compliance.
- 6. **Reporting Requirements**
The Superintendent is directed to ensure all required reporting is submitted to the Texas Education Agency in accordance with SB 546.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April, 2026.



Board President



Board Secretary