

**RESOLUTION OF THE _____ INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING
DEPENDABLE, AFFORDABLE, BROADBAND ACCESS.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of _____ Independent School District is empowered by Texas Education Code § 11.1515 to provide oversight regarding student academic achievement and strategic leadership for maximizing student performance; and,

WHEREAS, the _____ ISD is committed to providing the highest quality education to its students in preparation for college, university, trade school, careers, citizenship, and lifelong learning; and,

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, school districts became intimately aware of the fact that not all school districts, schools, homes and businesses have the same access to reliable internet. Students in rural school districts often incur challenges with remote learning while quarantined or ill; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency intends to administer the 2021 STAAR tests through an on-line platform where possible; and through the 86th Legislature's House Bill 3906, seeks to transition to statewide on-line STARR testing by 2023; and,

WHEREAS, no student should be placed at a disadvantage in academic performance or assessment due solely to geographic residence or because their family cannot afford reliable internet access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of _____ Independent School District adopts the recitals above as findings of fact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ Independent School District joins the Texas Rural Broadband Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of students and educators alike, the _____ Independent School District requests that Governor Gregg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, all members of the 87th Texas Legislature, and the Texas Education Agency act promptly to create a statewide broadband internet service plan to ensure equitable and affordable opportunities for rural students to access fully the benefits and privileges of the Texas public school system without regard to geographic residence. We appreciate that our Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker and other legislators have made broadband a priority this session. We will support the initiative to get reliable internet service to rural Texas.

Adopted this the ___ day of _____, 2021, by the _____ ISD Board of Trustees.

Board President

Board Secretary