

To: Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Perez, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: Deliberation and determination concerning whether the District's budget can support purchasing buses equipped with three-point seat belts, as required by Texas Transportation Code §547.701(e)(1)

Date: April 13, 2026

Per the requirements under SB 546 and Transportation Code 547.701, the Board needs to determine whether the District's budget permits the purchase of buses with 3-point seat belts.

**Motion Option No. 1** – (if the District has the money to purchase buses):

- *I move that the Board find and determine, based on the information and presentation by Administration that the District's Budget can support purchasing buses equipped with three-point seat belts, as required by Texas Transportation Code §547.701(e)(1), and further move that the Board direct that the Superintendent, or his designee, take all steps necessary to retrofit the District's buses with 3-point seat belts as soon as possible.*

**Motion Option No. 2** – (if the District does not have the money to purchase buses):

- *I move that the Board find and determine, based on the information and presentation by Administration that the District's Budget cannot support purchasing buses equipped with three-point seat belts, as required by Texas Transportation Code §547.701(e)(1), and further move that the Board direct the Superintendent, or his designee, present a formal report to the Board, as required by Texas Transportation Code section 547.701(f), which shall include:*
  - (1) the number of buses operated by or contracted for use by the District that:*
    - (A) are not equipped with seat belts;*
    - (B) are equipped with two-point seat belts; and*
    - (C) are equipped with three-point seat belts; and*
  - (2) the estimated cost to the District to equip with three-point seat belts each bus operated by or contracted for use by the District that is not equipped with three-point seat belts.*