NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 4th day of May, 2024, in accordance with the following order:

ORDER CALLING SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF WALLER	§
HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	§

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Hempstead Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election (the "Election) for and within the District on the propositions hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said Election shall be held on May 4, 2024, a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by Texas law;

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), has agreed to enter into a an agreement with Waller County (the "County") for the provision of election services (the "Election Services Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Election Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; Now Therefore,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

- Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Election Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.
- Section 2. <u>Election Ordered.</u> The Election shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, May 4, 2024 (the "Election Day"), in accordance with the Code.
- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Propositions.</u> At the Election the following propositions (the "Propositions") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

HEMPSTEAD ISD PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,320,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING A NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AND THE ADDITION OF SECURE, ENCLOSED CONNECTORS FOR STUDENT TRANSITIONS, THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS ISSUES OR SERIES,

SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID BONDS?

HEMPSTEAD ISD PROPOSITION B

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400,000 BONDS FOR THE RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE HEMPSTEAD ISD STADIUM COMPLEX, INCLUDING A NEW SYNTHEIC TURF FIELD AND TRACK, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Official Ballot.</u> (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved County voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Propositions, which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

HEMPSTEAD ISD PROPOSITION A

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$42,320,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,

ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING A NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AND THE ADDITION OF SECURE, ENCLOSED CONNECTORS FOR STUDENT

SECURE, ENCLOSED CONNECTORS FOR STUDENT TRANSITIONS, THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY

SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT

AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

HEMPSTEAD ISD PROPOSITION B

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,400,000 BONDS FOR THE

RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE HEMPSTEAD ISD STADIUM COMPLEX, INCLUDING A NEW SYNTHEIC TURF FIELD AND TRACK, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND

[] AGAINST INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY

RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY

TAX INCREASE.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Persons Qualified to Vote.</u> All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Election Services Contract; Joint Election; Election Officers. The District will contract with the County for election services and will conduct a joint election with other participating governmental entities in the County who are holding elections on Election Day. The President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, or their designees, are authorized to negotiate and enter into the Election Services Contract and one or more joint election agreements, or similar contracts or agreements with the County and any joint election participants if desired or required to comply with applicable law. The election judges, alternate judges, clerks and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election will be appointed by the County.

Section 7. Election Precincts, Voting Locations, Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting locations for voting on Election Day shall be the polling locations set forth in **Exhibit A**, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County in accordance with the Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. The notices of the Election shall be conformed to the final Election Day locations designated by the County. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Section 8. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. (a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in **Exhibit B** or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County in accordance with the Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. The notices of the Election shall be conformed to the final early voting locations designated by the County.
- (b) The Board of Trustees hereby appoints Christy Eason, Waller County, Elections Administrator and applications for ballot by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at the following address: Attention: Waller County Elections Office, 425 FM 1488 Hempstead, TX 77445 or delivered by hand.
- Section 9. <u>Conduct of Election</u>. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.
- Section 10. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by law.

Section 11. Required Information.

- Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the language (a) (a) (a) for each proposition that will appear on the ballot and the purposes for which the bonds for each proposition are to be authorized are set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (ii) the principal amounts of bonds for each proposition to be authorized is set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iii) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, (iv) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over not to exceed 40 years from their date of issuance, (v) based on market conditions at the time of adoption of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate on any series of the bonds is estimated to be 4.50%, (vi) as of the date of adoption of this Election Order, (A) the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$6,360,000, (B) the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$1,050,350, and (C) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate is \$0.1938 per \$100 valuation of taxable property.
- (b) The statements contained in this section: (i) are based on information available to the District on the date of adoption of this Election Order, including projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) necessarily consist of estimates and projections that are subject to change based on facts, circumstances and conditions at the time that bonds approved pursuant to this Election Order are issued and (iii) are not intended to limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with other terms contained in this Election Order. Accordingly, actual tax rates, interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate outstanding indebtedness and interest on such debt will vary and will be established after the bonds are issued. To the extent of any conflict between this subsection and other terms of this Election Order, such other terms control.

- (c) The District's internet website is: https://www.hempsteadisd.org. Waller County's internet website is: https://www.co.waller.tx.us.
- Section 12. <u>Voter Information Documents</u>. The form of the Voter Information Documents for (1) Proposition A is attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and (2) Proposition B is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. The Voter Information Documents shall be posted in the same manner as is required for the posting of this Election Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.003(f), Texas Election Code, and may be posted as part of this Election Order.
- Section 13. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and all other appropriate officers, agents, and representatives of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions and to execute and deliver all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Election Order and to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.
- Section 14. Engagement of Bond Counsel. The Board hereby approves the engagement of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP ("Bond Counsel") to provide bond counsel services to the District in connection with the Election and the issuance of any bonds and approves the engagement letter between the District and Bond Counsel.
- Section 15. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Election Order, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Election Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the District in adopting this Election Order that nor portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Election Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.
- <u>Section 16.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

(Signature page follows.)

EXHIBIT A

WALLER COUNTY ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS* 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VOTING	
PRECINCT	
101	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 811 14 th St., Hempstead, Tx
102	Waller Co. Annex (Road and Bridge), 775 Bus. 290 Hempstead, Tx
103	Waller Co. Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Tx
104	Waller Co. Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Tx
105	Rolling Hills Vol. Fire Dept., 31601 FM 1736, Hempstead, Tx
106	Mt Zion Church, 40998 Mt Zion Rd., Brookshire, Tx
207	Champion Cowboy Church, 27633 FM 1488, Hockley, Tx
208	Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller St., Waller, Tx
209	Field Store Co. Bldg. (JP2), 27388 Field Store Rd., Waller, Tx
210	Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller St., Waller, Tx
311	Memorial Student Center, PVAMU, Student Lounge, Prairie View, Tx
312	Prairie View City Hall, 44500 Bus. Hwy. 290 East, Prairie View, Tx
313	Monaville Fire Dept., 13631 Cochran Rd., Waller, Tx
314	Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, Tx
315	Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, Tx
416	Pattison Vol. Fire Dept., 2950 FM 359 N, Pattison, Tx
417	JP 4 County Bldg., 32225 U.S. Highway 90 Business Brookshire, Tx
418	JP 4 County Bldg., 32225 U.S. Highway 90 Business Brookshire, Tx
419	Brookshire Convention Ctr., 4027 5th St., Brookshire, Tx
420	Katy VFW, 6206 George Bush Dr., Katy, Tx

^{*}Locations subject to change pursuant to Election Services Contract

EXHIBIT B

WALLER COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES*

JOINT ENTITY ELECTION MAY 4, 2024 EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION: April 22 Monday 8 AM - 5 PM 8 AM - 5 PM April 23 Tuesday WALLER CO ROAD AND BRIDGE ANNEX 8 AM - 5 PM Wednesday April 24 775 HWY 290, HEMPSTEAD, TX 8 AM - 5 PM Thursday April 25 **BRANCH LOCATIONS:** April 26 8 AM - 5 PM Friday April 27 8 AM - 5 PM Saturday WALLER COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER 8 AM - 5 PM Monday April 29 21274 FM 1098 PRAIRIE VIEW, TX Tuesday April 30 8 AM - 5 PM APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL WALLER CIVIC CENTER 3007 WALLER STREET, WALLER, TX CAN BE MAILED TO: Christy A. Eason **BROOKSHIRE CONVENTION CENTER** Elections Administrator 4027 5TH STREET, BROOKSHIRE, TX 816 Wilkins St.

*Locations subject to change pursuant to Election Services Contract

Hempstead, Tx 77445

EXHIBIT C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

(a) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition A is set forth below:

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[] FOR

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[] AGAINST

(b) Certain information regarding District debt is provided in the table below:

Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):
\$42,320,000	\$31,783,275	\$74,103,275	\$6,360,000	\$1,050,350	\$7,410,350

(c) The estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$150,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$66.27, assuming: (i) an amortization of all debt obligations of the District, including the bonds, over 25 years, (ii) interest rates of 4.50% on the bonds, and (iii) a 3.00% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2029 and 0.50% annually thereafter. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

EXHIBIT D

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

(a) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition B is set forth below:

HEMPSTEAD ISD PROPOSITION B

[] FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,400,000 BONDS FOR THE RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE HEMPSTEAD ISD STADIUM COMPLEX, INCLUDING A NEW SYNTHEIC TURF FIELD AND TRACK, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

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Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of date of the Election Order):
\$3,400,000	\$2,258,775	\$5,658,775	\$6,360,000	\$1,050,350	\$7,410,350

(c) The estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$150,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition B is \$2.62, assuming: (i) an amortization of all debt obligations of the District, including the bonds, over 25 years, (ii) interest rates of 4.50% on the bonds, and (iii) a 3.00% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2029 and 0.50% annually thereafter. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 15th day of February, 2024.

resident, Board of Trust

Hempstead Independent School District

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Hempstead Independent School District

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

§ THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WALLER § We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Trustees of Hempstead Independent School District, hereby certify as follows: The Board of Trustees of Hempstead Independent School District convened in a special meeting on February 15, 2024, at the regular meeting place thereof, within said District, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said Board, to wit: President Connie Wawarofsky Vice President Tressev Wilson Julian Alverez Secretary James Glover Trustee Trustee Ricky Pearce Hoveta Godines Trustee Albert Garfield Trustee ____, thus constituting a quorum. and all of said persons were present except Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at said meeting: a written ORDER CALLING SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION was duly introduced for the consideration of said Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that said order be adopted; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the adoption of said order, prevailed and carried by the following vote: ABSTENTIONS: 0 AYES 7 NAYS 0

2. That a true, full, and correct copy of the aforesaid order adopted at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this certificate; that said order has been duly recorded in said Board's minutes of said meeting; that the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from said Board's minutes of said meeting pertaining to the adoption of said order; that the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of said Board as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of said Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the date, hour, place, and purpose of the aforesaid meeting, and that said order would be introduced and considered for adoption at said meeting, and each of said officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of said meeting for such purpose; that said meeting was open to the public as required by law; and that public notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 15th day of February, 2024.

President, Board of Trustees

Hempstead Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees Hempstead Independent School District

(SEAL)

Signature Page Certificate for Order