ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DRIPPING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

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

WHEREAS, the Board finds, determines and declares that the meeting at which this 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, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DRIPPING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. <u>Findings</u>. The statements contained in the preamble of this 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; Date; Proposition</u>. A bond election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Saturday, May 6, 2023 ("Election Day"), a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code"), as required by Texas law. At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD – PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Dripping Springs Independent School District (the "District") be authorized to issue and sell at any price or prices the bonds of the District in the amount of \$223,700,000 for the design, construction, acquisition, capital improvement and renovation, and equipment of school buildings in the District, including a new elementary school campus, expansion of a current middle school campus, design of new elementary school, new middle school and new high school campuses, renovations and improvements at school campuses, safety and security improvements, and various system infrastructure repairs, replacements, and improvements, for the purchase of necessary sites for school buildings, and for the purchase of new school buses, which bonds may be issued in one or more 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 within the discretion of the Board at the time of issuance; and shall the Board 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 the bonds; 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, including the Texas Education Code?

Section 3. Official Ballot.

- (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting for the Election, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved Hays County, Texas ("Hays County") and Travis County, Texas ("Travis County," and together with Hays County, each a "County," and collectively, the "Counties") 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 Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

<u>DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD – PROPOSITION A</u>

- **FOR** "THE ISSUANCE OF \$223,700,000 OF BONDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RENOVATION, AND **EQUIPMENT** AND OF **SCHOOL AGAINST** BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS, EXPANSION OF A CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS, DESIGN OF NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NEW SCHOOL CAMPUSES. **RENOVATIONS** HIGH IMPROVEMENTS AT SCHOOL CAMPUSES, SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND **SYSTEM** VARIOUS **INFRASTRUCTURE** REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS, IMPROVEMENTS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."
- Section 4. <u>Multilingual Election Materials</u>. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in English and Spanish in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (the "Voting Rights Act"), and the Code, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.
- Section 5. <u>Persons Qualified to Vote</u>. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.
- Section 6. <u>Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day.</u> The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within one or more County election precincts located wholly or partially within

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the District. The precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall be the same as those assigned by each County, as applicable, to that County's election precincts. The polling places for the Election are hereby designated to be those locations identified by the Hays County Elections Administrator and Travis County Elections Administrator (as defined herein). Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the polling locations designated (a) for Hays County, on Exhibit A attached hereto and (b) for Travis County, on Exhibit B attached hereto, with such locations being incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes; provided, however, such locations may be changed if so directed by the Hays County Elections Administrator or Travis County Elections Administrator without further action of the District. Hays County and Travis County, or their respective Elections Administrators, are hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in precinct numbers and polling locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election, without further action by the District, and the President of the Board or such person's designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A and Exhibit B to reflect the locations designated by Hays County and Travis County, or their respective Elections Administrators, which locations are hereby approved. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

- Section 7. <u>Elections Administrator; Early Voting Clerk; Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times.</u> (a) Jennifer Doindoff (the "Hays County Elections Administrator"), and Dyana Limon-Mercado (the "Travis County Elections Administrator" and, together with the Hays County Elections Administrator, the "Election Administrators") are hereby appointed as Elections Administrators for the District and as the Early Voting Clerks for Hays County and Travis County, respectively, for purposes of this Election (the "Early Voting Clerks") and agents for the custodian of voted ballots in their respective jurisdictions.
- (b) The address for the Early Voting Clerk of Hays County and the address for application for ballot by mail is Jennifer Doindoff, Hays County Elections, 712 South Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012, San Marcos, Texas 78666-6294, and the Early Voting Clerk may be reached at the following: (i) Telephone: (512) 393 7310, (ii) Email: elections@co.hays.tx.us, and (iii) Website: https://hayscountytx.com/departments/elections.

The address for the Early Voting Clerk of Travis County and the address for application for ballot by mail is Dyana Limon-Mercado, Travis County Elections, P.O. Box 149325, Austin, Texas 78714-9325, and the Early Voting Clerk may be reached at the following: (i) Telephone: (512) 238 - 8683, (ii) Email: elections@traviscountytx.gov, and (iii) Website: https://countyclerk.traviscountytx.gov/departments/elections.

(c) Applications for early voting in Hays County by mail or by common or contract carrier shall be submitted to the Hays County Early Voting Clerk, 712 South Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012, San Marcos, TX 78666-6294.

Applications for early voting in Travis County by mail shall be submitted to the Travis County Elections, P.O. Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325, or by common or contract carrier to Travis County Election Division, 5501 Airport Blvd, Suite #100, Austin, TX 78751-1410.

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- (d) The main early voting polling places for each County are hereby designated to be the locations identified as such in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto for Hays County and <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto for Travis County.
- (e) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth (a) for Hays County, in Exhibit A attached hereto and (b) for Travis County, in Exhibit B, each attached hereto and incorporated herein, or at such other locations, times, and days as hereafter may be designated by the Counties or the Election Administrators, as provided in the respective Election Agreements (as hereinafter defined), without further action by the District. The President of the Board or her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A and Exhibit B to reflect the locations and times designated by the respective Counties or the Election Administrators, and such locations are hereby approved.
- (f) The Election Administrators and/or Early Voting Clerks are hereby authorized to appoint the members of the early voting ballot board and the presiding judges and alternate judges for each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Each of the presiding judges shall be authorized to approve the necessary election clerks to assist in conducting the Election.
- (g) Voting times may be changed if so directed by the Election Administrators without further action of the District. The Election Administrators are hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in voting hours as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election.
- Section 8. <u>Joint Election</u>. The District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to participate in a joint election with other governmental entities in the Counties holding elections on Election Day and to contract with the Hays County Election Administrator and Travis County Election Administrator for election services (collectively, the "Election Agreements").
- Section 9. <u>Appointment of Election Officers</u>. The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate judges may be changed, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed all as provided in the Election Agreements and such actions are hereby approved. Further, the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Election Agreements as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code.
- Section 10. <u>Notice of Election</u>. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or that otherwise complies with applicable law), (ii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document (as hereinafter defined), in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board and in at least three (3) other public places within the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election, and (iii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the

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notice of the Election, the contents of the Proposition and any sample ballot prepared for the election, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order and the Voter Information Document shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the County Clerk and voter registrar of the County not later than the sixtieth (60th) day before the Election Day; which notice the County is hereby authorized and directed to post to its website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to Election Day. Notice of the Election shall be posted to the District's internet website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, in compliance with Section 4.009, Texas Election Code, as amended. The website for the District can be found at https://www.dsisdtx.us.

Section 11. <u>Conduct of Election</u>. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Government Code, and the Voting Rights Act, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 12. <u>Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code</u>.

- (a) <u>District's Outstanding Debt</u>. As of the date of this Order, the District's aggregate principal amount of outstanding tax-supported debt was \$255,349,935.40 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was \$130,562,096.08. As of the date of this Order, the District's total ad valorem tax rate is \$1.2929 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is made up of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.9429 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a debt service tax rate of \$0.3500 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.
- (b) Issuance of New Debt. The District intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Proposition in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Board based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the District, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations of property in the District, the use of variable rate debt and management of the District's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations of property vary based upon a number of factors beyond the District's control, and the use of variable rate debt involves periodic adjustments in interest rates that vary based on market conditions and contractual obligations. Therefore, the District cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Proposition. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The District estimates that, based on the District's current taxable assessed valuation, current market conditions as of the date of this Order, and estimated future growth in the District's taxable assessed valuation, if the Proposition is approved and all of the bonds authorized by the Proposition are issued in accordance with the District's current projected plan of finance, the maximum interest rate on the bonds is not expected to exceed 5.00%.
- (c) <u>Additional Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Code</u>. The additional information required by Section 3.009 of the Code is located in Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.

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Section 13. <u>Voter Information Document</u>. The Board hereby approves the voter information document (the "Voter Information Document"), in substantially the form presented to the Board, with such changes as may be approved by the President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's general counsel, bond counsel, and financial advisor, as prescribed by Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, is further authorized and directed to post or provide for the posting of the Voter Information Document in the manner provided under Section 10 of this Order, and additionally on the District's website in an easily accessible manner beginning not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date set for the Election and ending on the day after Election Day.

Section 14. <u>Findings and Determinations</u>. The Board finds and determines that the facilities and equipment to be acquired, constructed, renovated or equipped pursuant to Proposition A are predominately for required classroom instruction and essential administrative operations for faculty and staff, gymnasiums, playgrounds or play areas, school buses, equipment used for school security purposes, and/or technology infrastructure integral to the construction of a facility.

Section 15. Necessary Actions. The President of the Board or the Superintendent or such person's designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable as determined by the Election Administrators or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order.

Section 16. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of 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 Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no 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 Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 17. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this February 15, 2023.

President, Brandof Trustees

Dripping Springs Independent School

District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Dripping Springs Independent School District



EXHIBIT A / ANEXO A

HAYS COUNTY* / CONDADO DE HAYS*

Election Day is Saturday, May 6, 2023, with polling locations open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early Voting begins Monday, April 24, 2023, and ends Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

El Día de la Elección será el sábado 6 de mayo de 2023, y los lugares de votación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. La Votación Anticipada empezará el lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y terminará el martes 2 de mayo de 2023.

Hays County utilizes countywide vote centers. District voters may vote at any of the following locations (as marked) during Early Voting and on Election Day:

El Condado de Hays usa centros de votación de todo el condado. Los votantes del Distrito pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguente locales marcados durante la Votación Anticipada y en el Día de la Elección:



May 6, 2023 Uniform Election (Local Jurisdictions) Vote Center Locations



Main Early Voting Site: Hays County Government Center

Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator: (512) 393-7310

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
April		Farly Voting 7 am — 7 pm	Early Voting 8 am — 5 pm	Early Voting 10 am — 2 pm			
May	30	Early Voting 7 am — 7 pm	Early Voting 8 am — 5 pm	3	4	5	Election Day 7 am — 7 pm

Early Voting	Election Day	<u>San Marcos</u>		
~	~	Broadway (Christus Trinity Clinic)	401 Broadway Street #A	
	~	Dunbar Center	801 Martin Luther King Drive	
~	~	Hays County Government Center Main Early Voting Site	712 South Stagecoach Trail	
~	~	LBJ Student Center, Texas State University	601 University Drive	
	~	San Marcos Housing Authority / C.M. Allen Homes	820 Sturgeon Drive	

	<u>Kyle</u>				
~	HCISD Central Administration Office — Old Print Shop		21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Road		
	~	Main Office, HCISD Transportation	2385 High Road, Uhland		
	~	Wallace Middle School	1500 West Center Street		

		<u>Buda</u>		
	~	Hays Hills Baptist Church	1401 North FM 1626	
	~	McCormick Middle School	5700 Dacy Lane	
~		Upper Campus, Buda Elementary School (Kunkel Room, historic school site)	300 North San Marcos Street	

	<u>Dripping Springs and Austin</u>				
	~	North Hays County Fire Station #74 2450 Belterra Drive, Austin			
	~	Precinct 4 Office, Hays County	195 Roger Hanks Parkway		
~	~	The HUB, Headwaters Information Center	708 Headwaters Boulevard		



Elección uniforme (jurisdicciones locales) del 6 de mayo de 2023 Ubicaciones de los centros de votación



Principal sitio de votación anticipada: Hays County Government Center

Jennifer Doinoff, Administradora de Elecciones: (512) 393-7310

	Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
abril		Votación 7 am — 7 pm	Anticipada 8 am — 5 pm	Votación 8 am — 5 pm	Anticipada 8 am — 5 pm	Votación 8 am — 5 pm	Anticipada 10 am — 2 pm
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mayo		Votación 7 am — 7 pm	Anticipada 8 am — 5 pm				Día de Elección 7 am — 7 pm

Votación Anticipada	Día de Elección	<u>San Marcos</u>		
~	~	Broadway (Christus Trinity Clinic)	401 Broadway Street #A	
	~	Dunbar Center	801 Martin Luther King Drive	
~	~	Hays County Government Center Principal sitio de votación anticipada	712 South Stagecoach Trail	
~	~	LBJ Student Center, Texas State University	601 University Drive	
	~	San Marcos Housing Authority / C.M. Allen Homes	820 Sturgeon Drive	

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	<u>Dripping Springs y Austin</u>			
	~	North Hays County Fire Station #74	2450 Belterra Drive, Austin	
	~	Precinct 4 Office, Hays County	195 Roger Hanks Parkway	
~	~	The HUB, Headwaters Information Center	708 Headwaters Boulevard	

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Applications for voting by mail should be received (not post-marked) no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 25, 2023.

Las solicitudes para la votación por correo postal deben ser recibidas (no mataselladas) a más tardar a la hora de cierre (5:00 p.m.) del 25 de abril de 2023.

^{*}Sujeto a cambios. Para confirmar, ingrese al sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Hays: https://hayscountytx.com/departments/elections

EXHIBIT B / ANEXO B

TRAVIS COUNTY* / CONDADO DE TRAVIS*

Election Day is Saturday, May 6, 2023, with polling locations open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early Voting begins Monday, April 24, 2023, and ends Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

El Día de la Elección será el sábado 6 de mayo de 2023, y los lugares de votación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. La Votación Anticipada empezará el lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y terminará el martes 2 de mayo de 2023.

Travis County utilizes countywide vote centers. District voters may vote at any of the following locations on Election Day:

El Condado de Travis usa centros de votación de todo el condado. Los votantes del Distrito pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguientes lugares el Día de la Elección:



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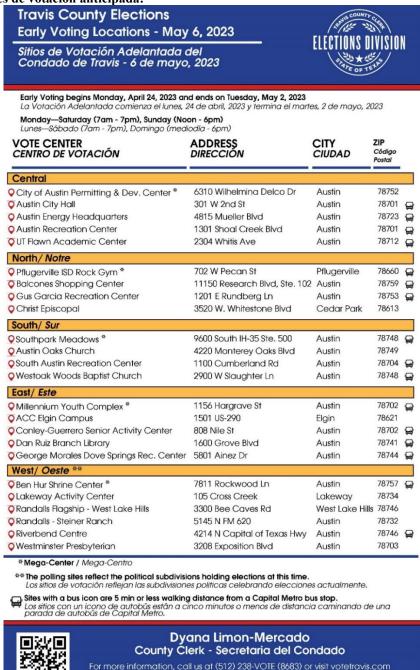
Los sitios con un icono de autobús están a cinco minutos o menos de distancia caminando de una parada de autobús de Capital Metro.

For more information, call us at (512) 238-VOTE (8683) or visit votetravis.com

Para más información, llámenos al (512) 238-VOTE (8683) o visite votetravis.

Travis County utilizes countywide vote centers. District voters may vote at any of the following Early Voting locations:

El Condado de Travis usa centros de votación de todo el condado. Los votantes del Distrito pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguientes lugares de votación anticipada:



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