

**Center Independent School District**  
*Board of Trustees*

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Education Code §25.901 affirms that “[a] public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A person may not require or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Education Code §25.082(d) establishes a school district’s ability to institute a period of silence during which students may choose to “reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student”;

**WHEREAS**, SB 11 requires a period of prayer and Bible reading or other religious text to be provided before normal school hours and only for students and staff members who have submitted a consent form to participate.

**NOW, LET IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Center Independent School District Board of Trustees is committed to protecting each student and employee’s right to prayer and reading the Bible or other religious text as current law already allows; and

**THAT** the Center Independent School District Board of Trustees, in consideration of the laws and policies recited above, votes to continue the current practice of ensuring these rights for all students and staff and will continue to model the importance of prayer. The district will decline the resolution to establish a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text, as contemplated by S.B. 11, 89<sup>TH</sup> Legislature, codified at Texas Education Code §25.0823.

Presented and approved on February 11, 2026

  
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Board Secretary's Signature

  
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Board President's Signature

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings**

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that a winter weather event on, January 26, 27, and 28, 2026 resulted in the closure of all schools in the Center Independent School District ("CISD"), for the safety of students and staff;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that most CISD employees were instructed not to report to work, while others were asked to report to provide emergency-related services;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that a purpose exists for excusing absences of employees on days when employees are not able to work due to the closure of school facilities or operations are closed; and

WHEREAS, the Board concludes that continuing wage payments to all regular employees—contractual and noncontractual, salaried and non-salaried—who suffer a loss in pay due to an emergency closing serves the public purposes of maintaining morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity of District staffing when schools reopen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Center Independent School District:

- a. Determines that the District will file a waiver with TEA to determine if the district will be required to make up the time lost for this closure; if not approved, all personnel with the exception of 251 calendar employees will make up their time lost by adding 3 more days to the current 25-26 school calendar. The 251 calendar employees would be the only group who would result in a loss of pay due to the closure.
- b. Finds that a public purpose and a benefit to the CISD exists to compensate CISD employees for any work days missed due to this closure of school facilities or operations, and that this expenditure is necessary in the conduct of the public schools as provided by Texas Education Code § 45.105(c); and
- c. In accordance with CISD Board Policy DEA, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to excuse absences of District employees and pay full compensation to employees as deemed appropriate to fulfill the purpose of this Resolution.

Adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of the Center Independent School District present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 11th day of February, 2026, at which a quorum was present:

BY:

  
Casey Lout, Board Secretary

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Deuce Wulf, Board President