

(iii) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate is \$0.34 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(c) If the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed.

(d) If the bonds are issued, the actual total tax rate will depend upon, among other factors, including but not limited to, prevailing interest rates (not to exceed 15%), the assessed value of real property in the District, ad valorem collection rates, eligibility for any available facility funding by the Texas Education Agency, the availability of the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program, the underlying bond rating for the District and general market conditions.

The statements contained in these findings: (i) are based on information available to the District on the date of adoption of this Order, including projections made by the District; (ii) necessarily consist of estimates and projections that are subject to change based on facts, circumstances, and conditions existing at the time the bonds approved pursuant to this 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 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 provisions of this Order, such other provisions control.

(e) None of the proceeds of the Bonds will go towards any purposes listed under Section 45.003(g)(1)-(6) of the Texas Education Code.

Section 2. **Election Ordered; Date; Proposition.** The Election shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (the "*Election Day*"), in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended. At the Election the following proposition(s) (the "*Proposition(s)*") setting forth the purposes, the principal amount, and the maximum maturity date for the bonds to be authorized shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with applicable law:

BUFFALO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BUFFALO 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 \$46,500,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING NECESSARY SITES, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS ISSUES OR SERIES, SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 30 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, AND 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 therefore, shall be through the use of lawfully-approved 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 Texas Election 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:

BUFFALO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPOSITION A

- FOR) "THE ISSUANCE OF \$46,500,000 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT,
- AGAINST) ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING NECESSARY SITES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS; THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. 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, which bear the precinct numbers set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as may be designated by the County. The County Election Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A to reflect the designated locations, or any changes made thereto by the County, and such locations are hereby approved. The polling places for voting on Election Day shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates, and Times.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, or at such other locations as may be designated by the County. The County Election Administrator or her

designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B to reflect the designated locations, or any changes made thereto by the County, and such locations are hereby approved.

(b) Donna Golden is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Leon County (the “*Early Voting Clerk*”) for the Election. Applications for ballots-by-mail should be sent to:

Donna Golden
Early Voting Clerk
Leon County
P.O. Box 1239
Centerville, Texas 75833
Telephone: 903-536-4469

More information regarding the election can be found at: <https://www.co.leon.tx.us/page/leon.Elections>. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerk, as necessary for the Election.

Michelle Mays is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Freestone County (the “*Early Voting Clerk*”) for the Election. Applications for ballots-by-mail should be sent to:

Michelle Mays
Early Voting Clerk
Freestone County
P.O. Box 1150
Fairfield, Texas 75840
Telephone: 903-389-0469

More information regarding the election can be found at: <https://www.co.freestone.tx.us/page/freestone.Elections>. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerk, as necessary for the Election.

(c) Pursuant to Section 84.007(b)(4) of the Texas Election Code, the Early Voting Clerk shall receive applications for ballots by mail via electronic transmission. Persons wishing to apply by electronic transmission from Leon County must e-mail their scanned application containing an original signature to the following e-mail address: donna.golden@co.leon.tx.us. Persons wishing to apply by electronic transmission from Freestone County must e-mail their scanned application containing an original signature to the following e-mail address: elections.clerk@co.freestone.tx.us. Applications for ballots made by electronic transmission and containing an original signature must also be mailed to and be received by the Early Voting Clerk not later than the fourth (4th) business day after the transmission by facsimile or electronic transmission is received at the mailing address provided in Subsection (b), above.

(d) Applications for ballots-by-mail via post or electronic submission must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2024.

Section 7. Appointment of Election Officers.

(a) 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; polling places may be combined for some precincts; and the central counting station shall be established and staffed, all as determined by the County Election Administrator, and such actions are hereby approved.

(b) The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the presiding judges and alternate presiding judges appointed by the County Election Administrator, in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the United States of America, and the Election Agreement. The presiding judges shall appoint not fewer than two (2) nor more than five (5) qualified election clerks for the conduct of the Election. The County Election Administrator shall appoint any such other officials, as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Section 8. Notice of Election. 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 otherwise complies with State law); (ii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election; and (iii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Proposition, 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 shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county election officer and voter registrar of each county in which the District is located not later than the sixtieth (60th) day before Election Day, Tuesday, September 6, 2024.

Section 9. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended ("*The Voting Rights Act*"), and the provisions of Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code, as amended. pertaining to bilingual election materials requirements.

Section 10. Necessary Actions. The Superintendent or her designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's legal counsel and co-bond counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, and the Voting Rights Act, as amended, in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including, but not limited to, making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent necessary.

Section 11. Severability. 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, voidability, invalidity, or unenforceability of any other portion herein, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 12. **Effective Date.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board.

[Execution Page to Follow]

PASSED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo Independent School District the 5th day of August 2024.

/s/ Jack Helmcamp _____
Jack Helmcamp
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ Bobby Fishbeck _____
Bobby Fishbeck
Secretary, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE AND POLLING LOCATIONS

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at each location.

LEON COUNTY

Election Day Voting Location	
Precincts	Address
1	Centerville Municipal Building, 325 East St. Mary's, Centerville, Texas 75833
2	Centerview Community Center, 7965 FM 811, Centerville, Texas 75833
3	Leona Community Center, 167 Hwy. 977, Leona, Texas 75850
4	Masonic Lodge, 150 N. 3 rd St., Normangee, Texas 77871
5	Flynn Fire Department, 8039 CR 451, Normangee, Texas 77871
6	Hilltop Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, 5 Spring Road, Hilltop Lakes, Texas 77871
7	Marquez Community Center, 141 N. Pearl, Marquez, Texas 77865
8	Jewett Community Center – Community Room, 111 N. Robinson Ave., Jewett, Texas 75846
9	Concord Community Center, 1117 CR 3481, Jewett, Texas 75846
10	Buffalo Civic Center, 941 N. Hill, Buffalo, Texas 75831
11	Buffalo City Hall Convention Center, 812 N. Buffalo Ave., Buffalo, Texas 75831
12	Oakwood Church of Christ, 637 S. Main, Oakwood, Texas 75855
13	Flo Community Center, 15789 FM 831, Buffalo, Texas 75831
14	Victory Baptist Church, 10584 State Highway 7 East, Centerville, TX 75833

FREESTONE COUNTY

Election Day Voting Location	
Precincts	Location/Address
Freestone #10	Freestone Community Ctr., 739 FM 80 S. Freestone, Texas 75860
Butler #11	E.E. Wheat Memorial Ctr., 1604 FM 489, Fairfield, Texas 75840
Dew #13	Dew School Library, 606 CR 481, Dew, Texas 75860

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE AND POLLING LOCATIONS

Early Voting starts Monday, October 21, 2024.

LEON COUNTY

Early Voting Locations	
Annex II 155 N. Cass, 3 rd Floor Centerville, Texas 75833	Buffalo City Hall Convention Center 812 N. Buffalo Ave Buffalo, Texas 75831

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 21, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 22, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 23, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 24, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 25, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 28, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 29, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 30, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 31, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	November 1, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

EXTENDED HOURS

Saturday	Sunday
October 26, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 27, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FREESTONE COUNTY

Early Voting Locations
Fairfield Conference Center 839 E. Commerce, Fairfield, Texas 75840

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 21, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 22, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 23, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 24, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 25, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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EXTENDED HOURS

Saturday	Sunday
October 26, 2024 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 27, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Locations
Teague City Hall 105 S. 4th Ave., Teague 75860

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 21, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 22, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 23, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 24, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 25, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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**BUFFALO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

Language to appear on the ballot:

BUFFALO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT — PROPOSITION A

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- AGAINST)

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if **Proposition A** passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes. The estimated interest and estimated combined principal and interest as set forth in the below table are estimates, based on market conditions described in this Order, and may change between the execution of this Order and the date of sale of the bonds.¹

Term	Principal amount of bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for bonds to be authorized	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the bonds to be authorized	Principal amount of the District's existing outstanding debt obligations	Remaining interest on the District's existing outstanding debt obligations	Combined principal and interest to timely pay the District's outstanding debt obligations
30 Years	\$46,500,000	\$34,598,000	\$81,098,000	\$6,987,138	\$1,010,006	\$7,997,144

In accordance with the figures set forth above, the estimated maximum annual tax increase imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 required to repay the bonds as set forth above, if **Proposition A** is approved by the voters of the District, is \$0.00.

¹ The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are: (i) based on certain assumptions, including added value from approved Chapter 313 Agreements and assumptions concerning the prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds, as well as deriving from projections obtained by the District for the purpose of the preparation of financial calculations for the bond issuance; (ii) subject to change to the extent that the underlying facts, circumstances, or conditions in existence at the time of the bond issuance differ from the assumptions and projections as contained herein; (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of § 1251.052, Tex. Govt. Code, as amended, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized; and (iv) not intended to and do not create or infer a contract with the voters of the District or limit the authority of the District in any way to issue the bonds in accordance with the Proposition set forth in the Order. Additionally, the interest rates represented are estimates based on the municipal bond interest market as of August 1, 2024, assumes Permanent School Fund (“PSF”) insurance, and an “A” underlying rating (or similar.)