

CHARLOTTE INDEDPENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 102 E. HINDES - PO BOX 489 CHARLOTTE TX 78011 830-277-1431

December 10, 2024

Subject: Approval of the School Guardian Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On December 5, 2024, the Charlotte Independent School District (ISD) Board of Trustees voted to approve the implementation of the Texas School Guardian Program. Under Texas Penal Code Section 46.03, the Guardian Program grants a school district the authority to authorize certain District employees to carry concealed weapons on school grounds. As a last line of defense, this program adds to the safety and security infrastructure, training, and resource enhancements that have been taking place across the District over the past few years. Additionally, the process of posting signage around the district has begun. This decision reflects our unwavering commitment to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for all students, staff, and visitors.

The Texas Guardian Program permits volunteer staff members, who meet specific eligibility criteria, to act as part of our security team. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary and is contingent upon the successful completion of a criminal background screening, physical and psychological evaluation, and currently licensed to carry a weapon in the State of Texas. This initiative provides an additional layer of security and empowers our school community to take proactive measures in addressing potential threats.

All approved participants will be required to complete a rigorous training program including firearm proficiency, emergency response protocols, and active shooter training. Furthermore, ongoing training will ensure that all participants renew training annually to remain prepared and up to date on the best practices for school safety.

The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community are our top priorities. By implementing the Texas Guardian Program, we are taking decisive steps to enhance our security measures while maintaining a nurturing and productive educational environment.

Sincerely,

Roger Solis Superintendent Charlotte Independent School District