

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between the County of Jack, Texas and Participating School Districts **Regarding Emergency Use of School Buses for Evacuation and Transportation**

I. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between:

- County of Jack, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and
- Bryson Independent School District (Bryson ISD)
- Perrin-Whit Consolidated Independent School District (Perrin-Whit CISD)
- Jacksboro Independent School District (Jacksboro ISD)

(collectively referred to as "School Districts").

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation between the County and the School Districts for the provision and use of school buses and qualified personnel to assist with emergency transportation and evacuation operations during disasters or emergencies affecting Jack County.

III. AUTHORITY

This MOU is entered into under the authority of:

- The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
- The Texas Disaster Act of 1975
- The Jack County Emergency Management Plan
- Applicable policies of each participating School District

IV. SCOPE

This agreement applies to the voluntary provision of:

- School buses owned or operated by the School Districts

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- Qualified and licensed bus drivers
- Transportation support personnel

These resources may be used for:

- Evacuation of residents from affected or threatened areas
- Transportation to shelters, reunification sites, or medical facilities
- Movement of emergency personnel, if requested

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. County of Jack

The County agrees to:

1. Coordinate requests for transportation resources through the Jack County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
2. Activate this MOU during a declared local state of disaster or other emergency situation.
3. Provide mission assignments, including routes, destinations, and operational timelines.
4. Ensure coordination with shelter operations and receiving facilities.
5. Provide law enforcement or emergency escort when necessary.
6. Maintain communication with School District representatives during operations.

B. Participating School Districts

Each School District agrees to:

1. Make reasonable efforts to provide available buses and drivers upon request, subject to availability and safety considerations.
2. Ensure all drivers are properly licensed and meet applicable state and district requirements.
3. Maintain vehicles in safe operating condition in accordance with state regulations.
4. Provide a point of contact for emergency coordination.
5. Retain the right to decline requests that would place students, staff, or equipment at unreasonable risk.

VI. ACTIVATION AND NOTIFICATION

- Requests for assistance shall be made by the County Judge or Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), or their designee.
- Notification shall be made through established emergency communication channels.
- School Districts will respond within a reasonable timeframe regarding availability of resources.

VII. COMMAND AND CONTROL

- All operations will follow the **Incident Command System (ICS)** under the **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** framework.
- Bus drivers and district personnel will remain employees of their respective School Districts but will operate under the coordination of the County's assigned incident command structure.

VIII. LIABILITY

- Each party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions.
- This MOU does not waive any immunities or defenses available under Texas law.
- To the extent allowed by law, parties agree to cooperate in addressing claims arising from emergency operations.

IX. COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

- The County agrees to seek reimbursement for eligible costs through state and federal disaster assistance programs when available.
- School Districts may submit documentation of costs, including personnel time, fuel, and maintenance.
- Reimbursement is contingent upon availability of funds and compliance with applicable program requirements.

X. TERM AND TERMINATION

- This MOU shall become effective upon signature by all parties and remain in effect for a period of **five (5) years**, unless terminated earlier.
- Any party may terminate this MOU with **30 days written notice** to all other parties.
- This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement.

XI. TRAINING AND EXERCISES

- The County and School Districts agree to participate, when feasible, in joint training, drills, and exercises to enhance preparedness and coordination.

XII. POINTS OF CONTACT

Each party shall designate a primary and alternate point of contact for coordination under this agreement.

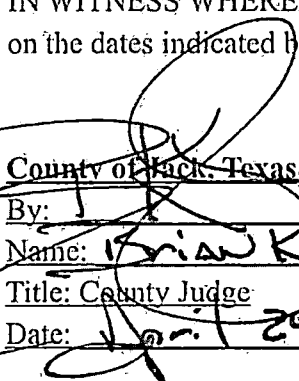
XIII. NON-BINDING AGREEMENT

This MOU is intended to serve as a statement of cooperation and does not create legally binding obligations beyond those required by applicable law.

XIV. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the dates indicated below.

County of Jack, Texas

By: 

Name: Brian Keith Umphrey

Title: County Judge

Date: April 29, 2026

Bryson Independent School District

By: BGL

Name: Greg London

Title: Superintendent

Date: 30/04/2026

Perrin-Whit Consolidated Independent School District

By: *Loren Sell*

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Name: Loren Sell

Title: Superintendent

Date: 25/04/2026

Jacksboro Independent School District

By: *Brad Burnett*

Name: Brad Burnett

Title: Superintendent

Date: 24/04/2026

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