

# PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT CATASTROPHE NOTICE

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## SECTION 1 – GOVERNMENTAL BODY IMPACTED BY THE CATASTROPHE

### GOVERNMENT CODE § 552.233

Pursuant to section 552.233(b), a governmental body may suspend the applicability of the requirements of the Public Information Act (the "Act") if the governmental body is currently impacted by a catastrophe and provides proper notice in accordance with this section.

Midland Independent School District ("Midland ISD")

(Name of Governmental Body Impacted by Catastrophe) PLEASE PRINT

## SECTION 2 – IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE CATASTROPHE

Section 552.233(a)(1) defines catastrophe as a "condition or occurrence that interferes with the ability of a governmental body to comply with the requirements of this chapter[.]" Identify and describe the catastrophe impacting the governmental body:

Due to the rapid spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), Midland ISD will not hold any school the weeks of March 16 and March 23, 2020. The week of March 16 will be considered an extended Spring Break for students. Currently, only essential staff, including central office staff, will still be reporting to work. Other employees are not reporting to work at this time. Essential staff members will be focusing on the District response to COVID-19 and will be unable to process public information requests during this time. Additionally, many documents will be inaccessible as the vast majority of campus-level staff will not be available to gather responsive documents.

## SECTION 3 – SUSPENSION PERIOD

The initial suspension period may not exceed seven consecutive days and must occur during the period that (1) begins not earlier than the second day before the date the governmental body submits notice of the Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG"); and (2) ends not later than the seventh date after the governmental body submits that notice. See Gov't Code § 552.233(d).

Beginning Date of Initial Suspension: March 16, 2020

End Date of Initial Suspension: March 23, 2020

**TO THE PUBLIC:** For questions regarding this notice or if you believe a violation of the Act has occurred, please contact the OAG Open Government Hotline at (512) 478-6736 or toll free 1-877-673-6839.

## SECTION 4 – GOVERNMENTAL BODY CONTACT INFORMATION

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