

# Statement by the Hays CISD Board of Trustees Regarding Seatbelt Plan

*April 15, 2024*

*Read by Board President Will McManus*

*Board voted unanimously, 7 to 0 to adopt the plan*

As a board, we want to share our collective thoughts and feelings. March 22<sup>nd</sup> was a tragic and terrible day for Hays CISD.

I know we are still hurting and reeling from this disaster and the healing will continue for some time. The families of Ulises Rodriguez Montoya and Ryan Wallace are in our thoughts and prayers as well as everyone impacted by this tragedy.

There are things that we can control and things we cannot control.

But we have not been surprised by the outpouring of the support from this amazing community and beyond.

Our board would like to especially thank the witnesses who came running, the first responders from multiple agencies, the hospital staff that cared for our students and adults, district employees who raced to the scene, and most importantly, the bus driver and educators on the bus that day. It's hard to put into words how appreciative we are for their heroic efforts. Thankfully, Bastrop ISD Chief of police, Scot Bunch, did a great job. I'd like to read an excerpt from a letter he sent to Dr. Wright....

[Link to the letter from Bastrop ISD Chief of police, Scot Bunch: <https://www.hayscisd.net/cms/lib/TX02204837/Centricity/Domain/59/240326%20BISD%20Letter%20Hays%20CISD%20Exemplary%20Teachers%20and%20Staff.pdf>] (*Board President Will McManus read this letter as part of the Board statement*)

Remember...We are stronger together.