NOTICE OF LOCAL CONSOLIDATION ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS \$

COUNTY OF HEMPHILL \$

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Canadian Independent School District, on Saturday, May 2, 2020, as provided in the Order Calling for a Local Consolidation Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Canadian Independent School District, a verbatim copy of which Order, as amended, is printed below.

ORDER CALLING FOR A CONSOLIDATION ELECTION UNDER A LOCAL CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF HEMPHILL	§
CANADIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	§

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Canadian Independent School District (the "District" or "Canadian ISD") held a regular meeting on February 13, 2020, for the purpose of calling a consolidation election on May 2, 2020, a uniform election date, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District initiated the process of consolidating with Higgins Independent School District ("Higgins ISD") by adopting a resolution pursuant to §13.152 of the Texas Education Code at a properly noticed and called meeting on January 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the consolidation election (the "Election") hereinafter ordered; and,

WHEREAS, prior to issuing this Order for a Consolidation Election, the District has drafted a Local Consolidation Agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to §13.158 of the Texas Education Code to be submitted to the voters of Canadian ISD and Higgins ISD, and such Agreement shall be available for public inspection at the Central Administration Office of each district for at least 25 days before the date set for the Election; and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the public's interest that the Election hereinafter ordered should be held jointly with the City of Canadian (the "City"), the Hemphill County Water Conservation District ("Water District") and the Hemphill County Hospital District ("Hospital") and the Board desires to conduct a joint

election; (2) the Election meets the requirements for a joint election under section 271.001, et seq., of the Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public's interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on May 2, 2020, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

- 1. **Findings.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.
- 2. Election Ordered, Precinct and Polling Place. The Election shall be held for the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2020 ("Election Day"). Such Election is to be conducted jointly with the City as provided by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. The District has established a single election precinct for the entire District, and voting on Election Day shall be at the following polling place and with the designated election officers, who are hereby appointed to hold said Election:

Canadian High School Foyer 621 South 5th Street Canadian, Texas 79014

Presiding Judge: Janice Schafer Alternate Judge: Joyce Cross

3. **Early Voting**. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the Main Early Voting Place:

Canadian Independent School District Administration Building 800 Hillside Canadian, TX 79014

Early voting at the Main Early Voting Place shall be conducted during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 20, 2020 through April 28, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting shall be conducted on each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall at all times remain open during the above-noted hours for early voting by personal appearance.

4. Early Voting Clerks and Voting by Mail.

- a. **Belinda Leatherman** shall be the Early Voting Clerk and **Stefanie Flowers** shall be the Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
- b. Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to **Belinda Leatherman**, by mail to: 800 Hillside Ave., Canadian, Texas 79014 or by email to

belinda.leatherman@canadianisd.net. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on April 20, 2020.

- 5. **Persons to Vote**. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.
- 6. **Proposition.** At the election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

CANADIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION CANADIAN ISD PROPOSITION A

Consolidation of Higgins Independent School District and Canadian Independent School District into a single school district under a local consolidation agreement.

7. **<u>Ballot</u>**. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

CANADIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION CANADIAN ISD PROPOSITION A

 FOR)	CONSOLIDATION OF HIGGINS
)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
)	AND CANADIAN INDEPENDENT
)	SCHOOL DISTRICT INTO A SINGLE
)	SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER A LOCAL
AGAINST)	CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

8. **Notice of Election.**

- a. Notice of the Election, in both English and Spanish, shall contain a verbatim copy of this Order, and shall contain all information required by law, including the locations and times for early voting and election day voting, as well as the proposition and ballot language to be submitted to the voters (the "Notice"). The Notice shall be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- b. The Notice shall be posted not later than the 21st day before the Election, in a public place within the boundaries of the District. All other necessary notices shall be posted and delivered, as may be required by law.

c. A substantial copy of this Order delivered to the Election Judge(s) and Alternate Election Judge(s) shall serve as the proper required notice under Texas Election Code, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause this order and all other necessary notices to be posted, as required by law, and delivered to the Election Judge(s) and any Alternate(s) stated herein.

9. <u>Conduct of Election</u>.

- a. The Election shall be conducted jointly with the City, Water District and Hospital, and in all respects shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Education Code and Texas Election Code.
- b. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President and Superintendent are hereby authorized and may make changes to polling places, election officials and judges, and election procedures in the event changes are required, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with state and federal law in conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February, 2020.

	/s/
	Larry Smith, President
ATTEST:	•
<u>/s/</u>	
Rudy Godino Secretary	