PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The forms on the following pages are provided to assist the District in processing complaints and appeals from members of the public:

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Note: Informal resolution is encouraged but does not extend any deadlines in GF(LOCAL), except by mutual written consent.

PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM — LEVEL ONE

To file a formal complaint, please fill out this form completely and submit it by hand delivery, electronic communication, or U.S. mail to the appropriate administrator within the time established in GF(LOCAL). All complaints will be heard in accordance with GF(LEGAL) and (LOCAL) or any exceptions outlined therein.

1. Name:

2. Address:

   Telephone number:

   E-mail address:

3. If you will be represented in presenting your complaint, please identify the person representing you.

   Name:

   Address:

   Telephone number:

   E-mail address:

4. Please describe the decision or circumstances causing your complaint (give specific factual details).

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

5. What was the date of the decision or circumstances causing your complaint?

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
6. Please explain how you have been harmed by this decision or circumstance.

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7. Please describe any efforts you have made to resolve your concerns and the responses to your efforts. Please include dates of communication and whom you communicated with regarding your concerns.

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8. Please describe the outcome or remedy you seek for this complaint.

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________________________________________________________________________

Signature of complainant: _________________________________________________

Signature of complainant's representative: __________________________________

Date of filing: _____________________________

Complainant, please note:

A complaint form that is incomplete in any material way may be dismissed, but may be refiled with all the required information if the refileing is within the designated time for filing a complaint.

Attach to this form any documents you believe will support the complaint; if unavailable when you submit this form, they may be presented no later than the Level One conference. Please keep a copy of the completed form and any supporting documentation for your records.
EXHIBIT B
RESPONSE TO LEVEL ONE COMPLAINT

__________________________ (date)
__________________________ (name of complainant)
__________________________ (address of complainant)

__________________________ (e-mail of complainant)

Dear ______________________:

Having considered the complaint at the Level One conference on ________________ (date), I have decided on the following response:

[Note: When preparing the letter, include only one of the following sentences.]

For the following reasons, I am unable to provide the remedy you seek:

__________________________________________________________________________

I will take the following actions to grant the remedy you seek for your complaint:

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Although I am unable to provide the full remedy you seek for your complaint, I will take the following actions to provide a partial remedy:

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________ (signature of appropriate administrator)

Complainant, please note:

To appeal this response, you must file a written notice of appeal with the appropriate administrator within the time limits set in GF(LOCAL). The necessary appeal forms are available at ________________ during regular business hours.
LEVEL TWO APPEAL NOTICE

To appeal a Level One decision, or the lack of a timely response after a Level One conference, please fill out this form completely and submit it by hand delivery, electronic communication, or U.S. mail to the Superintendent or designee within the time established in GF(LOCAL). Appeals will be heard in accordance with GF(LEGAL) and (LOCAL) or any exceptions outlined therein.

1. Name: _______________________________________________________

2. Address: ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   Telephone number: ___________________________________________
   E-mail address: ______________________________________________

3. If you will be represented in presenting your appeal, please identify the person representing you.
   Name: _______________________________________________________
   Address: ____________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   Telephone number: ___________________________________________
   E-mail address: ______________________________________________

4. Who held the Level One conference? ____________________________
   Date of conference: __________________________________________
   Date you received a response to the Level One conference: ________

5. Please explain specifically how you disagree with the outcome at Level One.
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

6. Attach a copy of your original Level One complaint and any documentation submitted at Level One.

7. Attach a copy of the Level One response being appealed, if applicable.

Signature of complainant: _________________________________________
Signature of complainant’s representative: ____________________________
Date of filing: ____________________________________________________

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Complainant, please note:

A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material way may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refiling is within the designated time for filing a complaint or appeal.

Please keep a copy of the completed form and any supporting documentation for your records.
EXHIBIT D

RESPONSE TO LEVEL TWO APPEAL

____________________________________ (date)

____________________________________ (name of complainant)

____________________________________ (address of complainant)

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____________________________________ (e-mail of complainant)

Dear ________________________:

Having considered the Level Two appeal on ______________________ (date), I have decided on the following response:

[Note: When preparing the letter, include only one of the following sentences.]

I am unable to grant your appeal. I will uphold the decision made at Level One by ______________________ (name) and communicated to you in the Level One response.

I wish to grant your appeal and have instructed ______________________ (name) to find a resolution in keeping with the remedy you seek.

Although I am unable to fully grant your appeal, I have instructed ______________________ (name) to take the following actions as a partial remedy to your complaint:

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Superintendent (or designee)

Complainant, please note:

To appeal this response, you must file a written notice of appeal with the appropriate administrator within the time limits set in GF(LOCAL). The necessary appeal forms are available at ______________________ during regular business hours.

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LEVEL THREE APPEAL NOTICE

To appeal a Level Two decision, or the lack of a timely response after a Level Two conference, please fill out this form completely and submit it by hand delivery, electronic communication, or U.S. mail to the Superintendent or designee within the time established in GF(LOCAL). Appeals will be heard in accordance with GF(LEGAL) and (LOCAL) or any exceptions outlined therein.

1. Name: __________________________________________________________

2. Address: ________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   Telephone number: _______________________________________________
   E-mail address: __________________________________________________

3. If you will be represented in presenting your appeal, please identify the person representing you.
   Name: __________________________________________________________
   Address: _________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   Telephone number: _______________________________________________
   E-mail address: __________________________________________________

4. Who held the Level Two conference? _________________________________
   Date of conference: __________________________
   Date you received a response to the Level Two conference: _______________

5. Please explain specifically how you disagree with the outcome at Level Two.

   ___________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

6. Do you want the Board to hear this appeal in open session? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If so, the Board will consider your request; however, you may not have a legal right
   under the Texas Open Meetings Act to require a meeting in open session.

7. Attach a copy of your original Level One complaint and any documentation submitted at
   Level One and a copy of your Level Two appeal notice.

8. Attach a copy of the Level Two response being appealed, if applicable.

Signature of complainant: ____________________________________________________________________________

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Signature of complainant's representative: ________________________________

Date of filing: ________________________________

Complainant, please note:

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Please keep a copy of the completed form and any supporting documentation for your records.
EXHIBIT F

BOARD'S RESPONSE TO LEVEL THREE APPEAL

______________________________ (date)

______________________________ (name of complainant)

______________________________ (address of complainant)

______________________________ (e-mail of complainant)

Dear __________________________:

Having heard the presentation of your appeal at Level Three, the Board took the following action at its meeting on __________________________ (date):

[Note: When preparing the letter or announcing the decision at the Board meeting, include only one of the following sentences.]

We have denied the appeal and have upheld the decision made by the Superintendent (or designee) at Level Two.

We have granted the appeal and have instructed the Superintendent to find a resolution in keeping with the remedy you seek.

We have partially denied and partially granted the appeal and have instructed the Superintendent as follows:

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Sincerely,

President of the Board of Trustees

__________________________________________ School District