



ITEM NO. 19/20-1324

RESOLUTION NO. 19/20-40

Implementation of School Closure to Address COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and has since spread outside of China, impacting more than 122 countries, including the United States;

WHEREAS, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) activated its Emergency Response System on January 23rd, California Department of Public Health activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center, and the Office of Emergency Services activated its State Operations Center on March 2, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency on March 4, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has a rapid rate of transmission that, without containment, poses a serious threat of straining the limitations of our current healthcare system;

WHEREAS, data suggests that the elderly may be the most susceptible, and school sites provide an ideal opportunity for a virus to spread to many households in a short time;

WHEREAS, considering these uniquely high risk-factors, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) recommended that school sites throughout Los Angeles County close effective March 16-27, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Compton Unified School District serves nearly 24,000 students across thirty-six school sites and its mission is to empower leaders to lead, teachers to teach and students to learn by fostering an environment that encourages leaders and teachers to be visionary, innovative and accountable for the achievement of all students;

WHEREAS, the District's top goals are to promote a safe and healthy environment in every school, and provide an equal education for every child while building, fostering, and promoting partnerships with parents and the community;

WHEREAS, one of the District's core beliefs is that children must be educated in a safe and orderly environment;

WHEREAS, the District strives to prioritize these health and safety goals, while also ensuring an uninterrupted and high-quality education to the extent possible during an emergency;

WHEREAS, the District takes its commitment to providing an equal education for our students with disability very seriously and acknowledges its duty to minimize interruptions and hardships in accessing a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the District has conferred with our local and state officials, as well as our labor partners, about the above concerns and how to respond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Compton Unified School District, in compliance with the LACOE recommendation and guidance for Local Education Agencies issued via Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-26-20 on March 13, 2020, and in acknowledgement of the unique health risks posed by COVID-19, hereby closes all schools March 16, 2020 through March 30, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will endeavor to provide continuity of educational services during the period of the closure, including workbooks, distance learning, and other means of providing services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will endeavor to continue providing Breakfast and Lunch meal services for students at seven school-sites strategically located to maximize coverage of our service area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will provide regular updates to our parents and families while we continue to assess the severity of the situation and receive new updates from LACOE, the State of California, the federal government and others; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certificated and classified employees will continue to be paid as they would otherwise have been paid during this period in order to mitigate financial hardships; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the District, will explore its options granted under Executive Order N-26-20 to ensure, to the extent possible, that students have an uninterrupted learning experience, equitable access to technology and internet, employees continue to be paid, and that students with disabilities continue to receive a free and appropriate public education.

The Superintendent is hereby delegated authority as needed to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

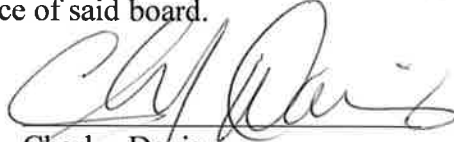
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Compton Unified School District at 501 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, California, on the 14th Day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0



Micah Ali
Board President

I, Charles Davis, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Compton Unified School District of Compton, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said board at the regularly scheduled and conducted meeting held at the time and place stated, which resolution is on file and of record in the office of said board.



Charles Davis
Clerk