



## **Resolution of the Compton Unified School District**

**Item No. 20/21-1008**

**Resolution No. 20/21-06**

**To Approve Distance Learning Education for Commencement of 2020-21 School Year  
Due to COVID-19**

**July 17, 2020**

**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 150 countries, including the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) activated its Emergency Response System on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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**, Compton Unified's Governing Board took action to physically close schools and shift student learning to online distance learning platforms on March 14, 2020 through Resolution No. 19/20-40;

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic has yet to subside to the point where a return to normal economic operations and public service is feasible;

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

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2020, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health held a COVID-19 briefing to update school superintendents across the County on newly issued school reopening protocols;

**WHEREAS**, the County Department of Public Health is recommending a distance learning platform to commence the 2020-21 school year and will be issuing a written recommendation to that effect;

**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 such as COVID-19;

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

**WHEREAS**, the District has continued to make decisions based on the best available data, science, and guidance from Public Health experts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Compton Unified School District, in compliance with the reopening protocols for Local Education Agencies issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on July 13, 2020, and in continued acknowledgement of the unique health risks posed by COVID-19, will commence the 2020-21 school year using a distance-learning model, which will include classroom-based delivery of instruction to students using a structured and consistent presentation;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District will provide regular updates to our parents, staff, and families while we continue to assess the severity of the situation and receive new updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, LACOE, the State of California, and the federal government, among others; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that it is the intent of the District to ensure, through this action, that students have a seamless and uninterrupted learning experience, equitable access to technology and internet, access to Breakfast and Lunch meal services, that employees continue to be paid, and that students with disabilities continue to receive a free and appropriate public education.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board on **JULY 17, 2020** at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES:   4   NOES:   1   ABSTAIN:        ABSENT:   2  

I, Charles Davis, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Compton Unified School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held on July 17, 2020 by a vote of   4   to   7  .

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 17th day of July, 2020.

Charles Davis

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Clerk of the Governing Board