**MEADOWS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 062320-01**

**RESOLUTION OF EMERGENCY**

**RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an executive order directing

Californians to cancel large public gatherings and to enforce social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Imperial County Superintendent of Schools considers it a matter of public interest to implement the guidance of the Imperial County Public Health Department related to reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our schools to protect our students, their families, our employees and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Imperial County Public Health Department has reported 4,800 persons in Imperial County have contracted COVID-19 to date, and that members of the Meadows Union School District Community are among that number; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Imperial Office of Education, in conjunction with the Imperial County Public Health Department, issued an Order requiring all public Imperial County schools to close; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Imperial County Public Health Department issued an Order of the Public Health Officer, imposing a mandatory moratorium countywide on gatherings of more than 50 persons to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2020, the Imperial County Office of Education issued further guidance to Imperial County School Districts that no schools will return to on-site instruction or other student activities unless and until permitted to do so by the Imperial County Public Health Department, which has not occurred and may not occur indefinitely;

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 35161 permits the Board of Education to delegate to the Superintendent broad authority to carry on activities and programs including the expenditure of funds for programs and activities which, in the determination of the Board of Education and the Superintendent are necessary to meet the needs of the District to address the COVID-19 pandemic and which are not inconsistent with the purposes for which the funds were appropriated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Meadows Union School District:

1. Determines that the circumstances described herein constitute an emergency

condition or situation;

2. Delegates to the Superintendent authority to take all appropriate action, upon

appropriately notifying the Board, to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, any action:

a) To ensure and protect the welfare, safety, and educational well-being of all students;

b) To cancel or modify any activities, programs, or courses, up to and

including the continued closure of schools and program sites and use of distance learning;

c) To protect District property;

d) To make further declarations of emergency and to take emergency action

as permitted by law.

3. Authorizes the Superintendent to determine, upon appropriately notifying the Board,

the reopening of schools when the emergency conditions no longer exist and take

such action to reopen schools; and

4. Authorizes the Superintendent, upon appropriately notifying the Board, to take such

actions as necessary to immediately close one, some, or all District schools as may

be necessary to protect students and staff health and safety, or to adjust or reduce the

length of the school day without further approval, or to take such other action as may

be necessary and prudent to protect the health and safety of District students and staff.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should any portion of this Resolution be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is an emergency measure within the mandate and jurisdiction of the Board and is necessary for the immediate welfare of the schools and pupils thereof. Therefore, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed by formal Board action.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Meadows Union School District on this day of June 23, 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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