## ALHAMBRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68

## OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

## RESOLUTION RE: OPENING OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

WHEREAS, the Alhambra Elementary School District No. 68 ("the District") closed schools effective March 16, 2020, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Arizona and pursuant to orders from the Governor of Arizona (the "Governor") and the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, subsequent orders and legislation called for the closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-18, 2020-24 and 2020-33 (the "Closure Orders") established certain restrictions on public activities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 2020-36 (the "Return Order") was issued outlining requirements for businesses and other Arizona entities to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 as they reopened;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive 2020-41 requires that the District be physically open at least the same number of days per week for the 2020-2021 school year as the 2019-2020 school year and that onsite learning be available for the same number of days per week and shall be open during the same number of hours offered during the prior school year before the COVID-19 closure took effect;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 2020-44 (the "School Opening Order") prohibits the in-person classes in schools until August 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board wishes to resume educational activities and business operations for the 2020-2021 school year in a manner that is consistent with the Return Order and the School Opening Order, but with recognition that there are many unknowns about future conditions that affect the District's ability to conduct its educational and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board previously approved offering an educational program on the basis of a four-day school week with 144 days of instruction (180 days or equivalent number of minutes of instruction required per year).

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Governing Board of Alhambra Elementary School District No. 68 that:

Section 1. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop Health and Safety Protocols relating to COVID-19 and authorizes the Superintendent to revise those Protocols as needed or appropriate during the 2020-2021 school year to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- Section 2. The Governing Board authorizes all schools to resume classroom instruction and related activities and resume other District functions, beginning on August 17, 2020, utilizing in person classes and/or on-line/distance learning, related activities and instruction for students, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent, subject to the Protocols developed by the Superintendent and consistent with the Return Order and the School Opening Order, as well as any other laws, regulations, Executive Orders and guidelines issued by entities or legal authorities having jurisdiction over the District.
- Section 3. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to determine when and if the District will offer an educational program on the basis of a four-day school week with 144 days of instruction (180 days or equivalent number of minutes of instruction required per year) or an educational program consisting of 180 days of instruction, as he deems appropriate and consistent with the Return Order and the School Opening Order, as well as any other laws, regulations, Executive Orders and guidelines issued by entities or legal authorities having jurisdiction over the District.
- Section 4. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with local and state authorities to comply with all laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and guidelines issued by entities or legal authorities having jurisdiction over the District, which are prevent the spread of COVID-19 as the District resumes activities. The Superintendent may implement regulations or protocols to support such compliance.
- Section 5. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute any further documentation to effectuate this Resolution, including but not limited to any requisite notices required by the Arizona Department of Education or legal authorities with jurisdiction over the District.
- Section 6. To the extent that any provision in this Resolution conflicts with or is superseded by enacted federal or state legislation, Executive Orders or local ordinances, the District shall comply with those laws, Executive Orders, or ordinances.

This Resolution was adopted at a properly noticed meeting of the Governing Board on July 16, 2020. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Governing Board President to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Governing Board.

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Governing Board President

July /6, 2020