



Board of Education Report

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Adoption of Authorization to Take Any and All Necessary Actions to Prepare and Respond Effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resolution Declaring Emergency Conditions Exist at Los Angeles Unified Schools and Offices (District)

March 10, 2020

Office of the Superintendent

Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education take the following actions related to the emergency conditions related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

1. Authorize the Superintendent and/or his designee to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, and the health and safety of the students and staff at the District Sites, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff, provision of daily student transportation, provision of alternative educational program options, provision of leave of absence to employees with pay due to quarantine or recently returning from level 3 countries or sick from COVID-19 or illnesses with similar symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath), or co-habitants of any individuals without any impact to their benefit time, directing staff to serve as disaster service workers, and/or make alterations, repairs or improvements to school property.
2. Adopt a Resolution, attached hereto, declaring emergency conditions exist throughout the District schools and offices (collectively known as "District Sites") as a result of the threat of COVID-19 virus.
3. Authorize, by unanimous vote, under the provisions of section 20113 of the California Public Contract Code:
 - a. The Superintendent and/or her designee(s) to enter into any and all contracts necessary, without advertising or inviting bids, and for any dollar amount necessary to respond to the emergency conditions at the District Sites, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff; continued instruction of students; maintenance of food supplies, instructional materials, operational support supplies, equipment in support of virtual learning, daily student transportation; and provision of additional personnel such as nurses; and
 - b. The flexibility with use of M & O Staff, notwithstanding section 20114, to enable and support the District Sites

Background:

In December 2019 an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19) was identified and has impacted more than 75 countries including the United States. As of March 4, 2020, there are 129 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 53 in California. Officials expect the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase. As of March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to enable State and Local agencies to more effectively

respond to the threat of spread of COVID-19.

Expected Outcomes:

Staff anticipates that the Board of Education will adopt the attached Resolution declaring that emergency conditions exist at District Sites. It is further anticipated that the Board of Education will authorize the Superintendent to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the health and safety of students and staff and to ensure public education continues to be provided to the students

Board Options and Consequences:

If the Board of Education does not approve the proposed actions contained in this Board Report, staff will be unable to take immediate and necessary action to 1) protect the short-term health of students and staff, and 2) ensure the delivery of public education is not impaired for the students at District Sites.

Policy Implications:

The proposed actions are consistent with Rules 1757 and 1758 of the Rules of the Board of Education.

Budget Impact:

There will be a budget impact, however the amount is unknown at this time.

Student Impact:

Ensures instructional and business continuity to provide students with learning environments that help them achieve their educational goals

Issues and Analysis:

See attached Resolution.

Attachments:

Resolution by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education Declaring Emergency Conditions Exist at Los Angeles Unified Schools and Offices (District) and Authorization to Take Any and All Necessary Actions to Prepare and Respond Effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Informatives:

Not Applicable

Submitted:

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