

Resolution No. 14:16-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
CLOSE THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL AND
AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Perris Union High School District ("District") is a California public school district;

WHEREAS, the District, acting through its Board of Trustees ("Board"), has broad authority to take actions that are necessary or desirable in meeting District needs pursuant to Education Code section 35160.1, including closing a District school;

WHEREAS, the District has operated the Academy Community Day School ("School") since 1996 to serve students who are expelled for Ed. Code violations and to provide alternative placements for students in lieu of expulsion;

WHEREAS, at one time the School served students that were credit deficient, students with chronic attendance issues, and independent study students;

WHEREAS, following the 2006-07 school year, with improved comprehensive school site based interventions, the District shifted the focus of services for the School to primarily address students needing intervention for behavior issues as a result of Ed. Code violations and in lieu of expulsion;

WHEREAS, as a result of these changes, the enrollment at the School has continually decreased, currently serving only 38 community day school students and 51 independent study students;

WHEREAS, the cost to operate the School for community day school students exceeds \$1.8 million, or \$59,000 per student and the District generally receives only \$10,272 per student;

WHEREAS, given the low enrollment and operational costs, the District feels it can no longer continue to operate the School;

WHEREAS, the District has evaluated alternative educational opportunities for community day school students currently housed at this School such as those students who are mandatorily expelled due to Ed. Code violations would instead be served by the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) and students who are on a contract in lieu of expulsion would be alternatively placed at Perris Lake High School or another school other than their home school, or to independent study;

WHEREAS, the District has also evaluated an alternative location for the operation of its independent study program to be housed at Perris Lake High School and ultimately transition to an online learning independent study environment;

WHEREAS, the District would not lay off any certificated or classified positions as a result of this closure, instead moving them to other school sites;

WHEREAS, the District anticipates saving approximately \$1.2 million beginning in 2017-18 and \$1.4 million beginning in 2018-19, with the savings increasing over time as classified staff fill other positions through attrition;

WHEREAS, the District will also look for revenue generating opportunities by renting or leasing the School site and will comply with all applicable regulations relating to surplus property;

WHEREAS, the District has evaluated its responsibilities under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") relating to the school closure;

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 21080.18 provides that closing a school may be exempt from further CEQA review if the resulting physical changes are also exempt from CEQA review; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing recitals are true and correct;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District has provided an opportunity for public comment before adopting this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the District's analysis of the School data, it is in the best interest of the District and the community to close the School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Superintendent or his designee, to notify staff, parents, and the community of the decision to close the School and the planned next steps for affected students and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to file a notice of exemption from CEQA with the County of Riverside if he or his designee determine the CEQA exemption relating to school closures is applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to take all other actions as necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution, including informing staff, parents, students and community members.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Perris Union High School District, Riverside County, California, on March 15, 2017 at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOS: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

I, _____, _____, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Trustees on March 15, 2017.

Dated: March 15, 2017

President, Board of Trustees
Perris Union High School District

Certified a True Copy:

Clerk, Board of Trustees
Perris Union High School District