

RESOLUTION NO. 33:19-20

AUTHORIZATION NEEDED TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO PREPARE AND RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOLUTION BY PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECLARING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST AT PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS AND OFFICES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the County of Riverside Public Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors proclaimed a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside ordered the cancelling of all gatherings with expected presence above 10 individuals; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside amended previous orders closing all schools including, but not limited to, all preschools, K-12 public, private and charter schools, community colleges, public, private, nonprofit and for profit colleges and universities for the period of March 16, 2020 through June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 3100 states that all public employees are declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law to ensure the continuation of critical services to protect the safety of students and staff, and to provide for immunities that will protect the Perris Union High School District for actions taken, as covered under the California Emergency Services Act; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Perris Union High School District continues to provide critical services, including but not limited to, child and adult care food programs, communications, web-based and online services, and maintenance & operations services that directly support critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution establishes that an emergency exists, and that if mutual aid of in-county resources are needed to assist the Perris Union High School District as covered under the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement and any local agreements to provide mutual aid should be sufficient to establish, and that the Emergency Services Act applies; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for, implement measures to respond to, and have the tools to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and families on our campuses to the potential spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, under California Public Contract Code defines “emergency” as “a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services,” and section 21060.3 of the Public Resources Code and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines 14 CCR section 15269(c) defines “emergency” to mean “a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage, to, life, health, property, or essential public services; and

WHEREAS, under California Public Contract Code Section 20133, in an emergency when any repairs, alterations, work, or improvement is necessary to any facility of public schools to permit the continuance of existing school classes, or to avoid danger to life or property, the board may, by unanimous vote, with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools, do the following: make a contract in writing or otherwise on behalf the district for the performance of labor and furnishing of materials or supplies for the purpose without advertising for or inviting bid, and, notwithstanding section 20114; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perris Union High School District Board of Trustees:

- (1) Determines that the circumstances described in the Resolution herein constitute an emergency condition; and
- (2) By unanimous vote pursuant to section 20113 of the Public Contract Code authorizes the execution of contracts without advertising or inviting bids; and, notwithstanding section 20114, authorizes the flexibility of Maintenance & Operations, notwithstanding section 20014, to respond to the emergency conditions at Perris Union High School District sites; and
- (3) Authorizes the Superintendent and/or 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, continued daily student transportation, provision of alternative educational program options, provision of leave of absence to employees due to being quarantined or sick from COVID-19, or cohabiting with any individual with COVID-19 pursuant to Education Code sections 44964 and 45199, directing staff to serve as disaster service workers pursuant to Government Code 3100, and or make alterations, repairs or improvement to school property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all Perris Union High School District departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the District’s finance department; and complete an Initial Damage Estimate (IDE) Category B, and forward that information to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMD) on a daily basis.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Perris Union High School District internal departments shall coordinate District-wide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMD).

IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Riverside County EMD to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2020.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux _____
Dr. Randall Freeman _____
Edward Garcia, Jr. _____
David Nelissen _____
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. _____

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

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