

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF)
SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY) **RESOLUTION**
SCHOOLS COALITION)

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified School District recognizes the positive impact community school evidence-based strategies can have on schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Community Schools Coalition (“the coalition”) is developing and implementing a campaign with the goal of San Diego Unified adopting a policy to allocate resources and support communities in the implementation of community schools throughout the district. Successful community schools ensure underserved communities receive equitable resources, create community partnerships, and foster the self-empowerment necessary to support student learning, strong families and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Unified supports the development of Community Schools that create school environments that are welcoming and led by an integrated belief system that transmits to students and communities a sense of pride, opportunity, and high expectations through the collective efforts of youth, parents, community members, businesses, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Unified supports the development of Community Schools that intentionally serve the youth and community, through providing support and access to resources equitably to the broader community. The health and climate of schools is mutually dependent on the health and climate of the surrounding community and as such, this strategy is both multi-generational as well as focused on the needs, assets and opportunities beyond the school itself; and

WHEREAS, school sites throughout the district will adopt community school strategies and mechanisms into their approaches to teaching and community engagement to ensure underserved communities receive equitable resources, create community partnerships, and foster the self-empowerment necessary to support student learning, strong families and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Unified recognizes community schools as a valuable research-based strategy for school accountability, improvement and community development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education shall create a Community Schools Advisory committee (CSAC) to create and lead the process to advise the district and the board as to which schools are qualified and recommended (through an application) to enter the implementation process outlined by a Community Schools Implementation Team (CSIT); and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Advisory Committee shall include representatives from district staff (1), teachers (2), students (2), San Diego Education Association (SDEA) (1), and community stakeholders (5 total--1 appointed by each board member); and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Implementation Team will advise and assist staff in the preparation of guidelines outlining a proposed implementation procedure by which a school site desiring to become a community school, may proceed systematically through a community school implementation process, after undergoing a school/community-based asset and needs assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Implementation Team shall include *school community* stakeholders, including but not limited to: SDEA member educators; parents; community partners;

students and youth; representatives from San Diego Unified; representatives from district labor partners (i.e., CSEA and AASD); and academic partners from local universities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Implementation Team must also engage extensively with interested stakeholders, community members, parents, and students in developing implementation guidelines for community schools; and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Implementation Team must represent the diversity and cultural composition of the community the school serves, and furthermore must work to uplift underrepresented community members by working alongside community partners focused on ethnic diversity and empowerment within communities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Implementation Team shall prepare a roadmap for implementation of this Resolution during the 2020-21 school year, such that the initial cohort of Community Schools are open for the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, the board shall direct superintendent to meet with SDEA to bargain the impacts of this Resolution and to reach an agreement that is consistent with this Resolution and further define the implementation of and funding for Community Schools in San Diego Unified; and

WHEREAS, the district will allocate funds to support at least, but not limited to, one coordinator/director (and other necessary support staff) for each approved community school designation site, provide funding for coordinator’s activities to support community schools, and ensure that funding commitments stay constant through leadership transitions at the school and/or district level; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines will also include a proposal for: 1. The optimal location(s) of school sites for an initial cohort of no less than two and no more than five school sites that shall be supported to undergo a Community School implementation; 2. The selection criteria for this initial cohort of Community Schools; 3. Mechanisms to ensure school sites are transparent in shared decision-making processes (in alignment with school governance teams/bodies) with community partners and accountable to community concerns addressed through community needs assessment; and 4. An assessment of the direct costs to the district for each community school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education commits to recognizing the approval of this Resolution requires sustaining funding of Community Schools in collaboration with San Diego County, City of San Diego, State of California, philanthropic resources and entities at the federal level to ensure the success of this policy.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of July 2020.

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Approved in public meeting of the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District on _____

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