SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Arizona’s Governor and Superintendent for Public Instruction have ordered the State-wide closure of schools through at least March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Scottsdale Unified School District No. 48 of Maricopa County, Arizona (“District”) previously determined on March 13, 2020 that it was in the District’s best interest to close school(s) to students and the public to prevent the community spread of COVID-19, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-806(B) and Governing Board Policy ID, School Day; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has authority pursuant to Governing Board Policy EBCD – Weather-Related and Emergency Closings, its accompanying regulation and Governing Board Policy ID – School Day to close schools in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District and serves a public purpose to continue to pay its employees during this school closure (through and including March 27, 2020), in order to: maintain order in the community; reduce employee turnover; and to allow the District to maintain continuity of operations and meet its contractual obligations during a time of national and State emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Governing Board of Scottsdale Unified School District No. 48 of Maricopa County, Arizona that:

Section 1. The Governing Board acknowledges that the Superintendent appropriately closed its schools to students and to the public until at least the close of business Friday, March 27, 2020, at which time the Superintendent will reassess the potential outbreak of COVID-19 and any public safety concerns and may extend the school closure, pursuant to Governing Board Policy ID, School Day.

Section 2. The Superintendent is authorized to continue regular payroll expenses for all employees.

Section 3. The Superintendent or his designee(s) is authorized, as appropriate and necessary, to determine which employees are considered “essential” or “non-essential,” under the circumstances. Non-essential employees will be reassigned to home, and shall remain on call and available to report to work. Essential employees will be required to work as needed. During this acute period of assessment, hourly employees deemed essential and required to work will be paid time and a half, in recognition that they are performing duties that others are not. The Superintendent is authorized to modify payroll as necessary to comply with State or Federal laws that may be passed in response to COVID-19.
Section 4. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with local and state authorities to maintain the minimum number of hours of instruction as required by A.R.S. § 15-901 and to create a corresponding change to the school calendar if necessary.

Section 5. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute all requisite documents to apply to the Arizona Department of Education for excusal of absences due to school closure pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B).

Section 6. 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 local/state health authorities.

Section 7. This Resolution is applicable to the current school closure, through and including March 27, 2020 and expires at that time. At or near the end of this period, the Governing Board and Superintendent will assess any future budget or legal constraints.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of March 2020.

SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 48

By: [Signature]

Its: Governing Board President

Attested by:

[Signature]

Governing Board Vice President