

Valley School District #070

Resolution #5-20/21

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ACADEMIC AND STUDENT WELL-BEING PLAN FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

WHEREAS, Chapter 28A.320 RCW authorizes local school boards to govern their respective districts, including the promotion of effective, efficient, and safe district operations, and RCW 28A.330.100 authorizes local school boards with additional powers, and RCW 28A.150.230 assigns local school boards the responsibility for ensuring quality in the content and extent of its educational program;

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in all counties of our state under Chapters 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06 RCW, and directed the implementation of the plans and procedures of the state's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and on March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee ordered the closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Washington State until April 24, 2020, to contain the spread of COVID-19, and on April 6, 2020, directed that school buildings remain closed from providing traditional, in-person instruction throughout the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 provides funding for eligible school districts to use to address academic recovery and learning loss and authorizes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to distribute such ESSER funds to Washington school districts via the Title I funding formula. The federal law further specifies that in order for school districts to access these ESSER funds, they must submit a plan that included seeking public comment prior to the adoption and public posting of that plan. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has determined that school board approval of this plan meets the federal requirement for seeking public comment, as it involves public posting and provides the opportunity for public comment. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has further determined that a school district must post its adopted plan on the its website, making it accessible for those with disabilities and those in the community whose language is one other than English;

WHEREAS, House Bill 1368 – COVID – Federal Funding (2021) Sec 12 created a new section of Chapter 43.70 RCW, setting forth certain requirements for the appropriation of federal funds, including that school districts submit an Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by June 1, 2021 to address student needs resulting from school building closures and extended time in remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This state law included specific requirements for school districts' Academic and Student Well-Being Plans and requires school districts to use the template developed by the

Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to create this plan to support the creation of a plan that addresses all the required components. This state law also authorized the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify and include additional requirements for the plan in the template it developed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after an Open Public Meeting, which included public notice and the opportunity for public comment, the Valley School District Board of Directors has reviewed and hereby adopts its Academic and Student Well-Being plan, which was created using and in conformity with the template developed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, including the use of an equity analysis tool.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs that its adopted plan be posted on the District's website, making it accessible for those with disabilities and those in the community whose language is one other than English.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument. The adoption of this Academic and Student Well-Being Plan by resolution pertains exclusively to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years and sunsets no later than that time. The Board reserves the right to update and revise this plan as part of engaging in and planning for continuous improvement cycles.

Adopted and approved this 19th day of May 2021.



