

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED DISTRICT OF KERN COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Reopening of  
Schools for In-Person Instruction

RESOLUTION NO. 20-21-06

A Resolution by the Governing Board  
Declaring Schools Open for In-Person  
Instruction

**RECITALS**

1. Senate Bill 98 was enacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, among other items addressed, it added section 43504 to the California Education Code. Section 43504(b) calls for schools to “offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible;” and
2. Pursuant to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy issued by the Governor's office on August 28, 2020, and other applicable authority, schools within a county are permitted to reopen for in-person instruction 14 days after the state transitions the county from Tier 1 to Tier 2; and
3. The Board of Trustees has previously approved a detailed Reopening Plan to allow schools to reopen in accordance with the safety guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health; and
4. Current information indicates that students are experiencing “learning loss” as well as loss of critical socio-emotional opportunities under a distance learning model, especially the most vulnerable students, including special education students, English learners, foster youth, and homeless students; and
5. The Board acknowledges that safety of students, staff, and the community is of utmost importance in implementing any return to school; and
6. District has consulted with its stakeholders, including parents, community members, and labor representatives; and
7. District desires to reopen schools in an approach to best monitor the health and safety of students and staff adhering to health and safety guidelines reflected in the Reopening Plan prepared in accordance with current guidance from the California Department of Public Health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct.

B. The Board hereby determines to pursue the reopening of one or more schools pursuant to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy in a manner prioritizing safety consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health.

C. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to permit implementation of this Resolution, and specifically to declare schools open as of an appropriate date as permitted by applicable law.

D. The Board hereby declares that the District shall reopen its schools as of October 27, 2020. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to take all actions DATE necessary to permit implementation of this Resolution.

E. If conditions after reopening for in-person instruction indicate a need to isolate particular classrooms or temporarily close a school or the District, District shall do so in consultation with local health officials and in accordance with positive case response protocols in the Reopening Plan and appropriate state guidance.

F. The Superintendent shall consult with legal counsel to resolve all legal issues necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

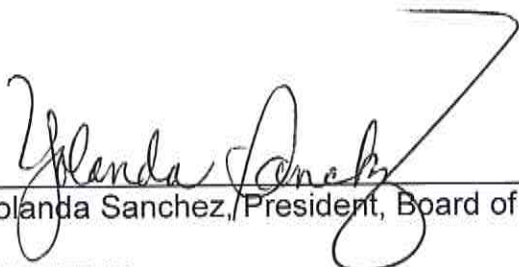
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion by Trustee Gutierrez seconded by Trustee Robinson, at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2020, by the following vote or abstention of each member present:

AYES: 3 (Sanchez, Gutierrez, Robinson)

NOES: 1 (Tanksley)

ABSENT: 1 (Bender)

DATED: October 7, 2020

  
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Yolanda Sanchez, President, Board of Trustees

### CERTIFICATION

I, Dr. Carol Robinson, Clerk to the Board of Trustees of the Southern Kern Unified District, certify that the foregoing Resolution # **20-21-06** was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on October 7, 2020.

DATED: October 7, 2020

  
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Dr. Carol Robinson, Clerk, Board of Trustees