

## **RESOLUTION #20-69**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SALINAS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVING THE DISTRICT'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, GPA AND ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a novel and potentially life-threatening respiratory disease that has impacted communities worldwide, including California communities, prompting concerns about student wellness, attendance, instruction, and school operations.

**WHEREAS**, beginning on March 16, 2020, the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) and Monterey County School District Superintendents in conjunction with the Monterey County Health Department began closing school campuses for the purpose of slowing the spread of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, beginning on March 17, 2020, Monterey County ("County") issued an Order of the County Health Officer to Shelter In Place ("Shelter Order"), ordering all individuals living in the County to shelter at their places of residence;

**WHEREAS**, on March 31st, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond released information that stated, "Due to the current safety concerns and needs for ongoing social distancing it currently appears that our students will not be able to return to school campuses before the end of the school year."

**WHEREAS**, in response to this new information and out of an abundance of caution, the MCOE and school districts in Monterey County, including the Salinas Union High School District ("District"), extended the school campus closures through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

**WHEREAS**, during the school campus closure, the District transitioned from classroom learning to distance learning, through various models to ensure delivery of a high quality education to its students and will continue to provide this distance learning, to the extent feasible, through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

**WHEREAS**, the District has adopted Board Policy 6146.1 requiring, among other things, that graduating students satisfy the following requirements in order to qualify for a diploma of graduation:

- Completion of the District's Community Services Requirement,
- Student must possess a cumulative high school Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0;
- Each student must maintain at least 85% attendance of the days enrolled each year of high school. Students enrolled in Mount Toro High School and El Puente High School must maintain 85% attendance from the initial enrollment in the

alternative education school. El Puente percentage of attendance will be based on the amount of work completed for credit.

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 crisis, school campus closure and the current Shelter Order render satisfaction of the District's community services, GPA requirement and attendance requirements unfeasible and/or impossible for the graduating class of 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true.
2. The following graduation requirements set forth in Board Policy 6146.1 will be waived for the 2019-2020 school year:
  - Completion of the District's Community Services Requirement,
  - Student must possess a cumulative high school Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0;
  - Each student must maintain at least 85% attendance of the days enrolled each year of high school. Students enrolled in Mount Toro High School and El Puente High School must maintain 85% attendance from the initial enrollment in the alternative education school. El Puente percentage of attendance will be based on the amount of work completed for credit.
3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Superintendent and/or his designee to make any changes to the Administrative Regulations that are necessary and to take other actions as may be required to implement a waiver of the foregoing graduation requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2020, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Salinas Union High School District