

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tolleson Elementary School District No. 17 of Maricopa County, Arizona (“District”) will determine that it is in the District’s best interest to close schools to assist in the containment of a potential outbreak of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has authority pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B) to authorize school closure due to widespread illness; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has authority pursuant to Governing Board Policies EBCD, its accompanying regulation and Governing Board Policy ID to close schools in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds as that it is in the best interest of the District and its community to close the schools listed below and to carry out the actions listed below in order to prevent the spread of a pandemic.

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 while assigned to work from home for the time period of the school closure in order to maintain order in the community, reduce employee turnover, meet its contractual obligations and increase morale for District employees during a time of national crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Governing Board of Tolleson Elementary School District No. 17 of Maricopa County, Arizona that:

Section 1. The Governing Board authorizes the closure of the following schools if necessary:

Arizona Desert Elementary School
Desert Oasis Elementary School
Porfirio H. Gonzales Elementary School
Sheely Farms Elementary School

Section 2. The Governing Board intends to close the schools listed as recommended by the Arizona Department of Health Services or as necessary.

Section 3. The Superintendent is authorized to continue regular payroll expenses for all employees. All employees will be assigned work by their supervisors to do at home. All employees shall remain on call and available to report to work.

Section 4. The Governing 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 excuse of students from school attendance because of school closure pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B).

Section 6. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent 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.

Passed and adopted this 14 day of March, 2020.

TOLLESON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 17

By: _____
Its: Governing Board President

Attested by:

Governing Board Member