

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION  
CANCELLING LIMITING NONESSENTIAL STUDENT AND ADULT ACTIVITIES  
Resolution No. 42-20**

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 28, of the California Constitution declares that “[a]ll students and staff of public, primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high schools have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful;” and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Woodland Joint Unified School District (“District”) Board of Education (“Board”) to be prepared for all emergencies that may occur within the District that might jeopardize the safety and security of students, and/or causes a breakdown in the District’s educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 6, 2020, the Yolo County Department of Health and Human Services (“YCDHHS”) confirmed Yolo County’s first case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) through “community spread” and although the District and YCDHHS are not currently aware of any District student, family, or employees being afflicted with COVID-19, as a precautionary measure YCDHHS has strongly advised the District to cancel all nonessential student activities, including but not limited to athletic events, field trips, concerts, and all other extracurricular activities; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the recommendations of YCDHHS regarding the presence of COVID-19 in Yolo County, the Board concludes an emergency situation exists which may severely impair public health, safety, or both, if recommended precautionary measures are not taken by the Board;

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 35161 also permits the Board to delegate to an officer or employee of the District any of the Board’s powers and duties, and the Board desires to delegate to the District Superintendent or designee certain powers and duties to address the COVID-19 concerns stated herein; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Woodland Joint Unified School District shall implement social distancing strategies recommended by the YCDHHS as follows:

1. We are recommending social distancing strategies be used beginning 9:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020 and continuing through April 30, 2020 at 9:00 PM. *This start time will allow for communication with those impacted by this decision.*
2. Cancel trips, events or public gatherings on a case-by-case basis with the exception of those events occurring on WJUSD campuses involving only WJUSD students and where group sizes do not exceed those of a typical classroom at the school.
3. Cancel rental/ use of district facilities by outside agencies or vendors for indoor or outdoor use on a case-by-case basis.
4. Athletic events (practice and games), Jr. and Sr. Prom, and musical performances will continue, however, audience participation shall be significantly reduced.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Superintendent shall provide updates to the Board on all such actions taken in accordance with this Resolution.

### **Maintenance of the Instructional Program**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that all schools should remain open to provide an educational program for students. To minimize the impact of such action to the educational process, the Superintendent and/or designee(s) are further authorized to explore, develop, and implement alternative means and methods of instruction, including but not limited to online instruction, as feasible within the circumstances of this emergency situation, and within the confines of applicable District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, and State and/or Federal laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that if a school is closed before the end of the instructional day, every effort shall be made to provide transportation to those normally assigned busing. If transportation cannot be provided immediately, those pupils shall be held at school until buses arrive, or students are released to their parents/guardians. All staff members shall remain in the school for the completion of the work day unless released earlier by the Superintendent.

### **Spokesperson for the District**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to make public statements regarding the operations of the schools during an emergency, and the Superintendent shall establish a general information center to provide relevant information about the District during an emergency. The Superintendent's designee is hereby authorized to release any relevant information to representatives of the news media, parents, students, and members of the general public.

### **Represented Employees**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Superintendent or designee(s) shall work with the exclusive representatives of employees during an emergency, in the interest of the community and the students served by the District.

### **Effective Date and Application of Resolution**


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this Resolution is a declaration of existing law and authority of the Board to comply with the California Constitution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that should any portion of this Resolution be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this Resolution is an emergency measure within the mandate and jurisdiction of the Board and is necessary for the immediate welfare of the schools and pupils thereof. Therefore, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed by formal Board action.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following vote of the Board of Education of the Woodland Joint Unified School District, County of Yolo, State of California on March 11, 2020.

AYES: Trustees Whitaker, Guerrero, Bautista Zavala, Decker, and Rosenkilde-Bayne  
NOES: Trustees Childers and Villagrana  
ABSTENTIONS: None  
ABSENT: None

By: 

President, Board of Education  
Woodland Joint Unified School District

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CERTIFICATION

State of California            )  
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County of Yolo                )

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Woodland Joint Unified School District at an emergency meeting held on March 11, 2020.

DATED: March 11, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE  
OF CALIFORNIA

By: 

Tom Pritchard  
Superintendent