

**PINAL COUNTY SCHOOL PROGRAMS
OF PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona has closed all Arizona schools through March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, PINAL COUNTY SCHOOL PROGRAMS of Pinal County, Arizona (“District”) has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to close school(s) 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 school(s) listed below and to carry out the actions listed below in order to prevent the spread of a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District and serves a public purpose to continue to pay its employees for the time period of the school closure in order to maintain order in the community, reduce employee turnover, allow employees to care for the needs of their families, meet its contractual obligations and increase morale for District employees during a time of national crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the PINAL COUNTY SCHOOL PROGRAMS of Pinal County, Arizona that:

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

Mary C. O’Brien Elementary School
Villa Oasis Interscholastic Center for Education

Section 2. The Governing Board intends to close the schools listed above through March 27, 2020, at which time the Board will reassess the potential outbreak of COVID19 and any public safety concerns.

- Section 3. To protect our employees that are facing or who yet may face financial difficulties due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Pinal County Schools will continue to pay its employees during the time period that schools remain closed pursuant to Governor Ducey's Order effective March 16, 2020, but will amend its policy; Pinal County Schools Policy GCCA, Professional/Support Staff Paid Time Off (PTO); during this emergency time period only; and allow one hour accrual of PTO per each hour scheduled to work, or worked, by hourly employees during the mandatory school closure due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 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). The Superintendent is authorized to continue the dates of school closure if necessary.
- Section 6. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to 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 19th day of March, 2020.

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By: Jill M. Broussard
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Mary C. O'Brien Accommodation District # 90

Attested by:

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