



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.3 B)½Ý™®

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Division : Board Office

Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ : Approve Resolution No. 33164: The H /TMC 242 ( )Tj 0.0 4(i)16(on N)6 N CT ( T (c  
Urgency of Reaching Near-Zero Transmission of COVID-19

Background/Rationale

\_\_\_\_\_ : The Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education supports efforts to reach near-zero transmission of COVID-19 in order to improve outc end

**Resolution No, 3164: The Harms of School Closure and the  
Likelihood of Reaching Near-Zero Transmission of COVID-19**

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California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, in collaboration with the Sacramento County Board of Education and

Whereas, COVID-19-related distance learning is borne out of a public health crisis, compares unfavorably to in-person learning for the vast majority of learners and must not be misconstrued as equivalent to or an adequate substitute for in-person learning; and

Whereas, SCUSD data reflects elementary students experiencing homelessness and Black students

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Whereas, school closures during the 2014-2016 Ebola epidemic across several African countries are the most similar in duration and scope to current COVID-19 closures, and Ebola-related closures were shown to increase dropouts, child labor, violence against children and teen pregnancies; and

Whereas, school closures can result in social isolation in an abusive home, with abuse likely

services have plummeted since schools were closed due to COVID-19 and

individual student in high-income countries; which equates to over \$800 million dollars in

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Whereas, SCUSD's ability to open schools is directly dependent on the level of community transmission and prevalence of COVID-19 and the public health infrastructure developed to control the disease; and

Whereas, a briefing paper from the Harvard Global Health Institute and the Edmond J. Sarfa Center for Ethics indicates **the single best policy to support school reopening prior to the development of a vaccine or treatment is suppression of COVID-19 to near-zero case incidence**, echoing opinions expressed by many prominent public health experts; and

Whereas, a confoundingly inadequate and sometimes actively harmful national-level response to the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impaired the nation's collective ability to control the virus, increasing the importance of strong, coherent and strategic state and local leadership; and

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Whereas, pursuant to the framework introduced on August 28, 2020, the state has indicated

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Projecting changes to public health orders that are effective immediately.

transmission of COVID-19 and thereby prolong school closures; and

Put in place further restrictions and make further investments as necessary to control COVID-19; and

Resolved, that the Board of Education commends the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for allocating significant resources to the local public health effort to fight COVID-19, and encourages further investment as necessary to suppress the virus in our community as quickly as possible to meet a goal of reaching a near-zero case incidence by December 31, 2020, which will both facilitate