

**APACHE JUNCTION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43  
OF PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Apache Junction Unified School District No. 43 of Pinal County, Arizona (“District”) has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to close schools to assist in the containment of a potential outbreak of COVID-19; 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 5.5-Weather-related and Emergency Closings, its accompanying procedures 5.5.P.1, 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 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 Governing Board of Apache Junction Unified School District No. 43 of Pinal County, Arizona that:

Section 1. The Governing Board authorizes the closure of all schools programs.

Section 2. The Governing Board intends to close all schools until March 27th, 2020 or longer if mandated by the state, at which time the Board will reassess the potential outbreak of COVID-9 and any public safety concerns.

Section 3. The Superintendent is authorized to continue regular payroll expenses for all employees. Non-essential employees will be reassigned to home. Essential employees will be required to work as needed. Hourly employees who are deemed essential and required to work will be paid at time and a half. All employees shall remain on call and available to report to work.

Section 4. The Superintendent is authorized to extend the dates of school closure if necessary.

Section 5. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with local and state authorities to meet minimum state requirements of instruction and to create a corresponding change to the school calendar if necessary.

Section 6. 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 7. 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

APACHE JUNCTION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 43

By:

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