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## *A RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS*

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**WHEREAS**, The students of Jurupa Unified School District deserve a public school system that delivers on the promise of educational justice, so that every student has the opportunity to succeed academically, achieve their dreams, and contribute to the well-being of society. Every community deserves public schools that deliver on that promise.

**WHEREAS**, According to the most recent data from the California Department of Education, over seventy-two percent of the students in the Jurupa Unified School District qualify for free or reduced-price lunch and are considered “economically disadvantaged”. As a result, some schoolchildren face more challenges than others in succeeding in school and life and need additional support.

**WHEREAS**, Community Schools provide comprehensive programs and services that are carefully selected to meet the unique needs of students and families- such as lack of stable housing, inadequate medical and dental care, hunger, trauma, and exposure to violence- so students can reach their full potential.

**WHEREAS**, Community Schools are a proven effective model that have been shown to contribute significantly to higher graduation rates and to closing the racial and economic achievement gaps.

**WHEREAS**, the California State Government has committed to a \$3 Billion investment in grants to school district to expand the Community School model, indicating strong support for Community Schools as a model to transform educational outcomes.

**WHEREAS**, According to a report from the Learning Policy Institute, the four key pillars of an evidence-based Community Schools approach – integrated student supports, expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities, active family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices – promote conditions and practices found in high-quality schools, as well as address out-of-school barriers to learning.

**WHEREAS**, The National Education Association Jurupa defines a Community Schools as a school that included each of the following:

*Integrated Student Supports, which address out-of-school barriers to learning through partnerships with social and health service agencies and providers, coordinated by a Community School Director, which may include but are not limited to: medical, dental, vision care, and mental health services, or counselors to assist with housing, transportation, nutrition, immigration, or criminal justice issues;*

*Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities, including before-school, afterschool, weekend and summer programs, which provide additional academic instruction, individualized academic support, enrichment activities, or learning opportunities that emphasize real-world learning and community problem-solving and which may include, but are not limited to: art, music, drama, creative writing, applied learning experience with engineering or science, tutoring and homework help, and recreational programs that enhance and are consistent with the school's curriculum;*

*Active Family and Community Engagement, which brings students' families and the community into the school as partners in a student's education and makes the school a neighborhood hub providing adults with educational opportunities they want, including but not limited to: English as a Second Language classes, assistance with immigration issues, computer skills, adult literacy, art, or other programs that bring community members in the building for meetings or events; and*

*Collaborative Leadership and Practices, which build a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and shared responsibility using strategies which shall, at a minimum, include a school-based leadership team, a Community School Director, and a communitywide leadership team and may include, but are not limited to: other leadership/governance teams, teacher learning communities, and other staff to manage the multiple, complex joint work of school and community organizations.*

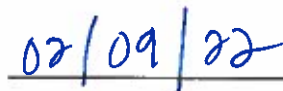
Now, therefore be it Resolved, the National Education Association Jurupa supports the successful implementation of effective Community Schools as an evidence-based strategy to provide all students with equitable access to a high-quality education and improve student outcomes;

Resolved further; National Education Association Jurupa seeks to formalize any partnerships necessary to successfully implement the Community Schools Initiative with the Jurupa Unified School District Board of Education.



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