

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-20-18**

October 1, 2019

**Resolution requesting financial assistance from County of Orange and their receipt of the  
Mental Health Services Act funds (Proposition 63 2004) as approved by the County Board of  
Supervisors**

**WHEREAS**, the School Districts of Orange County have long been committed to providing improved mental health programs and services to students; and

**WHEREAS**, all students have the right to mental health treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Irvine Unified School District reaffirms its commitment to student mental health through the yearly LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, the Irvine Unified School District encourages each community and agency of government support to make available mental health programs and services which will meet the needs of all children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Irvine Unified School District is deeply concerned about the increasing number of children suffering from mental and emotional health and wellness conditions. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illness can negatively impact family life, personal happiness, acceptance of civic responsibility and completion of one's education; 37% of students with a mental health condition, age 14 and older, drop out of school—the highest dropout rate of any disability group; and

**WHEREAS**, schools and other educational agencies are feeling the adverse effects of mental illness on students, families and communities. The National School Boards Association reports, "The odds are, therefore, that every classroom in every school has at least one student with a mental health disorder. Of those who have a mental health disorder, only one out of five will receive any treatment." The majority of young people who do receive mental health treatment do so at school; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illness and disorders affect so many children and teens ages 6 to 17 that 79% of them do not receive mental health care. The average delay between onset of symptoms and intervention is 8-10 years and 90% of youth ages 10-24 that died by suicide had an underlying mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, an environment of acceptance of the reality, prevalence, and effects of mental illness in the home, school, and community environments is essential to the development of supportive approaches towards those who suffer from mental illness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Irvine Unified School District strongly encourages efforts to obtain directed funding through the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Orange County Department of Education to supplement the mental health programs being offered in our schools;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Irvine Unified School District and the other school districts of Orange County be included in the stakeholder community planning process to collaborate on how to expend funds consistent with the required local plan.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019, in the County of Orange, California

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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President of the Board of Education  
Irvine Unified School District

State of California )  
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County of Orange )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Irvine Unified School District of Orange, California, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 19-20-18 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on October 1, 2019, and passed by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of said Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.

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Clerk of the Board of Education  
Irvine Unified School District