

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION 1920-16

**PROCLAIMING CLASS OF 2020 STUDENTS
HAVING DULY COMPLETED
REVISED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020
AND CERTIFIED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
AS MEETING SAID REQUIREMENTS ARE
THE ESTRELLIA, GALT, AND LIBERTY RANCH HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond stated that schools in California should prepare to be closed through the end of the school year; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 15, 2020, the Board adopted Emergency Resolution #1920-09 delegating authority to take necessary action to protect students and staff from the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, effective March 16, 2020, all District school sites and the District offices were closed to maintain social distancing in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the District commenced providing instruction to students via distance learning, which is defined as instruction in which the student and teacher are in different locations; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the California Department of Education issued guidance on student grading and graduation requirements. The guidance states, in part, that the local education agency should weigh its policies with the lens of equity and with the primary goal of first, doing no harm to students; and

WHEREAS, the closure of all district schools was extended and schools remained closed through the end of the school year per the guidance from the California Department of Education and the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Board Bylaw 9310 regarding Board Policies states, in pertinent part, the Board and/or Superintendent shall identify the need to revise an existing policy because of an incident that has arisen in the District and the Board has the authority to waive a second reading of a proposed revision; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 6146.1 Instruction/High School Graduation Requirements set forth the District's graduation requirements that exceed the requirements set forth in Education Code section 51225.3; and

WHEREAS, Board Resolution 1920-13 passed by the Board in its May 7, 2020 stipulated that for any student enrolled in the 12th grade during the 2019-2020 school year, Board Policy 6146.1 Instruction/High School Graduation Requirements was revised to a minimum of 220 units for comprehensive and alternative education high schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the special and unique circumstances created for 12th grade students of the Class of 2020 this particular school year and Spring semester by the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes the unique challenges for graduating students in 2020 and applauds the tremendous efforts of these graduating students to persevere through these unprecedented difficulties in pursuit of their high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, state and county public health orders requiring “shelter-in-place” conditions and prohibiting large public gatherings and traditional graduation ceremonies that otherwise would have been held for these students on or about June 2, 2020 led to the postponement of said ceremonies to a later summer date, and rendered impossible the certification and declaration of graduating students as having met the requirements for graduation from Estrellita, Galt, and Liberty Ranch High Schools;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board hereby declares that students having met the revised graduation requirements as stipulated in Board Resolution 1920-13, and duly certified by the students’ respective principals, that said students have met those requirements and now high school graduates of the Class of 2020 from the Galt Joint Unified High School District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Board of Trustees of the Galt Joint Union High School District, County of Sacramento, State of California on June 11, 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

ABSENT:

Daniel Denier, President
Galt Joint Union High School District
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Melissa Neuburger, Clerk
Galt Joint Union High School District
Board of Trustees