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RESOLUTION
RE UNIFICATION
OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE
[NAME] SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE
COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In Re: Reorganization by)
Unification of Districts)

RECITALS

A. The [*District Acting on Resolution]* Elementary School District (the "District") has studied the potential benefits of unifying (often called the "reorganization" of) the [*District Acting on Resolution*] Elementary School District and the [*District to be Unified with*] High School District. Those benefits include [describe benefits, e.g., creation of a single basic governmental unit to provide K-12 education in the {*name of the community*} area]. This consolidation of local control permits local discretion, permits a single board to be responsible to local needs, and allows for participation of large numbers of community members in the consideration of the goals and objectives for local schools.

B. The Districts are authorized by law to reorganize themselves into a single unified school district, pursuant to Education Code Section 35700 et seq. [while preserving the separate identity of the other feeder elementary school districts {*list names of other districts that will not participate in unification, if any}*] pursuant to Education Code 35542(b).

C. An extensive review by staff of the Districts indicates that the statutory incentive for merger by unification offers the best opportunity for the District to improve efficiency and maximize resources.

D. Entering into this Resolution is in the best interests of both Districts, all employees and students of the Districts, and the communities.

The Governing Board of the [*District Acting on Resolution*] Elementary School District therefore resolves as follows:

1. Recitals Approved. The above recitals are true and correct.

[2. Confirmation of Commitment to Separate Identity of:

{List the Elementary School Districts that will be Unaffected by this Action, if any}

[{*If applicable}* The Board of the *{District Acting on Resolution}* Elementary School District again confirms by this Resolution that it acknowledges and joins the request of the above-listed school districts to remain as separate elementary school districts. This unification does not affect existing school educational programs, school site locations, staff assignments, or transportation arrangement. All existing agreements for suppliers and vendors will be honored. There is no division of transfer of property away from the current school system. Local tax rates are unaffected. The unification will not affect governance or operation of the school boards identified as separate.]

3. **Agreement to Seek Approval for Reorganization by Unification; Optimum Effective Date**. [*District Acting on Resolution*] Elementary School District agrees to seek appropriate approvals for unification. As recommended by staff, the optimum date for the proposed unification is July 1, 20__.

4. **Directions to Staff**. The Superintendent and staff are directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Committee on School District Organization, the California Department of Education, the State Board of Education, and all other appropriate agencies or entities.

5. **Potential Earlier Effective Dates Encouraged; Waiver Requests Authorized**. If staff determines that an earlier effective date of the unification would better meet the needs of the unified district, staff should seek an appropriate waiver from the State Board of Education. The Board specifically delegates to staff the authority to seek other State Board waivers as may be appropriate.

6. **Further Delegation of Powers and Duties**. The parties formally delegate to the District Superintendent the power and authority to take all further actions she/he may deem necessary to carry out the terms of this Resolution. The authority delegated includes, but is not limited to the following:

a. Development of any necessary documents or reports in furtherance of this Resolution;

b. Signing of further papers or waiver applications on behalf of the Governing Board; and

c. Employment or retention of specialized services by experts or consultants.

Certification of Resolution by the [*District Acting on Resolution*] Elementary School District, I, _____ Clerk of the Governing Board of the [*District Acting on Resolution*]

Elementary School District of the County of Sonoma, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was proposed by Trustee _____ and seconded by Trustee _____ and was duly passed and adopted by said Board at an official and public meeting thereof held on _____ by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTENTIONS: _____
ABSENT: _____

DATED: _____

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CLERK OF THE GOVERNING BOARD