Emergency Board Meeting
April 7, 2020
4:00 p.m. – Board Room

I. RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Duardo  
A. County Board will consider determination of emergency to consider the adoption of Board Resolution No. 20: Emergency Board Resolution to protect the educational future of students in probation halls and camps in response to the declared COVID-19 crisis

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B. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 20: Emergency Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Board Resolution to protect the educational future of students in probation halls and camps in response to the declared COVID-19 crisis

Mr. Cross  
II. ADJOURNMENT
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B. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 20: Board Resolution to protect the educational future of students in probation halls and camps in response to the declared COVID-19 crisis

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board Approve Board Resolution No. 20: Board Resolution to protect the educational future of students in probation halls and camps in response to the declared COVID-19 crisis.

Board Resolution No. 20 is attached on following page.
Emergency LACOE Board Resolution to protect the educational future of students in probation halls and camps in response to the declared COVID-19 crisis

WHEREAS: currently nearly 600 youth are confined in LA County Juvenile Halls and Camps system including almost 300 in custody awaiting trial (the majority of which are black and brown young men);

WHEREAS: LACOE has responsibility for the educational advancement of students in the halls and camps;

WHEREAS: socio/emotional safety is a basic prerequisite for educational advancement and learning does not and cannot happen in an unsafe or fearful environment;

WHEREAS: medical information on Covid 19 continues to be learned and shared but the current recommendations for containing the spread of the virus involve quarantining and isolation for weeks;

WHEREAS: contagion can spread without visual symptoms but we know that some individuals with access to youth in our halls and camps have tested positively for COVID-19;

WHEREAS: the CDC recognizes that individuals, such as our students, who are in locked facilities are at increased risk for infection because of the difficulties of access to hand washing and appropriate social distancing requirements;

WHEREAS: education and probation staff are also at risk in a confined environment and all of us are responsible for the common good;

WHEREAS: the current LACOE Distant Learning for Camp and Hall Schools is a sound instructional plan for continuing instruction for the students in the halls and camps. The full range of education and instruction can be continued successfully by the students’ district of residence for any student at home.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to the declared Federal and State of emergency, LACOE will advocate the Board of Education’s position with the LA County Probation Department, the LA County Board of Supervisors, and the courts, or other responsible parties for the immediate release from the LA County Juvenile Halls and Camps of students who are currently incarcerated or who are awaiting trial that are:

1. Non-violent offenders
2. Those nearing the end of their sentence
3. Those who pose no danger to themselves and/or others

ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2020 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California

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Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.                                       James Cross
Superintendent                         Board President