

South Panola School District
Board of Trustees
State of Emergency Resolution

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease outbreak by proclamation on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “very high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Officer has reported that there is a high risk for an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the risk of spread of COVID-19 within Mississippi constitutes a public emergency that may result in substantial injury or harm to life, health and property within Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued a State of Emergency through a proclamation on March 14, 2020 and executive order number 1458 on March 16, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the South Panola School District Board of Trustees, does hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists for the South Panola School District, including but not limited to an emergency under Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-1(f) and 31-7-13(k).

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all schools, offices and events are closed from March 16-27, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the superintendent has the authority to continue to close all schools, offices and events beyond March 27, 2020, based on policy AFC Authority of Emergency Closings.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the superintendent is allowed to take care of any day-to-day operations with the assistance of personnel or outside contractors by any means allowed by law.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the superintendent and/or director of finance is allowed to make emergency purchases as needed pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13(k) and other applicable law, with said purchases to be ratified by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the superintendent is allowed, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-301(o), to pay any valid invoices for lawful purposes up to \$500,000 which invoices are necessary to be paid as a result of or due to the emergency set forth in this

resolution, with said payments to be ratified by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the payment is made.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all employees are on administrative leave with pay for ten (10) days from March 16-27, 2020, based on policy AFC Authority of Emergency Closings.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if either or both Senate Bill 2925 and/or House Bill 1647 of the Mississippi Legislature are passed and signed into law by the Governor of Mississippi, then all employees are on administrative leave with pay in accordance with and as provided in said laws as passed.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the superintendent and/or the director of child nutrition has the authority to amend with Mississippi Department of Education agreement amendment to operate the summer food service program during novel Coronavirus school closures. This is under the guidelines of United States Department of Agriculture.

RESOLVED, this the 17th day of March, 2020.

The motion to adopt the foregoing State of Emergency Resolution was made by Board Member Sandra C. Darby and duly seconded by Board Member Lygunnah Bean. The motion then being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Board Member Jerry Cooley	Voted: Aye
Board Member Sandra C. Darby	Voted: Aye
Board Member Leigh Taylor Unruh	Voted: Aye
Board Member Lygunnah Bean	Voted: Aye
Board Member Kenny Hopper	Voted: Aye

The Chairman announced that the Resolution had been unanimously adopted.