



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YOUTH POLICY INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS
A California Public Benefit Corporation
Board Resolution #2020-04**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ACTIONS
NECESSARY TO REOPEN THE YPICS SCHOOLS FOLLOWING STATE
AND COUNTY GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERING THE HEALTH AND
SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the YPI Charter Schools (“the Board”) approved Resolution #2020-04 at the Emergency Meeting of the Board on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, the YPICS Schools officially closed on Monday, March 16, 2020 with a plan for reopening after the Spring Recess on Tuesday, April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Debra Duardo, recommended the closure of all schools within Los Angeles County for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year on April 2, 2020 followed by the announcement by the superintendent of YPICS’ authorizing district, Los Angeles Unified (“the District”), that the District would be closing all traditional district schools for the remainder of this school year;

WHEREAS, the closure of the schools in the greater Los Angeles area was in alignment with recommendations made by Governor Gavin Newsom, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and State Board of Education President Linda Darling Hammond for schools to close their physical sites for the remainder of the school year, while continuing remote instruction;

WHEREAS, following the guidance from the state and county, The YPI Charter Schools announced the closure of all YPICS schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year on April 3, 2020 and the continuation of the YPICS Distance Learning Program;

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a four-phased plan for reopening the state, including the reopening of schools in phase two, which was stated to be “weeks away”, with the school year potentially starting in July or August to make up for lost learning time;

WHEREAS, the reopening of the YPI Charter Schools will be conducted with thoughtful and thorough preparation of each site, and the following measures will have been taken:

- Contracting with professional cleaning companies for deep cleaning and disinfecting, which is planned for early June, but which may be postponed as the state’s plans are delayed

- Purchase Commercial grade disinfectant sprayer for each YPICS site, with training planned for all custodial and maintenance staff to ensure disinfecting of the schools is conducted regularly
- Purchase of hand sanitizer for all sites
- Purchase of gloves and masks for all sites
- Purchase of “forehead” thermometers for all teachers and other staff who regularly interact with students
- Purchase of Chrome books and “hotspots” for each family in need of internet connectivity
- Purchase additional furniture and supplies to support social distancing requirements

WHEREAS, in addition to the physical preparation of each site, thoughtful planning to accommodate the new reality schools will face and the uncertainty of how social distancing will be realized have been considered for implementation depending on the specific circumstances under which the schools will open;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees of the YPI Charter Schools authorizes the Executive Director to reopen the three YPICS schools when deemed appropriate while following the guidelines listed below:

- Follows recommended timelines for reopening schools from the State, County and CDC;
- Implementation of an instructional model that is aligned with recommendations from the California Department of Education;
- Adheres to State, County and CDC guidelines regarding social distancing;
- Adheres to the specific State requirements with will ensure continued funding for the schools, and
- Has been clearly communicated to YPICS families and the school community.

The reopening of the schools may occur as early as July 2020, based on instructions from the Governor to provide instructional time lost during the closure, or may begin on August 12, 2020, the first day of the 2020-2021 school calendar approved by the YPICS Board of Directors January 2020.

The schools will resume in either July or August under one of the following three (3) scenarios:

Scenario 1. -Schools resume on a traditional schedule. Under this scenario, COVID-19 is no longer a public health concern and all public health restrictions by the CDC have been removed. Under this unlikely scenario, school would return to normal without any additional safety precautions.

Scenario 2. -Schools resume with safety precautions and limits on group size. School would resume with a continuum of strategies to ensure social distancing and safety. Under this likely scenario, partial elements of distance learning are likely with students on a modified “In-School” and “At-Home” schedule.

Scenario 3. -Schools remain closed due to unmitigated safety concerns and an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. Under this scenario, schools would continue with full distance learning lessons and activities.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Trustees has adopted the above resolution by the following vote at a regular Board meeting this 11th day of May, 2020.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Sandra Mendoza, Secretary

Date Executed: _____

By: _____