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RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2020 AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

“Present, Engaged, Supported”

WHEREAS, the Alvord Unified School District Board values and recognizes positive attendance as essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as prekindergarten and kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two of three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, the impact of chronic absence hits students in low-income communities particularly hard if they don't have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom and are more likely to face systemic barriers to getting to school; and

WHEREAS, attendance gaps among groups of students often turn into achievement gaps that undermine student success. Chronic absence particularly exacerbates the achievement gap that separates students in low-income communities from their peers, since students from low-income communities are both more likely to be chronically absent and more likely to be affected academically by missing school; and,

WHEREAS, all students – even those who show up regularly – are affected by chronic absence because teachers must spend time reviewing for students who missed lessons; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, families and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alvord Unified School District Board of Education proclaims our school district will stand with the nation in recognizing September as “Attendance Awareness Month.” We hereby commit to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism, to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED by

Carolyn Wilson, President
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