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ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION NO. 41
IN SUPPORT OF A WAIVER REQUEST ON STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alvord Unified School District has been providing educational services to students in a variety of online platforms since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, the high case rates for COVID-19 in Riverside County have prevented the District from fully opening schools and classrooms for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, the District has continued to assess student progress during this period of remote learning utilizing PELI Reading TK, Math Their Way TK, iReady Reading K-12, iReady Math K-8, MDPT Math 9-12 ; and

WHEREAS, the District is now prepared to open classrooms and schools for in-person instruction on March 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, educators are acutely aware of the mental health toll that the pandemic is having on students and believe that a high stakes statewide assessment would exacerbate the stress on students; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education has delegated authority to its Executive Director to develop an assessment waiver proposal to the United States Department of Education for the Board's consideration that focuses on a plan for assessments that provide data to parents and which monitors the progress of students; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Office of Education has joined with the Association of California School Administrators, the California School Boards Association, the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, the California Association of School Business Officials, the California Federation of Teachers and the California Teachers Association to advocate for a waiver request that would suspend the administration of the statewide annual standardized summative assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics in lieu of local and/or interim assessments to monitor student progress and report data to parents;

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Alvord Unified School District supports requesting the California State Board of Education to submit to the United States



Department of Education a request for a waiver of the statewide annual standardized assessments as outlined above; is in favor of continuing to utilize local assessments to inform educational decisions to benefit students of the Alvord Unified School District; and authorizes Superintendent Dr. Allan J. Mucerino to convey this position to the State Board of Education.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Alvord Unified School District Board of Education at a meeting held on March 18, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Lizeth Vega, President
Board of Education



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