

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida DOE Commissioner Corcoran has directed that public schools shall be closed at least through April 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Policy 3.23 authorizes the Superintendent to suspend any part of School Board policies in the case of an emergency involving the welfare and safety of students and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon her authority under Policy 3.23, prior directives of the Commissioner of Education, and with consultation of School Board members, the Superintendent cancelled the School Board meeting of March 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the changing timelines caused by this Public Health Emergency, there is a need to waive the restrictions and limitations on the authority of the Superintendent to execute contracts and complete purchases for goods and services to support the School Board's mission during this emergency, and to take other emergency actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has directed personnel based upon essential and non-essential functions while continuing compensation for all employees.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED THAT:**

The Superintendent is authorized to take the following action:

- (1) Enter into, amend, or terminate contracts on behalf of the School Board, including exceeding the Superintendent's ordinary purchasing authority when necessary due to the emergency.
- (2) Request extensions of time or waivers from the Florida DOE for completion of statutory requirements which cannot be timely met.
- (3) Take necessary personnel actions, including the hiring of personnel.

- (4) Submit grant applications.
- (5) With the recommendation of the general counsel, settle claims within the limits of the waiver of sovereign immunity.
- (6) Per Policy 3.23, suspend School Board Policies as needed to comply with the current emergency.
- (7) Take any action deemed necessary to address the needs of the District and/or Board in response to COVID-19 based on any danger the Superintendent reasonably perceives could become an immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare.

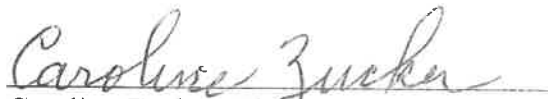
All suspension or modifications of School Board Policies or requests for waivers or extensions of statutory requirements from Florida DOE will be reported to the School Board at the next meeting of the School Board.

The additional authority granted to the Superintendent shall extend through June 30, 2020, unless that date is changed by further action of the School Board.

The action taken pursuant to this resolution is necessary because of the immediate danger to the health, safety or welfare of the students, employees and public.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall become effective on the date subscribed below.

Passed and Adopted at the meeting of the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, held on the 7th day of April, 2020.

  
Caroline Zucker, Chair

  
Mitsi Corcoran, Superintendent