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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilwoman Renee Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS’ BOARD OF EDUCATION’S APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO BUILD OUT A DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MODEL DESIGNED TO REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM, DECREASE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME CAUSED BY SUSPENSIONS, INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND IMPROVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS SKILLS.

WHEREAS, Santa Fe is a city with students that hail from all ranges of wealth; and

WHEREAS, many students that come from the lower end of the income spectrum struggle in school, where many of life’s most important lessons are learned; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe Public Schools’ Board of Education (“BoE”) has applied for a grant to establish a district-wide community schools model designed to provide a holistic and familial approach to learning; and

WHEREAS, the grant amount can range between \$250k-\$500k per year for five years, an amount determined by the grant reviewers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a community school is a research-based, equity driven strategy that brings
2 students, families, organizations, and communities together to transform education and create well-
3 rounded educational opportunities and support systems; and

4 **WHEREAS**, community schools vary based on the context of needs, assets, and priorities
5 of the body of students attending the school; and

6 **WHEREAS**, according to the New Mexico Community Schools Logic Model, which
7 outlines a long-term strategy for improving the learning environment for its students, the “theory
8 of action” states that “if school and community partners meet the needs of the whole child, then
9 transformational changes will occur that result in healthy, secure students ready for college, career
10 and life”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, there are four pillars of community schools: expanded and enriched learning
12 time and opportunities, collaborative leadership and practices, active family and community
13 engagement, and integrated student supports; and

14 **WHEREAS**, expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities includes enrichment
15 activities that emphasize real-world learning and community problem solving as well as after
16 school, weekend, and summer programs that provide academic instruction and individualized
17 support; and

18 **WHEREAS**, collaborative leadership and practices enable parents, students, teachers,
19 principals, and community partners to build a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and
20 shared responsibility using strategies such as site-based leadership teams and teacher learning
21 communities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, active family and community engagement allows schools to function as
23 neighborhood hubs where there are educational opportunities for adults and family members to
24 share their stories and serve as equal partners in promoting student success; and

25 **WHEREAS**, integrated students support provides a dedicated staff member to coordinate

1 support programs to address out-of-school learning barriers for students and families and provides
2 mental and physical health services support to boost student success.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
4 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body strongly supports the Santa Fe Public Schools
5 Board of Education’s application for grant funding to build out a district-wide community schools
6 model designed to reduce chronic absenteeism, decrease out-of-school time caused by suspensions,
7 increase parental involvement, and improve kindergarten readiness skills.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution demonstrates the Governing Body’s
9 continued commitment to collaboration with Santa Fe Public Schools on innovative projects that
10 increase overall student development and school learning systems.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this
12 Resolution to the United States Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary
13 Education and to the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education.

14 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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17 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

18 ATTEST:

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21 KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK
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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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