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**PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

JANUARY 23, 2021

**SPECIAL MEETING
NOTICE AND AGENDA**

5:00 PM – OPEN SESSION

**THE ELBIE J. HICKAMBOTTOM BOARD ROOM #236, LOCATED AT 351 S. HUDSON AVENUE,
PASADENA, IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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A. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)

| <u>Roll Call – Board Members</u> | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Kimberly Kenne – District 1 | | |
| Jennifer Hall Lee - District 2 | | |
| Patrick Cahalan - District 4 | | |
| Tina Fredericks – District 6 | | |
| Michelle Richardson Bailey, Clerk – District 3 | | |
| Elizabeth Pomeroy, Vice President – District 5 | | |

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| Scott Phelps, President – District 7 Brian McDonald, Superintendent | | |
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Pledge of Allegiance

Culture Statement

Pasadena Unified School District shall cultivate a culture of trust where employees, parents, students, and the community are welcomed, valued, and supported. We will collaborate with each other and our partners to achieve academic excellence, pursue continuous personal and professional improvement, and build positive relationships. We will celebrate our strengths and continually embrace opportunities to improve as a community of learners.

B. Public Comment on Agendized Items Only

Members of the public have a right to address the Board concerning any item scheduled for consideration at a special board meeting. Please send your comments prior to the meeting start time to superintendent@pusd.us to be read by the Board Clerk. In your comments, please provide no more than 450 words to keep within the three-minute time limit.

C. Action Item

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| 1) <u>Approval of Reopening of Small Learning Pods for Specialized Instruction at Blair and Rose City High Schools [BR 31-A]</u> | ATTACHMENT C BR 31-A MOTION SECOND VOTE |
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D. Adjournment

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA**

Topic: APPROVAL OF REOPENING OF SMALL LEARNING PODS FOR SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION AT BLAIR AND ROSE CITY HIGH SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education approve the reopening of Small Learning Pods for Specialized Instruction at Blair and Rose City High Schools.

Anticipated Effect on Student Outcomes: Mitigation of Learning Loss and need for credit recovery.

I. BACKGROUND

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) was granted approval by the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) to open a small learning pods at Blair High School and Rose City High School. These learning pods follow the health regulations determined by PPHD. Each learning pod has a 12:1 ratio. The programs were closed on January 15, 2021 as a result of the significant increase of COVID-19 cases.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

PUSD staff is recommending that Blair HS Viking Scholars and Rose City HS Phoenix Flyers be reopened starting January 25, 2021. These two small cohorts of students are in need of academic and social-emotional support as they are experiencing circumstances beyond their control, preventing access to learning. Staff consulted with Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, director of PPHD, and she agreed to the reopening of these two small pods as the closure is impacting their ability to attain credits necessary for graduation and wellness.

III. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for the reopening of the programs. Programs costs are funded using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSR), funds were allocated at the beginning of both programs.

Pasadena Unified School District

Board of Education Agenda:

January 23, 2021

Submitted by: 

Elizabeth Blanco, Ed. D., Chief of Academics Officer

Funding title/code:

Name: N/A

String: N/A

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name 'Brian O. McDonald', written over a horizontal line.

Brian O. McDonald, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Originator: Elizabeth Blanco, Ed. D, Chief Academic Officer.