

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19/20-34**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING TEMPORARY CHANGES TO GRADING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING POWERS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an executive order directing all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, with limited exception, until further notice; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the William S. Hart Union High School District (“District”) closed its schools to protect students and staff against the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, due to safety concerns and the need for ongoing social distancing, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction stated it appears students will not return to school campuses before the end of the 2019/2020 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to the greatest extent possible, while maintaining the health and safety of the students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Governing Board (“Board”) is committed to continued teaching and learning, including assessment and evaluation of work, through alternative means during this prolonged period of school closure; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the Superintendent have the tools to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff, and families on and off campuses, and to ensure that the educational needs of all students are addressed through alternate locations, virtual learning environments, and/or temporary changes in grading policies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board does hereby find, determine, resolve, and order as follows:

1. All of the above-listed recitals are incorporated herein by this reference and shall hereinafter be deemed to be the findings of the Board.
2. Teachers shall continue to provide instruction, assignments and assessments using distance learning tools and resources.
3. The District’s Board Policy 5121 and Administrative Regulation 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement shall be temporarily modified, as set forth herein, during the period of school closure. To the extent there is a conflict between this Resolution and Board Policy 5121 and/or Administrative Regulation 5121, the terms and intent of this Resolution shall control.

4. Teachers shall consider students' third-quarter grades in determining whether a student receives credit for the fourth-quarter / second semester. Only those students "failing" on the third-quarter report card will be eligible to receive "no credit" for the fourth quarter / second semester. All students will have the opportunity to raise their grade.
5. Students shall be given an opportunity to demonstrate understanding of applicable course content through assessments, projects, portfolios or other means appropriate to the course content. In this unprecedented emergency, teachers may consider awarding "credit" to students who have made reasonable efforts to continue learning course content.
6. Student final "grades" for Quarter 4 / Semester 2 will be assigned using the following scale:  
  

**A**

**B**

**C**

**Credit**

**No Credit**
7. Students will have the option to select "credit" in lieu of a Grade of A, B or C. Credits will not be calculated into a student's Grade Point Average (GPA).
8. Students may choose to exchange "credit" in lieu of a traditional grade of A, B or C. The deadline to request change of a 2020 Quarter 4 / Semester 2 grade to "credit" shall be December 17, 2020.
9. In the event the Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee, receives a written request from a student or guardian to consider an alternative means to satisfy a graduation requirement, the Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee, is hereby granted the authority, in conjunction with the student's teacher, to determine whether completion of the proposed alternative means would satisfy course requirements for graduation and to determine what documentation shall be required, if any, to verify the student's successful completion. This order applies to the requirements needed to complete a course, class, or graduation requirement, and does not alter the teacher's discretion in assigning a grade.
10. The Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent, and his designee(s), authority to take all actions and execute all other documents reasonably necessary to carry out the intent of, and the authorities delegated under, this Resolution.
11. The authority granted pursuant to this resolution, and the grading policy modifications herein, shall be valid only until the conclusion of the 2019/2020 school year presently scheduled to end on June 4, 2020, unless extended by the Board.

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***APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED*** on May 6, 2020.

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Storli, President of the Governing  
Board of the William S. Hart Union High  
School District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Cherise Moore, Clerk of the Governing  
Board of the William S. Hart Union High  
School District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            )

I, Dr. Cherise Moore, Clerk of the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District, do hereby certify that: (i) the Governing Board duly approved and adopted the foregoing Resolution No. 19/20-34 during its regular meeting on May 6, 2020; (ii) an agenda and notice of such meeting were prepared and posted as required by law; (iii) a quorum of the Governing Board was present and acting throughout such meeting; and (iv) the Governing Board approved and adopted Resolution No. 19/20-34 by the following rollcall vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Cherise Moore, Clerk of the Governing  
Board of the William S. Hart Union High  
School District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        )

I, Dr. Cherise Moore, Clerk of the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District, do hereby certify that: (i) the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 19/20-34 duly adopted by the Governing Board during its regular meeting held on May 6, 2020; and (ii) as of the date specified below, the Governing Board has not modified or repealed Resolution No. 19/20-34.

Dated: May 6, 2020

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Cherise Moore, Clerk of the Governing  
Board of the William S. Hart Union High  
School District