

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION: (A) APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF \$1,000,000 OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSAL MEAL PROGRAMS TO REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY AMONG STUDENTS; AND (B) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR THE COUNTY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE, TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF \$1,000,000 IN CARES ACT FUNDS TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO SAN MATEO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic currently impacting the nation have exacerbated already significant food insecurity experienced by many children in San Mateo County; that many children in San Mateo County, and Second Harvest of Silicon Valley has reported that since March 2020, it has more than doubled its food distribution to families in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, research shows that receiving free or reduced price school meals reduces food insecurity, obesity rates, and poor health outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program are child nutrition programs administered by the United States Department of Agriculture that provide food in school or institutional settings; and

WHEREAS, these programs include mechanisms referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and Provision 2 that provides federal funding to pay a portion of the cost for universal free meals for all students who attend high poverty schools that have a high percentage of students who are eligible for free meals, including because their households receive benefits through CalFresh, CalWorks, MediCal or because they are homeless, migrants, in foster care, or enrolled in Head Start; and

WHEREAS, in light of the increase in food insecurity among the County's youth as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this Board believes that it is appropriate to use CARES Act funds to assist, on a pilot basis, school district that wish to avail themselves of CEP or Provision 2 to cover the difference in the cost of providing universal meals to students at eligible schools and the amount of CEP or Provision 2 funding received by those school districts; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that it is appropriate to allocate \$1,000,000 in CARES Act funding for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to provide supplemental funding to school districts that participate in universal meal programs through CEP or Provision 2; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education has expressed a willingness to collaborate with the County in developing and implementing a program to distribute

allocated CARES Act funds to San Mateo County school districts that wish to avail themselves of CEP and/or Provision 2; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that it is appropriate to authorize and direct the County Manager or his designees to negotiate, in consultation with the County Counsel, an appropriate agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education to transfer \$1,000,000 in CARES Act funds to the San Mateo County Office of Education and to provide for the administration and distribution of the grant funds to San Mateo County school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors approves an allocation of \$1,000,000 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for the purposes of establishing a pilot program to provide supplemental funding to school districts that participate in universal meal programs to reduce food insecurity among students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors authorize the County Manager, or the County Manager's designee, to negotiate an agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education to transfer \$1,000,000 in CARES Act funds to the San Mateo County Office of Education and to provide for the administration and distribution of the grant funds to San Mateo County school district.

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