

### **2020 Census School Board Resolution**

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Whereas, an accurate count of persons living in our *[city][county]* in the 2020 Census will determine the representation of individuals, families, and communities in our local, state, and federal governments; and

Whereas, the 2020 Census count of children living in *[insert the name of school corporation]* will be the basis of federal education funding allocated to our school corporation over the next ten years, specifically federal programs serving our students living in poverty and students with disabilities; and

Whereas, the populations that are prevalent in urban areas at high risk of being undercounted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau include young children, people of color, low-income households, language minority families, foreign-born residents, and households with limited Internet access; and

Whereas, children are more likely to be missed in the Census count if they reside in the complex households that are common in urban areas, such as multi-generation households, extended families, and multi-family households; and

Whereas, it is paramount for the school board, superintendent, principals, teachers, parent organizations, and all local leaders in *[insert the name of school corporation]* to communicate the importance of Census 2020 to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the *[insert here the name of the school corporation]* will develop and adopt a plan of action ensuring a complete count of all students and their families residing within the school corporation on the 2020 Census; and**

***Be It Resolved the plan of action will include but is not limited to providing and distributing information to our students, parents, and staff members on the importance of the U.S. Census and its role in federal funding and state representation through the various communication channels employed by the school corporation, providing recommended curriculum to our students on the U.S. Census, promoting the involvement in the U.S. Census to community members at various school and community events, and hosting participation events on April 1, 2020, U.S. Census day; and***

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## Full-length School Board Resolution

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Whereas, during the 2020 Census, there is a heightened risk of an undercount due to the digital divide, language access issues, and lack of knowledge or information on the importance of or access to the U. S. Census; and

Whereas, local and state governments, as well as community-based organizations, can play a critical role in counteracting the undercount risks, reaching hard-to-count populations, and ensuring their communities get counted in 2020; and

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