

**Stockton Unified School District**

**Resolution No. 24-19**

**Resolution to Revert the Department of Public Safety to the  
Stockton Unified School District Police Department**

WHEREAS, the Stockton Unified School District originally established the Stockton Unified School District Police Department (“Department”) pursuant to Education Code section 38000 subdivision (b), with a mission to ensure the safety and security of students, staff, and community members within the district; and

WHEREAS, the Department was later renamed the Department of Public Safety to reflect a broader focus on community-oriented safety initiatives and a holistic approach to school safety; and

WHEREAS, after extensive evaluation, including participation in community listening sessions and ongoing engagement with stakeholders, it has become evident that the Department’s core mission of providing a secure and just educational environment is best served under the structure and authority of a Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Stockton Unified School District Police Department will be to advocate for equality and inclusivity by embracing a guardian mentality, reduce disproportionality, and promote a positive educational environment; to create and maintain a vital, healthy, safe, and just community; and to improve the quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, the Vision of the Stockton Unified School District Police Department is to prevent students from entering the 'School to Prison Pipeline' through the implementation of Four Cornerstones of Redesigning School Safety: Restorative Justice, Youth Engagement, Community Involvement, and a Holistic Approach; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Police Department will allow for a renewed focus on building strong, trust-based relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, ensuring a safer school climate and better protection for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Stockton Unified School District Police Department will continue to support restorative practices, youth engagement, community involvement, and holistic approaches to safety as integral components of its operational philosophy; and

WHEREAS, the Stockton Unified School District is committed to maintaining justice, transparency, and equity within its schools, and believes that reinstating the Police Department will enhance these efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockton Unified School District Department of Public Safety will be reverted to the Stockton Unified School District Police Department, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Stockton Unified School District Police Department will continue to implement the cornerstones of Restorative Justice, Youth Engagement, Community Involvement, and a Holistic Approach as part of its commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive, and equitable environment for all students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the members of the Governing Board of the Stockton Unified School District, of San Joaquin County, State of California, this 15th day of October, 2024.

**AYES: *Kennetha Stevens, Sofia Colon, Donald Donaire, Cecilia Mendez, AngelAnn Flores, Alicia Rico, Raymond Zulueta, Jr.***

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education, Stockton Unified School District,  
San Joaquin County, State of California