

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

6 Councilor Roman “Tiger” Abeyta

7 Councilor Jamie Cassutt-Sanchez

8 Mayor Alan Webber

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **URGING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO HOLD NEW MEXICO SCHOOL**
12 **DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS HARMLESS FOR DECREASED**
13 **ENROLLMENT IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR RESULTING FROM THE COVID-**
14 **19 PANDEMIC AND TO MAINTAIN FUNDING AT 2019-2020 LEVELS.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) first
17 appeared in December 2019 and has spread throughout the world and, on March 11, 2020, the
18 World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global pandemic; and

19 **WHEREAS**, as of January 26, 2021, New Mexico had 170,000 positive COVID-19 tests
20 and 3,157 deaths and, of these, Santa Fe County had 8,864 positive cases; and

21 **WHEREAS**, On March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham declared a public
22 health emergency concerning the novel coronavirus outbreak; and

23 **WHEREAS**, On March 13, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham issued Executive
24 Order 2020-005, directing the Secretary of Education to close all public schools beginning March
25 16, 2020 due to the public health emergency and to reopen April 6, 2020; and

1 **WHEREAS**, On March 26, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham issued Executive
2 Order 2020-012 to close all New Mexico public schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020
3 Academic Year due to the public health emergency; and

4 **WHEREAS**, due to students leaving the district for home school, private schools, or out-
5 of-state endeavors, the Santa Fe Public Schools reported a drop in student enrollment of 624
6 students at the 80th day reporting period, which would reduce the budget from \$114M to \$106M;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, 85 percent of the Santa Fe Public Schools budget is allocated to personnel,
9 and a reduction of \$8.4M would have a significant impact on overall programming.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
11 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that, due to the impact of the pandemic on public school enrollment
12 statewide, the Governing Body urges the New Mexico Legislature to hold school districts and
13 charter schools harmless by maintaining their funding at 2019-2020 funding levels.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution to
15 the Santa Fe Legislative Delegation, the leadership of the House and Senate, the Governor of New
16 Mexico, and the City’s lobbyist.

17 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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21 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 ERIN K. MCSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2021/Resolutions/SFPS Funding Support*