RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Resolution of the Orange County Board of Education in Support of Assembly Bill 1224 (Valencia)

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students receive high-quality, uninterrupted instruction from qualified educators; and

WHEREAS, existing law limits the number of days a substitute teacher may serve in a single classroom to 30 days for general education and 20 days for special education, which can result in disruptions to student learning; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic and in subsequent years, the California Legislature temporarily extended this limit to 60 days to address teacher shortages and provide greater classroom stability, but this flexibility expired in 2024; and

WHEREAS, California continues to experience an ongoing educator workforce shortage, making it increasingly difficult for schools to fill vacancies with fully credentialed teachers in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that instructional stability and continuity are key factors in student achievement, and allowing substitute teachers to remain in the same classroom for an extended period improves student-teacher rapport, fosters better learning environments, and enhances educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, AB 1224 (Valencia) would restore the 60-day service limit for substitute teachers in general, special, and career technical education classrooms, ensuring that students receive consistent instruction while school administrators continue working to fill vacancies with highly qualified, credentialed teachers; and

WHEREAS, this bill represents a necessary step in addressing the teacher shortage while upholding the quality of education for students across California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. that the Orange County Board of Education strongly supports AB 1224 (Valencia) and urges the Legislature and the Governor to enact this bill to provide schools with the flexibility needed to maintain instructional stability for students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of California, members of the California State Legislature, and other stakeholders as deemed appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Orange County Board of Education at a regular meeting on April 2, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: O

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: (2

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution #09-25

COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Jorge Valdes, Esq., Clerk of the Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of April 2025 and passed by a vote of said Board Members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of April 2025.

Jorge Valges, Esq., Clerk of the Board Orange County Board of Education

