

## RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Mental Health Care for Orange County's Students

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Board of Education (Board) and Orange County Superintendent of Schools (Superintendent) have historically advanced the well-being and direct academic instruction of Orange County's students and children; and

**WHEREAS**, state Education Codes are permissive, and Education Code 1042 (b) allows county boards of education to "adopt rules and regulations governing the administration of the office of the county superintendent of schools"; and

**WHEREAS**, one in two adolescents nationwide is affected by a mental health problem, and there is a 25 % increase in self-harm and suicide alerts among youth ages 12 to 18 years in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been presented a PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Martin Eaton who presented Heads Up CheckUP (HUCU) , a mental health and behavioral Risk Screening System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the OCDE and HUCU, to assist in promoting a Mental Health Access Collaborative for universal county-wide screening to advance the screening of the mental health and well-being of Orange County students.

**THEREFORE**, the Board in effecting state Education Code 1042(b) instructs the Superintendent as ex-officio officer of the Board, and CEO of the county office of education to:

1. Assist Orange County School Districts in mental health screening of its students using appropriate and verifiable screening tools to include HUCU.
2. Construct a MOU that creates an OCDE collaborative and official association with HUCU , that meets the administrative and legal requirements, to be presented to the board for final approval.

ADOPTED by the Orange County Board of Education on the 2nd day of February 2022.

**AYES: 5**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**COUNTY OF ORANGE**



I, **Mari Barke**, President to 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 February 2022 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 February 2022.

*Mari Barke*

Mari Barke, President  
Orange County Board of Education

