



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PETALUMA CITY  
ELEMENTARY AND PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
("PETALUMA CITY SCHOOLS"), TO IDENTIFY THE AMOUNT OF BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has a fiduciary duty to meet its financial obligations in the current fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years, pursuant to Education Code 42127; and

**WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year 2026-27, it is projected that the district will need to implement budget reductions of at least \$5,000,000 to reduce deficit spending; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Budget Approval Letter from the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) dated April 15, 2025, noted concerns about the district's fiscal position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has established a Budget Advisory Committee, which will have four meetings before December 31, 2025, and will develop recommendations for possible budget solutions, including reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's current year financials and projected budgets for the next two years indicate that the District will only be able to meet the State-required 3% reserve by implementing a deficit reduction and reserve restoration plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Trustees has determined that it is prudent and consistent with best practices for school districts to maintain a reserve well above the state minimum requirements, the District plans to develop and implement a deficit reduction and reserve restoration plan, and






**WHEREAS**, the District is actively engaged with its community partners in evaluating District priorities and identifying areas in which expenditures can be reduced, including work with the Budget Advisory Committee, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the District will implement necessary budget reductions beginning in the current year, where feasible, with full implementation planned for 2026-27 that will achieve full or substantial alleviation of the district's deficit spending; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, while these actions must be taken to maintain the fiscal stability of the District, the Board of Trustees will make every effort to sustain a high-quality education program for students in the Petaluma City Schools and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District will submit a plan of budget reductions for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and a timeline for implementation at the Board meeting in February 2026, to be included in the Second Interim Financial Report.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Webster, who moved its adoption, seconded by Member Paun, and adopted by the following vote:

Board Member	Vote	Signature
Mady Cloud	<u>Aye</u>	<u></u>
Caitlin Quinn	<u>Aye</u>	<u></u>
Joanna Paun	<u>Aye</u>	<u></u>
Ellen Webster	<u>Aye</u>	<u></u>
Ryan Williams	<u>Aye</u>	<u></u>

**WHEREUPON**, the President declared the above resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED** this 22 of July, 2025.

  
Mady Cloud, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:  
  
Matthew Harris, Secretary