BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VAUGHN NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO ENSURE, SAFE, AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center ("Vaughn"), a California nonprofit public charter school, serves a diverse student population where inclusivity, safety, and equity are paramount to Vaughn's mission and success;

WHEREAS, Vaughn is committed to fostering an educational environment that promotes respect, understanding, and opportunity for every student, regardless of their ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex, gender identity, immigration status, socio-economic status, beliefs, or other protected characteristics;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution, federal and state laws, including *Plyler v. Doe* (1982), protect every child's right to a free public education and equal access to educational opportunities;

WHEREAS, a safe and supportive educational environment is essential for student learning, personal growth, and academic success;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the importance of addressing the challenges and that may arise from social, economic, or political uncertainties and their impact on students and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors reaffirms Vaughn Next unwavering commitment to inclusivity, safety, and equity for all students and declares all Vaughn campuses to be safe zones dedicated to the well-being and educational success of every student;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Vaughn Next Century Learning Center shall:

- **Ensure equitable access** to all school services, including academic programs, extracurricular activities, free and reduced lunch programs, and other resources, without regard to a student's immigration status or any other protected characteristic.
- **Safeguard student privacy** by strictly protecting personal and family information in compliance with all applicable laws.
- **Prohibit any discrimination or harassment** against students, staff, or families within the school community by diligently enforcing all policies preventing discrimination and harassment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Vaughn staff are directed to:

- Respond promptly and appropriately to any incidents or external requests that might compromise the safety, rights, or dignity of students and families.
- Offer resources and referrals to support students and families in need, including partnerships with community organizations and service providers.
- Create opportunities for engagement, education, and communication to keep families informed of their rights and the support available to them.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chief Executive Officer and school leadership will provide training to all Vaughn staff on the implementation of this Resolution and ensure that families are notified in a clear and accessible manner about the protections and resources offered by Vaughn Next;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the leadership team shall present an implementation plan to the Board of Directors detailing actions taken and progress made to fulfill the commitments outlined in this Resolution.

Adopted and approved the resolution reaffirming commitment:

December 11, 2024