CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #25/26-28

REDUCE OR DISCONTINUE PARTICULAR KINDS OF GRANT FUNDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE CLOSE OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO FEDERAL GRANT DISRUPTIONS AND WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, The District was awarded a $11.3 million-dollar federal grant under the U.S. Department of Education's School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program (SBMH), with an original grant period beginning October 1, 2022, and scheduled to conclude September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, SBMH grant funds are distributed on a reimbursement-only basis, requiring the District to expend funds upfront and seek repayment from the federal government after services are rendered, thereby necessitating reasonable certainty regarding the availability, timing, and continuity of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, On April 29, 2025, the United States Department of Education issued notice to the District and similarly situated grant recipients indicating that continuation funding under the SBMH program was being discontinued; and

WHEREAS, The interruption and withholding of SBMH funds was not caused by any act, omission, noncompliance, or performance failure by the District, but instead resulted from federal-level administrative and legal actions affecting SBMH grant recipients nationwide; and

WHEREAS, In response to the federal government's actions, the District joined other affected local educational agencies in federal litigation seeking injunctive relief to prevent the termination or continued withholding of SBMH grant funds, doing so on or about Fall 2025, in order to preserve mental health services for CVUSD students; and

WHEREAS, A federal court subsequently issued orders addressing the administration of the SBMH grant program, including directing the United States Department of Education to take further action regarding continuation awards and funding determinations, while permitting limited extensions of time; and

WHEREAS, Despite those court orders, the federal government has failed to provide the District with confirmed, usable SBMH funding necessary to sustain the federally funded positions, and instead has issued limited extensions of the grant term without releasing funds, including extensions reflecting zero-dollar awards; and

WHEREAS, As of the date of this Resolution, the District has not received confirmed SBMH funding sufficient to lawfully, fiscally, or responsibly continue employment of the affected certificated positions beyond the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Due solely to the federal government's withholding, delay, or failure to timely release SBMH grant funds—and not due to any discretionary decision by the District—the District is compelled to eliminate or reduce certain federally funded certificated positions for lack of funds and/or lack of work; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 44955 permits the Governing Board to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of services not later than the beginning of the following school year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District has determined that it is necessary to reduce or discontinue the particular kinds of services listed below at the end of the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, it shall be necessary to terminate the employment of certain certificated employees of the District as a result of the elimination of the particular kinds of services;

Position	**Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)**	**Location**
Director, Mental Health Services	1.0 FTE	Mental Health & Wellness
Mental Health Services Facilitator	1.0 FTE	Mental Health & Wellness

The Superintendent is directed to give Notice of Recommendation Not to Re-Employ in accordance with the provisions of Education Code sections 44949 and 44955 to the affected employees whose services shall be terminated by virtue of this action.

Passed and adopted this 18th day of February 2026, by the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the said Board of Education at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting held on February 18, 2026.

Bill Gorback, Clerk, Board of Education

Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Education