RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States, Commonwealth of Virginia, and City of Richmond have each declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus outbreak in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Richmond (the “School Board”) recognizes that the COVID-19 virus presents a clear and present danger to Richmond Public Schools students, staff, and Richmond community members; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that further efforts to ensure the health, safety, and continued education of Richmond Public Schools students and prevent further COVID-19 infection require significant and decisive action by Richmond Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that suspension of certain School Board policies may enable the decisive action necessary to contain and prevent COVID-19 infection and enable continued support for Richmond Public Schools students and staff.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the School Board hereby declares that Richmond Public Schools is in a state of emergency (“State of Emergency”) which shall expire upon: (1) lifting of the United States, Commonwealth of Virginia, and City of Richmond states of emergency; (2) a majority vote by the Richmond School Board; or (3) written notice by at least five (5) members of the Richmond School Board to the Chair and Superintendent of their desire to terminate such authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that throughout the State of Emergency, in addition to the five-hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) the School Board intends to transfer to support the RPS COVID-19 response, the Superintendent and School Board Chair will be authorized to make balance transfers up to a cumulative total of an additional one million dollars ($1,000,000),
so long as the School Board is provided with at least twenty-four hours' advance notice of any such transfer (the "Transfer Authority");

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event any two (2) or more School Board members object in writing to a budget transfer made pursuant to the Transfer Authority or to a portion of such a transfer within the twenty-four (24) hour notice period, the Superintendent and School Board Chair will not be authorized to make the transfer or the portion of such proposed transfer objected to by such members;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the School Board affirms and recognizes that the authority granted to the Superintendent in the "Emergency Contracts" provision of Policy 3-3.4 (Purchasing), is hereby in effect throughout the State of Emergency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the School Board hereby suspends any policies that may limit the authority set forth in this Resolution only to the extent required to provide the authority set forth herein.

\[Signature\]

**School Board Chair**

\[Date\]

March 16, 2020