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Opening Statement

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10 Authorizing Nursing Staff As COVID-19 Vaccination Volunteers

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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ELIZABETH FOR THE PROVISION OF VOLUNTEERS FROM ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS NURSING STAFF TO ASSIST WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, through Executive Order No. 103, declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency throughout the State of Emergency due to the public health crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has implemented emergency measures and community spread mitigation strategies to curtail the pandemic's surge; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has experienced significant upticks in the rate of reported new cases across all counties, demonstrating the need for many of the State's current measures to remain in place, both to reduce additional new infections and to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's COVID-19 vaccination program is currently underway; and

WHEREAS, the process of vaccinating the population to levels enough to establish community immunity is expected to take many months and will require comprehensive and aggressive State efforts to maximize the benefits of vaccination across all communities as quickly as feasible; and

WHEREAS, public health advisories have noted that it is critically important that a sufficient number of residents receive the full course of a COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as supply allows in order to optimize protection against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order No. 207, which observed that "the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to increase dramatically due to high levels of community spread, something that cannot be fully mitigated without robust participation in a COVID-19 vaccine program"; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 210 providing that the "the process of vaccinating the population to levels sufficient to establish community immunity is expected to take many months and will require comprehensive and aggressive State efforts to maximize the benefits of vaccination across all communities as quickly as feasible"; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has set a goal to vaccinate 70 percent of the adult population (i.e., 4.7 million adults) within six (6) months of the launch of the vaccination program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth (the “City”) has engaged the Elizabeth Board of Education (the “Board”) with the desire to recruit appropriately credentialed and licensed nursing staff to volunteer to administer community vaccinations for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of assisting with the recruitment and to facilitate the ability of its nursing staff to volunteer during regular hours of work to significantly aid the aggressive and expeditious expansion of community vaccination to bring the pandemic’s lethal threat to an end; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Elizabeth Board of Education does hereby approve of entry into an agreement, in a form and substance acceptable to the Board Attorney, that ensures the appropriate identification of the Board and its employee volunteers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elizabeth Board of Education does hereby authorize that the Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator, and any other necessary official, officer or employee of the Board be and they are hereby permitted to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this Resolution.