March 17, 2022

Regular Meeting

Garrard County Board of Education

RESOLUTION OF THE GARRARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RE: PARTICIPATION IN OPIOID LITIGATION

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WHEREAS this Board of Education is aware that since the 1990s the pharmaceutical industry has manufactured, distributed, and marketed a variety of opioid pain medications for general use in the treatment of chronic pain conditions, resulting in such medication being the most widely distributed drugs in United States history; and

WHEREAS the manufacture, distribution and marketing of these opioid drugs has resulted in catastrophic, widespread consequences for the people of this nation, including addiction, overdoses, developmental disabilities in children, death, and major expenditures of money; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education believes that the school districts of this nation, including this school district, have suffered significant damages as a result of this national opioid epidemic, including expenditures of public funds to address the impact of this epidemic on students, teachers, other staff, and the taxpayers of this district; and

WHEREAS a number of other school districts have filed or will be filing legal claims as part of Multi-District Litigation ("MDL") for the purpose of pretrial proceedings, including potential settlements of claims, and are seeking to become class representatives in the MDL and in an effort to be part of the proposed negotiations class seeking compensation for the impact of this epidemic on the named school districts.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Education of Garrard County hereby authorizes the following:

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Superintendent Board Chair