



BALSZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31  
OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Superintendent  
Dr. Jeffrey J. Smith

Governing Board  
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Member since 2019

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Member since 2012

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Member since 2010

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Member since 2012

Balsz Schools  
Tillman Middle  
Grades 6 – 8  
4309 E. Bellevue Street  
(602) 629-6500

Brunson-Lee Elementary  
Grades K – 5  
1350 N. 48<sup>th</sup> Street  
(602) 629-6900

Crockett Elementary  
Grades K – 5  
501 N. 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
(602) 629-6600

Griffith Elementary  
Grades K – 5  
4505 E. Palm Lane  
(602) 629-6700

Orangedale Early  
Learning Center  
Preschool  
5048 E. Oak Street  
(602) 629-6800

District Office  
4825 E. Roosevelt Street  
(602) 629-6400

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona has closed all Arizona schools until March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Balsz School District No. 31 of Maricopa County, Arizona (“District”) has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to close school(s) to assist in the containment of a potential outbreak of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has authority pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B) to authorize school closure due to widespread illness; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has authority pursuant to Governing Board Policies EBCD, its accompanying regulation and Governing Board Policy ID to close schools in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds as that it is in the best interest of the District and its community to close the school(s) listed below and to carry out the actions listed below in order to prevent the spread of a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District and serves a public purpose to continue to pay its employees for the time period of the school closure in order to maintain order in the community, reduce employee turnover, allow employees to care for the needs of their families, meet its contractual obligations, and increase morale for District employees during a time of national crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Governing Board of Balsz School District No. 31 of Maricopa County, Arizona that:

Section 1. The Governing Board authorizes the closure of the following schools:

- Pat Tillman Middle School
- Brunson-Lee Elementary School
- David Crockett Elementary School
- Griffith Elementary School
- Orangedale Early Learning Center



Section 2. The Governing Board intends to close the schools listed above until March 27, 2020, at which time the Board will reassess the potential outbreak of COVID19 and any public safety concerns.

Section 3. The Superintendent is authorized to continue regular payroll expenses for all employees. Non-essential employees will be reassigned to home. Essential employees will be required to work. Hourly employees who are deemed essential and required to work will be paid at time and a half. All employees shall remain on call and available to report to work.

Section 4. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with local and state authorities to maintain the minimum number of hours of instruction as required by A.R.S. § 15-901 and to create a corresponding change to the school calendar if necessary.

Section 5. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute all requisite documents to apply to the Arizona Department of Education for excuse of students from school attendance because of school closure pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B). The Superintendent is authorized to continue the dates of school closure if necessary.

Section 6. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent execute any further documentation to effectuate this resolution, including but not limited to any requisite notices required by the Arizona Department of Education or local/state health authorities.

Passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

BALSZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 31

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Channel Powe'.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Governing Board President, Channel Powe