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## **Resolution in Support of an Independent, Investigative, Transparent, and Community-Driven Civilian Review Board**

WHEREAS, safety and security both at home and in school are critical for the well-being and success of our students,

WHEREAS, police violence creates a direct risk of physical harm for students and their families,

WHEREAS, police violence is a source of trauma and fear for the broader community,

WHEREAS, when police officers are not held accountable to standards of conduct, it can create a culture of violence and impunity,

WHEREAS, civilian oversight, when properly implemented, has increased trust and strengthened relationships between community and police,

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix is the only major city in the United States to not have civilian oversight,

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Police Department has a history of violent behavior, including having the highest number of officer involved shootings of any police department in the United States in 2018,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Balsz Elementary School District Governing Board supports the creation of an independent, investigative, transparent, and community-driven Civilian Review Board and Office of Accountability and Transparency at the City of Phoenix.**

*Adopted on March 3, 2020*