



## Trauma Responsive Resolution

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Grades 6 – 8

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(602) 629-6500

Brunson-Lee Elementary

Grades K – 5

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(602) 629-6900

Crockett Elementary

Grades K – 5

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Griffith Elementary

Grades K – 5

4505 E. Palm Lane

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Learning Center

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5048 E. Oak Street

(602) 629-6800

District Office

4825 E. Roosevelt Street

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WHEREAS, the vision of the Balsz Elementary School District is to become a community of learners focused on quality in teaching, learning and leading within a safe environment characterized by encouragement, cooperation, challenge and respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS, students come to school with a variety of experiences, barriers and abilities that may impact readiness to learn; and

WHEREAS, schools that foster positive climates are characterized by people feeling socially, emotionally and physically safe; students and staff are held to high expectations, and students are provided with access to supportive programs and initiatives to assist them to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Balsz Elementary School District collaboratively reviews discipline and restorative practices and policy biannual; and

WHEREAS, social and emotional learning supports a positive school climate, reduces barriers to learning, increases school connectedness and is critical to success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, our leaders have communicated the need for coordinated leadership decisions around resiliency training, trauma responsive practices, and restorative practices.

THEREFORE, the Balsz Elementary School District Governing Board commits to crafting policies that institutionalize trauma responsive practices; and commits to supporting the training of teachers and support staff on trauma responsive practices and investing in social-emotional curricula.

FURTHER, the Governing Board of the Balsz Elementary School District encourages the Superintendent to foster partnerships with community groups and education services agencies that commit to trauma responsive practices and restorative practices. Finally, the Balsz Elementary School District Governing Board urges the Arizona Department of Education, the Arizona State Board of Education, and the Arizona State Legislature to fund and support programs that include restorative practices, trauma responsive practices, social-emotional wellness, and mental health services.

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