PITTSBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution # 26-11 to Support and Expand Vocational, Career Technical Education (CTE), and Work Experience Programs for Unhoused, Housing-Insecure, Unaccompanied Minors, and Foster Youth
(Introduced by Trustee Destiny Briscoe)

WHEREAS, the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied minors; and

WHEREAS, students experiencing housing instability face profound disruptions to their education, resulting in higher dropout rates and barriers to economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, early access to meaningful Career Technical Education (CTE) and other work experience education and opportunities, such as, but not limited to the Certified Nursing Assistant and the Barbering Programs provides critical pathways to financial stability,
high-demand skills, and long-term career success; and

WHEREAS, traditional prerequisites, lack of transportation, missing documentation, and financial costs for gear or licensing fees frequently prevent unhoused, housing insecure, unaccompanied minors and Foster youth from participating in vocational pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) is committed to providing a high-quality, comprehensive education that prepares all students for post-secondary success, career readiness, and independent living and this is in alignment with Board Goals 1, 3 and 6 ; and

WHEREAS, according to Pittsburg Unified School District 2025-2026 data there are currently 410 scholars in the district that identify as unhoused or housing insecure, and they make up 3.8% of the overall student population in Pittsburg Unified School District; and 42 scholars in the district that identify as Foster Youth and they make up .4% of the overall student population; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal laws allow for flexible credit accrual, partial credit recognition, and Title I set-aside funding to support the unique needs of housing-insecure students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsburg Unified School District hereby directs the Superintendent and District Staff to implement the following administrative directives:

1. **Immediate and Priority Enrollment:** Ensure all identified unhoused, housing insecure, unaccompanied, and foster youth are granted priority, barrier-free enrollment in CTE pathways, vocational programs, and work-experience courses, bypassing any local deadlines or missing documentation requirements.

2. **Flexible Credit Systems:** Mandate the implementation of partial and full credit systems for work experience, ensuring hours spent working do not conflict with or delay graduation requirements.

3. **Funding and Fee Waivers:** Direct the utilization of Title I, Part A homeless set-aside funds, Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) grants, Local Control Accountability Plan funds, or other local flexible funds to eliminate all financial barriers, including, but not limited to, paying for student work uniforms, safety equipment, professional tools, certification exam fees, and job-site transportation.

4. **Targeted Support Partnerships:** Direct the District Homeless Liaison, the Workforce Coordinator, and Community Schools Coordinator to formalize partnerships and agreements with local Workforce Development Boards, community colleges, and businesses to establish dedicated, paid internship and apprenticeship slots for unaccompanied, unhoused, housing insecure, and Foster youth.

5. **Counselor and Staff Training:** Require comprehensive training for all high school counselors and career advisors on trauma-informed vocational counseling, FAFSA independent student status verification, and targeted career tracking for unhoused, housing-insecure, unaccompanied and Foster students.

6. **Transition Meeting:** Require a transition meeting for any unhoused, housing insecure, unaccompanied, or Foster Youth graduating from PUSD during their Senior Year to include post secondary plans, and any additional support needed, including pending expenses or fees.

7. **Connection Period:** With the scholar's consent, require a one year connection period post graduation to maintain contact and support.

8. **Funding:** Research grants and community funding to expand the work to support unhoused, housing insecure, unaccompanied, and Foster youth during their time in PUSD and during the connection period.

9. **Expanded Support:** Research and plan for longer terms goals to provide access to washer and dryers, showers, and potential use of district parking lots and property for families with scholars enrolled in PUSD who are unhoused, including but not limited to, developing schedules and outreach for use of facilities containing those services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or their designee shall present a strategic implementation plan, including a proposed budget and timeline, to the Board of Education within ninety (90) days of the passage of this resolution and a yearly update thereafter including the number of scholars receiving the services outlined above in the Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Pittsburg Unified School District this 12th day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: ___5__
NOES: __0___
ABSENT: __0__

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President, Board of Education