

A RESOLUTION OF THE _____ COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ("SCHOOL BOARD") AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE BOARD IN LITIGATION AGAINST CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT HARM TO STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH CAUSED BY THEIR PRODUCTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO ENOURAGE ADDICTION AND EXCESSIVE USE AND DIRECTING COUNSEL TO PROCEED WITH THE INITIATION OF LITIGATION AGAINST SUCH DEFENDANTS AND TO JOIN THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SCHOOL BOARDS ACROSS AMERICA SEEKING MONEY DAMAGES FROM THE SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES TO AID SCHOOLS WITH THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MANAGING THE FALLOUT AND DISRUPTION IN SCHOOLS CAUSED BY SUCH PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, social media companies have developed products designed to promote compulsive and excessive use by school-aged children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General issued an Advisory in 2023 which reported that up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media "almost constantly" and nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media even though the commonly required minimum age on most platforms is age 13; and

WHEREAS, peer reviewed scientific literature confirms that the compulsive and excessive use of social media platforms have significantly contributed to a crisis in the mental and physical health of America's school-aged youth as evidenced by increased anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, eating disorders, harm caused by online bullying, impairment of self-control and regulation, and sleep deprivation; and

WHEREAS, the demonstrated adverse impacts on the mental and physical health and well-being of school-aged children caused by the compulsive and excessive use of social media platforms are manifested in the school environment every day; and

WHEREAS, the harm caused by these products leads to behavioral problems and disruptions in the school environment, impairs and interferes with instruction and student learning, and diverts staff and school resources to respond to and intervene to manage and respond to the significant impact of social media platforms on the mental and physical health of students; and

WHEREAS, over 1,300 school divisions nationwide have to date initiated litigation against social media companies Meta (owner of Facebook and Instagram), ByteDance (owner of TikTok), Snap (owner of Snapchat), and Google (owner of YouTube) and many more school divisions are expected to join the litigation; and

WHEREAS, the School Board supports the effort to hold these social media companies accountable for the harm and disruption caused by the companies' design and engineering of their products intended to promote the compulsive and excessive use by school-aged children; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ County School Board, this _____ day of _____, 2026:

1. Authorizes the initiation of litigation against the following social media companies: Meta Platforms, Inc.; Facebook Payments, Inc.; Siculus, Inc.; Facebook Operations, LLC; Instagram, LLC; Snap Inc.; Tiktok Inc.; Tiktok, Ltd.; Tiktok, LLC; Bytedance Ltd.; Bytedance Inc.; Google LLC; and Youtube, LLC (collectively referred to as the "Social Media Defendants").

2. Authorizes the execution of a retainer agreement with the law firms of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein; Brockstedt Mandalas Federico; Renning Lewis & Lacy, S.C.; Spotlight Justice PLLC; and Medina Morgan LLC (collectively referred to as "Counsel") to represent the School Board on a contingency fee basis, meaning the School Board will only be responsible for the payment of attorneys' fees and costs if it recovers damages in the litigation.

3. Authorizes Counsel to file suit on behalf of the School Board against the Social Media Defendants.

4. Authorizes the Division Superintendent to execute all necessary documents to effectuate this Resolution and to facilitate litigation activities as directed by Counsel, who shall keep the School Board advised of material and significant developments in the litigation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by action of the _____ County
School Board This _____ day of _____, 2026.

Date

_____ County School Board