



Resolution Supporting a Complete Count in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census

Whereas, the United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person in the country, regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to fair and representative government; and

Whereas, the 2020 decennial census has critical implications for the state of Arizona, and determines its allocation of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding; and

Whereas, a fair and accurate count on the 2020 U.S. Census will help ensure that Arizona's communities, families and students are represented in our democracy and receive critical services and supports for education, healthcare, transportation, and infrastructure, including rural utilities and broadband; and

Whereas, census counts of school-aged children and children in poverty at the state and school district levels are used to determine funding for the U.S. Department of Education's two biggest elementary and secondary programs, Title I (compensatory education) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (special education), as well as the National School Lunch Program; and

Whereas, census data are used to calculate the rate at which federal funds match state spending on programs that support the health and well-being of Arizona students, including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and

Whereas, a significant number of Arizonans reside in underdeveloped rural areas, including tribal lands, and census data impacts the state's share of Rural Electrification and Rural Broadband access loans; and

Whereas, Arizona is home to sizable populations that have historic low census participation and are most frequently undercounted, including children, immigrants, Latinos, and Native Americans;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Flagstaff Unified School District will:

- Inform its families, staff, and other leaders within the community about the critical importance of a complete count and participation in the 2020 U.S. Census;
- Provide appropriate resources and support to assist in securing a complete count;
- Work in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as organizations focused on traditionally undercounted communities to explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count;
- And, further, recognizes that every Arizona child and adult counts.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the Governing Board of the Flagstaff Unified School District on this 12th day of November, 2019.