

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6R
UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2027-01: REGARDING STATE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS,
GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 26-06, AND COMMITMENT TO STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 26-06 was issued on April 15, 2026, directing the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the State Board of Education to preserve student instructional time and eliminate or restrict certain Division 22 exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education requirements under OAR 581-022-2320 set annual minimum instructional time at 900 hours for Grades K–8, 990 hours for Grades 9–11, and 966 hours for Grade 12; and

WHEREAS, Umatilla School District No. 16R has long maintained a firm commitment to educational excellence, consistently providing instructional hours in direct classroom settings that **exceed** the minimum state requirements across all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, for the 2026-27 school year, Umatilla School District provides classroom instructional time (with currently allowable professional development and parent-teacher conferences) exceeding state minimums:

- **Kindergarten-5th Grade:** Range from 1,003.7 to 1,057.7 hours provided (exceeds 900-hour requirement)
- **6th-8th Grade:** Range 1,041.01 to 1,057.7 hours provided (exceeds 900-hour requirement)
- **9th-11th Grade:** Range from 1,034.88 to 1,041.01 hours provided (exceeds 990-hour requirement)
- **12th Grade:** 1,016.49 hours provided (exceeds 966-hour requirement); and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that high-quality, direct instructional time spent in classrooms under the direction of qualified educators is the true driver of academic growth and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, options to adjust to the administrative demands of Executive Order 26-06 such as adding recess minutes solely to increase "bell-to-bell" contact hours, or eliminating vital parent-teacher conferences and orientation days do not serve the best interests of Umatilla students; and

WHEREAS, increasing recess time simply to fulfill an order does not deliver a positive impact on student academic achievement commensurate with the substantial increase in taxpayer funds required for additional staffing, supervision, and bargaining costs; and

WHEREAS, fluctuations in total "bell-to-bell" student instructional time between school years in Umatilla are the result of structural alignment (such as moving the 6th grade to the intermediate school) and standard calendar variation, rather than a reduction in academic rigor or classroom learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Umatilla School District No. 16R:

1. **Reaffirmation of Academic Priorities:** The District reaffirms its dedication to maximizing meaningful classroom learning and maintaining instructional hours that exceed state minimum standards.
2. **Rejection of Unfunded Mandates:** The District finds that altering schedules to add unstructured time (such as recess) or eliminating essential family-school touchpoints (such as parent-teacher conferences) represents an inefficient use of taxpayer funds that fails to advance student learning.
3. **Public Justification:** In accordance with Executive Order 26-06 (Section 4.c), this resolution serves as the official public justification for maintaining the District's current structured schedule and prioritizing classroom instructional quality over artificial bell-to-bell time expansions.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Board Chair, Umatilla School District No. 16R

ATTEST:

Superintendent / Board Secretary