VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Perris, California

RESOLUTION #23-24-17
RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are rapidly advancing and being adopted across industries, including education; and

WHEREAS, thoughtfully implemented AI has the potential to benefit teaching and learning in numerous ways, such as providing personalized and equitable instruction, expanding access to high-quality curriculum, automating routine tasks and analyzing data to improve student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Val Verde Unified School District recognizes the diverse applications of AI not only in enhancing teaching and learning but also in organizational management, career exploration for students, personalized guidance, and other innovative uses that support the overall development and future readiness of students, while also streamlining administrative functions and improving operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, risks of AI systems include perpetuating biases, failing to properly cite sources, infringing on intellectual property rights and student privacy, lacking transparency and displacing jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Val Verde Unified School District acknowledges the potential dangers of AI in propagating misinformation, enabling manipulation, and exacerbating issues like cyberbullying, thereby committing to support districts in mitigating these risks; and

WHEREAS, the Val Verde Unified School District firmly upholds the principles that AI should function as a tool under human direction and oversight, ensuring that decision-making processes remain primarily in the hands of educators and administrators, and that AI technologies are employed to augment, rather than replace, human judgment and expertise in educational settings; and

WHEREAS, the equitable use of AI in service of educational goals must be proactively evaluated, with reskilling and support provided to educators as responsibilities evolve; and

WHEREAS, the Val Verde Unified School District endeavors to realize the benefits of emerging technologies while mitigating risks and prioritizing student privacy, safety, equity, and wellbeing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Val Verde Unified School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent, to develop comprehensive guidelines and procedures regarding the evaluation, piloting, procurement, and use of AI technologies within the next 6 months, including but not limited to:
1. A cross-functional process for assessing AI benefits, risks, biases, security, impacts on labor and effects on educational equity prior to districtwide adoption.
2. Requirements for extensive AI pilot testing with diverse users to evaluate effectiveness and risks before any districtwide implementation.
3. Contracting protocols that align to federal and state language to hold vendors accountable for addressing AI bias, accuracy, security, privacy, transparency through independent audits.

4. Policies for transparent disclosure of AI logic, data sources and decisions to students, parents and staff.
5. Ongoing and relevant professional development for all staff on equitable and ethical AI use aligned with district goals and values.
6. Ongoing assessment of AI impacts on students, staff, operations, and achievement of educational equity, making adjustments as needed.
7. Communication strategies to inform students, parents, staff and community members about AI systems in use.
8. Channels for feedback and concerns about AI tools and practices.
9. Budgeting for recurring costs of AI systems such as licensing, audits, training and personnel to oversee responsible AI use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that development of these AI guidelines will extensively engage diverse educational partners, including students, parents, teachers, staff, employee associations and community members.

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Ayes: _____

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Marla Kirkland, Board President

Noes: _____

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Erika Zamora, Board Vice President

Absent: _____

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Daniel Aquino, Board Clerk

Abstention: _____

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Matthew Serafin, Board Member

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Melinda Young, Board Member

Attest:

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Michael R. McCormick
Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Education