

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
POINT ARENA SCHOOLS
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. PAS-22-6105

**DECLARATION OF RURAL STATUS FOR PURPOSES OF
EXEMPTION FROM SENATE BILL 328 (PORTANTINO)**

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 328, authored by California State Senator Anthony Portantino, on October 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 went into effect on January 1, 2020 as Chapter 868, Statutes of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 prohibits the school day for high schools, including high schools operated as charter schools, from beginning earlier than 8:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 prohibits the school day for middle schools, including middle schools operated as charter schools, from beginning earlier than 8:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 defines “school day” as having the same meaning as defined by the school district or charter school for purposes of calculating average daily attendance in order to compute any apportionments of state funding; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 requires that the specified start times would need to be implemented by Point Arena Schools District (PASD) in middle schools and high schools no later than July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 exempts rural school districts from the required start times; and

WHEREAS, PASD serves an area comprised of forests, ranch land and coastal bluffs in coastal southern Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, PASD is comprised of 3 schools, including 1 K-8 school, 1 comprehensive high school serving grades 9-12, and 1 alternative high school; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau defines Rural Area as one that is not included in an Urbanized Area, which is defined as an area with an urban nucleus of 50,000 or more people and a population density of 1,000 people/square mile; and

WHEREAS, PASD boundaries, within southern Mendocino County and Northern Sonoma County, has a population of less than 10,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Service Administrative Co, an independent not-for-profit organization, administers the Universal Service Fund, which includes the E-Rate, Rural Health Care, and other programs designed to serve people living in rural, underserved, and difficult-to-reach areas; and

WHEREAS, three schools within PASD are designated as having rural status for the purposes of funding under the E-Rate program, those schools being Arena Union Elementary School, Point Arena High School, and South Coast Continuation High School; and

WHEREAS, districts that qualify for Small, Rural School Achievement Program (SRSA) funding must meet the statutory criteria of being both small and rural, and the districts that comprise PASD, the Arena Union Elementary School District (AUESD) and the Point Arena Joint Union High School District (PAJUHS) both qualify for SRSA federal funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Point Arena Schools District:

The Board declares that the Point Arena Schools District is a rural school district for the purposes of Senate Bill 328, and as such the district is therefore exempt from the bill’s requirements on school start times.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Point Arena Schools District on the 16th day of March, 2022.

Board Member	Bob Shimon	_____
Board Member	Mary Visher	_____
Board Member	Bob Gardiner	_____
Board Member	Sal Martinez	_____
Board Member	Cindy Cione	_____
Board Member	Sigrid Hillscan	_____
Board Member	Miquette Thompson	_____

AYES: ___ NOES: ___ ABSTAIN: ___ ABSENT: ___

I, Mary Visher, Clerk of the Board of the Point Arena Schools do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held March 16, 2022.

SO ORDERED;

Mary Visher
Clerk of the Board

Mr. Warren Galletti, Superintendent
Point Arena Schools