

**Indemnification and Legal Defense Resolution  
Public Officers Law – Section 18**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District wishes to protect the District, the members of the Board of Education and any school district officers in actions brought against them or in any action or proceeding touching any district property or involving its rights or interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District wishes to protect its superintendent, principals, members of the teaching or supervisory staff, members of a committee on special education or subcommittee thereof, surrogate parent, as defined in the regulations of the commissioner of education, any member of the board of education or non-instructional employee in any action or proceeding, other than a criminal prosecution or an action or proceeding brought against him/her by the District, including proceedings before the commissioner of education, arising out of the exercise of his/her powers or the performance of his/her duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District wished to protect its members, employees, officers, authorized volunteers or any other person holding a position by election, appointment or employment in the service of the school district, whether or not compensated, in any civil action or proceeding, state or federal, arising out of any alleged act or omission which occurred or allegedly occurred while the employee was acting within the scope of his/her employment or duties with the District.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the benefits and protections provided pursuant to §3811 of the Education Law, shall be available, subject to the procedural requirements set forth therein and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the benefits and protections provided pursuant to §18 of the New York State Public Officers Law shall supplement and be available in addition to any defense or indemnification protection conferred by other statutes, rules or regulations, including but not limited to, the protections provided pursuant to Education Law §3811, §3023 and §3028, subject to the procedural requirements set forth therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereto affixed his/her hand and seal and the seal of the above-named School District this **12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.**

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Tatia Z. Kennedy, Clerk of the District