A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA REQUESTING THAT LINDA T. JOHNSON INTERIM APPOINTEE TO THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD AFFIX HER SIGNATURE TO THE CODE OF ETHICS APPLICABLE TO ALL MEMBERS SERVING ON THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD AND ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD ON JANUARY 14, 2021

WHEREAS, as a member of the Suffolk City School Board (hereinafter referred to as "School Board"), it is important that each member of the School Board strive to be an advocate for students and to improve public education; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will have integrity in all matters and support the full development of all children and the welfare of the community, Commonwealth of Virginia, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will attend School Board meetings and seek to be informed concerning issues under consideration; and

WHEREAS, each member will make policy decisions based on the available facts and appropriate public input; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board understands that the authority for the administration of the schools is vested in the superintendent, and the superintendent is responsible for establishing a process of accountability for administrators; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will seek to encourage individual School Board member expressions of opinion and will also seek to facilitate an open, two-way communication process with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board agrees to communicate to the full School Board and superintendent, in accordance with School Board policies, public reaction and opinion regarding School Board policies and school programs; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will seek to encourage desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, in accordance with all laws, state regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board agrees not to use the position of School Board member for personal or partisan gain and will seek to avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will respect the confidentiality of privileged information and will make no individual decisions or commitments that might compromise the actions of the School Board or school administration; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will seek to be informed about current educational issues through individual study and participation in appropriate programs, such as those sponsored by the Virginia School Board Association and the National School Board Association; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board will always remember that the foremost concern of the School Board is to improve and enhance the teaching and learning experience for all students in the public schools of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this Code of Ethics was adopted by the School Board during an open meeting of the School Board held on January 14, 2021 and was agreed to by all members of the School Board by affixing their signatures thereto; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2021, during an open meeting of the School Board, Linda T. Johnson was appointed to fill a vacancy on the School Board representing the Sleepy Hole Borough; and

WHEREAS, Linda T. Johnson should also affix her signature to the Code of Ethics adopted by the School Board and agree to be bound thereby.

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE that Linda T. Johnson affix her signature to the Code of Ethics adopted by the School Board on January 14, 2021.

READ AND ADOPTED:	
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	Clerk

Approved as to form and content:

Wendell M. Waller, Esquire

School Board Attorney