

**RESOLUTION FOR SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES
CONFLICTING WITH WAIVERS OR EXTENSIONS DURING COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state public health disaster emergency due to COVID-19 and has extended the public health emergency through subsequent Executive Orders to July 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-16, which closed all public schools throughout the State for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, which is June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-26, which provided for the reopening of entities in the state in five stages. This Executive Order provided details for Stages 1 and 2. Executive Order 20-26 provided Stage 5 will begin July 4, 2020, and school grounds and buildings will be open. Subsequently, Executive Order 20-28 issued on May 21, 2020, provided the detail of Stage 3, which will end June 13, 2020. These Executive Orders and others issued by Governor Holcomb provide for various waivers and extensions of school-related statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, the Indiana Department of Education issued Indiana's Consideration for Learning and Safe Schools (IN-CLASS), COVID-19 Health and Safety Re-entry Guidance. IN-CLASS provides guidance to public schools concerning health and safety measures to be in place for the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. IN-CLASS recommends a school corporation develop a plan for returning to school in consultation with local and state health departments and pass a resolution to suspend policies and procedures in conflict with governmental waivers or extensions; and

WHEREAS, additional waivers or extensions of existing state regulations and changes to state and federal laws may be announced during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many [*insert school corporation name*] School Board policies reflect requirements of state and federal laws and regulations that have already been waived or may be waived because of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, [*insert school corporation name*] School Board's usual practice is to make changes to policies only after the proposed policy change is considered at two school board meetings; and

WHEREAS, the [*insert school corporation name*] School Board needs to be able to adapt school corporation operations to rapid changes in law and regulation; and

WHEREAS, enforcing the requirements of existing policies could result in outcomes inconsistent with current laws and regulations as they exist after waivers or if extended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *[insert school corporation name]* School Board suspends such policies or provisions within policies which reflect legal and/or regulatory requirements that have been waived or extended by Governor Holcomb, the Indiana Department of Education, or other state agencies which enacted those requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the suspension of policies or provisions within policies of the *[insert school corporation name]* School Board is in effect for the duration of time that the waiver of laws and/or regulations reflected in the policies are waived; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent is directed to inform the School Board of any regulations that are suspended by the superintendent and the duration of such suspensions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *[insert school corporation name]* School Board will comply with temporary laws and regulations without enacting policies to implement those laws and regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the *[insert school corporation name]* School Board's approval of this action.

Adopted and approved this ____ day of ____, 2020.

[Include here signature lines for Board Officers and the other Board Members and date signed line.]