

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has shifted student learning from the physical classroom to a distance learning setting; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this shift in student learning, the Board recognizes that certain aspects of student learning have been disrupted and that certain Board policies and procedures may need to be suspended or modified, including grading, credits and the like; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to allow eligible students in their final year in the District (including seniors) to graduate and receive a diploma at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding any policy, regulation, protocol, practice or directive to the contrary, the Board hereby finds, determines, delegates and authorizes as follows:

1. For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the Board suspends all graduation and curriculum-related policies, except for those policies that the Superintendent and Board President jointly determine need to remain in effect.
2. The Superintendent shall determine which students would have been eligible or on track for graduation immediately prior to the COVID-19 temporary shutdown.
3. The Superintendent shall implement requirements (such as the continued completion of coursework) to be in effect during the remainder of the 2020 spring semester for students who are eligible or on track to graduate. It is the Board's intent to require students in their final year to continue learning during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. If said students satisfy such requirements during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, then the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Board President to issue a diploma to said students, so that said students will graduate and receive a diploma at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
4. The Superintendent is hereby directed to identify students in their final year in the District who are neither eligible nor on track to graduate at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and determine what requirements, if any, or supports, if any, will be in place for those students to become eligible or on track for graduation at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. At the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the Superintendent shall then determine whether any of these students have satisfied said requirements and, if so, along with the Board President, issue a diploma for such students in order for them to graduate and receive a diploma at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
5. For all students (including those not in their final year in the District), the Superintendent shall develop a grading procedure to be implemented for the spring 2020 semester. The Superintendent is encouraged to consult with key stakeholder groups to identify the grading procedures that will be fair, reasonable in light of the circumstances and in the best interests of the District. The Superintendent's grading procedure shall be final, and the Board will not hear any appeals over the Superintendent's grading procedure or any grades issued under the Superintendent's grading procedure.

6. For those students who are not in their final year in the District, the Superintendent shall develop a plan to determine how students will progress (or not) to the next grade level or advanced courses next year, and what resources or supports may be made available for those students who are not or will not be prepared to progress to the next grade level or advanced courses next year. It is the Board's intention to advance students to the next grade level next year, but, at the same time, the Board does not want students unprepared for next year's curriculum.
7. The Board recognizes the fluid and unprecedented circumstances currently faced by students, parents and staff members, and hereby adopts this Resolution in order to be proactive and prepared to respond to the evolving events without further delay. As a result, by delegating various responsibilities and authority to the Superintendent and Board President, all actions (or inactions) taken by the Superintendent and Board President pursuant to this Resolution shall be final, ratified in full by the Board and need not be formally approved by the Board at a later date.
8. The Board hereby ratifies all curriculum-related decisions implemented or enacted to date.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member _____ moved for their passage and adoption. Member _____ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: _____

The following members voted against the same: _____

The following members were absent or not voting: _____.

The above Resolution having been consented to by a majority of a quorum of the Board, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this ___ day of April, 2020.

[NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary