

Board Motion

That the Board of School Directors, for a period of one year and for the reasons stated in the attached rationales, grants the Superintendent authority to temporarily suspend, as needed, any policy or any policy provision that is not a legal mandate to effectively carry out the work of the District during the COVID-19 crisis. Further, that the Board of School Directors directs that this motion be published as part of the Policy Manual for the year that this motion remains in effect.

Rationales for Board Motion

- a. Rapidly changing models for how COVID-19 will impact the population;
- b. Rapidly changing recommendations from health agencies about how to respond to COVID-19;
- c. Rapidly changing directions from State and Federal authorities having jurisdiction over education in Pennsylvania;
- d. Directions and guidance provided by State and Federal authorities are sometimes conflicting;
- e. Some of the directions and guidance provided by State and Federal authorities are intended for broad application, but are in certain ways inconsistent with the unique features of the Warren County School District;
- f. Some of the directions and guidance provided by State and Federal authorities are inconsistent with existing laws, leaving the District in a position that requires clarification and/or swift revision of policy;
- g. Many of the changes brought upon by the COVID-19 factors unfold so rapidly and upon such a broad scale, that the normal several-month process of Board policy revision is too inflexible to meet the rapidly changing demands of the covid-19 pandemic; and
- h. New State and Federal legislation is being passed frequently and new State, Federal, and Local direction and guidance is being provided frequently. Much of the legislation, direction, and guidance only applies temporarily during the COVID-19 Pandemic, which makes it impossible to go through the traditional process of continuously revising all impacted policies, only to have to repeat the process to return the policies to their original form when the COVID-19 Pandemic ceases.