

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**August 1, 2020
10:00 AM**

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Plans for Reopening Saint Paul Public Schools for the School Year 2020-2021

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V. ADJOURNMENT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION



Board File No. _____

Date _____

RESOLUTION

**Adopting a Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution in Response to COVID-19
Pandemic**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Minnesota declared a statewide emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools (“SPPS”), recognizes that COVID-19 is an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency of urgent public necessity, that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and that information, data, recommendations, and best practices in responding to this pandemic are continually changing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial public interest in effectuating the School District’s mission to “inspire students to think critically, pursue their dreams, and change the world” and, therefore, desires to ensure that the School District and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to meet the educational needs of all of its students in light of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students staff, and community and, therefore, desires to ensure that the School District and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community in light of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to retain its employees, reduce turnover, increase morale, help employees focus on work-related matters while at work, and facilitate the opening and operating of SPPS schools during the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the public purposes described above are fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described herein, to the Superintendent to address this ever-changing emergency situation in the best interests of the education, health, safety, and well-being of its students, staff, community, and the general public.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, is committed to beginning the 2020-21 school year in the manner that best serves the education, health, safety, and well-being of SPPS students, staff, and community, and the general public and to continuing to operate throughout the 2020-21 school year in the manner that best serves those interests. In

furtherance of these purposes, the Board makes the following delegations to the Superintendent and designee(s) to include but not be limited to:

1. Begin the 2020-21 school year implementing a distance learning educational model, Distance Learning 2.0, as fully described in the Reopen SPPS Plan. In this model, teachers will have the grade-level lessons and assignments in Schoology and Seesaw for each day. These synchronous and asynchronous lessons will be designed in a similar way to create consistent experiences at individual schools and across the district.
2. Adjust, alter, amend, revise, increase, change, or discontinue the educational model referenced in Paragraph 1 during the 2020-21 school year in response to subsequent Executive Orders from the Governor of the State of Minnesota and/or guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, or other national and state authorities and/or agencies. District leadership, in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders, may recommend changes that are less restrictive and those changes will be communicated to the Board. The Superintendent will update the Board as new information that could lead to a change in the educational model being implemented is received.
3. Implement, adjust, alter, amend, revise, increase, change, or discontinue health and safety standards for staff, students, and visitors consistent with current Executive Orders from the Governor of the State of Minnesota and/or guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, or other national and state authorities and/or agencies. The Superintendent will update the Board as new information that could lead to a change in health and safety standards being implemented is received.
4. Temporarily close school, close buildings, cancel programs or cancel activities when deemed to be in the best interests of the School District. The Superintendent will advise the Board within 24 hours in advance of any such actions or as soon as practicable thereafter.
5. Temporarily assign and reassign personnel as needed consistent with applicable federal or state statutes, collective bargaining agreements, and memoranda of understanding or agreement.
6. Take such other temporary emergency steps as deemed necessary for the School District's business activities and for the health, safety, and education of students, staff, community, and the general public.

Further, the Superintendent will report all action taken in accordance with this resolution to the School Board at the earliest opportunity.

Adopted _____

VICE CHAIR Board of Education

CLERK Board of Education