

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA,
IMPACTING REOPENING OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Indiana have faced a pandemic caused by the coronavirus and COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, by Executive Order 20-19, Governor Holcomb closed all schools until May 1, 2020, and by Executive Order 20-16 on April 2, 2020, closed schools until June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, Indiana has seen an initial reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases over the past two months, but recent national and Marion County trends have identified increases in COVID-19 cases, including new precautions imposed by the Marion County Public Health Department Public Health Order 20-2020 that instituted mandatory wearing of face masks or coverings effective July 9, 2020;

WHEREAS, federal, state and local officials and agencies have encouraged school corporations to return to in-person education for the coming 2020-2021 school year while recognizing the discretion of local school boards to make final decisions;

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, the Board of Education tentatively approved the *Washington Township Reopening of Schools Plan (2020)* (“Plan”) of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana (the “District”) pending further input from stakeholders and monitoring of public health developments;

WHEREAS, the District remains committed to providing a free, appropriate, public education to its students in service to our community;

WHEREAS, the safety of students and their families and employees of the District remains a central concern to the District;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that a delaying in-person instruction may generate adverse financial impacts on the District, the District presently believes that those risks are outweighed by the benefits of delaying in-person instruction at this time; and

WHEREAS, the District continues to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Indiana with updates from international, federal, state, and local governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Education postpones the *Washington Township Reopening of Schools Plan (2020)* and will provide online learning only beginning with the start of school on July 30, 2020. In-person instruction will be delayed until further notice from the Board of Education.
2. The Board of Education will evaluate public health metrics for Marion County at its regularly scheduled Board meetings to decide when to begin implementation of the *Washington Township Reopening of Schools Plan (2020)*.
3. Should the Board of Education decide to begin implementation of the *Washington Township Reopening of Schools Plan (2020)*, it will provide families and staff at least two-weeks notice.
4. During this online learning period, all staff should report to work in-person per their respective, normal schedules with the previously determined and communicated COVID-19 workplace safety procedures and protocols in place. Certain positions may have modified roles and responsibilities during this all-virtual learning period as necessary to meet the needs of the District.
5. All in-person District extracurricular, co-curricular, athletic events or programs are suspended. This applies to programs already started for the 2020-2021 school year, or postponed or not yet begun for the 2020-2021 school year until further notice from the District.
6. Use of District facilities by groups and organizations after August 1, 2020, will be suspended until further notice from the District.
7. Current students enrolled in CTE Summer 2020 Bridge Program at JELCC will be allowed to complete the certification in-person checks through July 28, 2020.
8. The Superintendent, or her designee, is authorized to make modifications to contracts as necessary for services not needed to support virtual learning.
9. All student trips and staff trips (*i.e.*, Conferences or Professional Development) sponsored by the District or one of its schools are suspended until further notice from the District.

District Administration is delegated the full power and authority by this Board of Education to implement and carry out the provisions of the foregoing and any and all district policies and regulations or other District documents inconsistent with the foregoing which would otherwise prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in carrying out or implementing the same in order to cope with the COVID-19 emergency are hereby waived and suspended as allowed by law.

In exercising the above authority, the Superintendent or her designee will keep members of the Board of Education reasonably informed of actions taken pursuant to the foregoing authority.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 13th day of July, 2020 by at least a majority vote of the entire Board in a public meeting.



John P. Fencl, President
Board of Education



Anthony S. Dzwonar, Secretary
Board of Education