

Resolution – Emergency Suspension of Board Policies During the 2020-2021 School Year

BOARD RESOLUTION No. 2020 COVID - 19

WHEREAS, TCA 49-2-203 authorizes local boards of education to govern their respective districts, including adopting, revising, and suspending local board policies;

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 50 which extended the state of emergency in Tennessee through the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS, Boards are required to submit Continuous Learning Plans to the Department of Education by July 24th that outline how districts will reopen for the 2020-2021 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newport City Board of Education hereby suspends the following policies or provisions of its policies for the 2020-2021 school year, including but not limited to those identified below, to the extent that they conflict with the board approved Continuous Learning Plan:

- 1.101 – Role of the Board of Education
 - To the extent the plan conflicts with the district calendar, safety plans, and curriculum adoption.
- 1.400 – School Board Meetings
 - To the extent the plan conflicts with the location and time of school board meetings.
- 1.800 – School Calendar
 - To the extent the plan alters the school calendar to address changes implemented due to COVID-19.
- 1.801 – School Day
 - To the extent that the plan alters the school day so long as students receive 6.5 hours of instruction.
- 1.8011 – Emergency Closings
 - To the extent the Director needs to close schools to address issues resulting from COVID-19.
- 3.206 – Community Use of School Facilities
 - To the extent this policy conflicts with the Continuous Learning Plan.
- 4.200 – Curriculum Development
 - To the extent this policy conflicts with the Continuous Learning Plan.

- 4.209 – Alternative Credit Options
 - To the extent this policy conflicts with the Continuous Learning Plan.
- 6.200 – Attendance
 - To the extent this policy conflicts with the Continuous Learning Plan.
- 6.310 – Dress Code
 - To the extent this policy conflicts with the Continuous Learning Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall only become effective in the event the district must implement all, or a portion of the Continuous Learning Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools shall consult with the Board as feasible and appropriate and shall timely report to the Board regarding implementation of board policies in alignment with the Continuous Learning Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools will consult with the Board if he/she determines that additional policies or provisions of policies not contained in this resolution are found to conflict with the Continuous Learning Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools may apply for any waiver or extension that ensures consistency with this resolution, board policies, and state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Schools shall inform the Board of any waiver or extension request made pursuant to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 27 day of July 2020

By: 
Board Chair

Attest: 
Director of Schools