



Northmont City School District

RESOLUTION

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE EVENT SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR MORE THAN THE HOURS PERMITTED UNDER BOARD POLICY AND STATE LAW

- WHEREAS,** Ohio Revised Code §3313.48 mandates that a school district must be open for instruction with pupils in attendance for a minimum number of hours each school year; and
- WHEREAS,** Board Policy further requires that the District be open for instruction each school year for a minimum of 910 hours for students in grades kindergarten through six, and 1001 hours for students in grades seven through twelve; and
- WHEREAS,** R.C. §3313.482 authorizes a board of education to adopt a plan that permits students to make up and complete hours of instruction via online/remote learning in the event that schools are closed to students for a disease epidemic or other reasons, and the Board has adopted a plan for the 2019-2020 school year; and
- WHEREAS,** House Bill 197 (2020), which was enacted on March 27, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency, authorizes the Northmont City School District Board of Education ("Board of Education") to adopt a plan to provide for online learning opportunities for students to make up/complete an unlimited number of hours in lieu of attendance on days when buildings are not open to students during the 2019-2020 school year in compliance with any order issued by the Ohio Director of Health and/or a local board of health; and
- WHEREAS,** the Northmont City School District Board of Education (hereafter the "Board") has developed a contingency plan in accordance with R.C. §3313.482 under which district students will make up any time missed through online instruction/remote learning that caused the district to fall below the minimum number of hours of instruction required by section 3313.48 of the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board further authorizes licensed staff including intervention specialist to provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to district students, including students who receive special education and related services under an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Services Plan, while the Director of Health's order to close schools to students remains in effect.
- WHEREAS,** the Board desires to adopt said plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Northmont City School District that:

SECTION I

Pursuant to R.C. §3313.482 and House Bill 197 (2020), the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following plan to allow students of the Northmont City School District to access and complete online/remote lessons in order to fulfill the required number of hours during the 2019-2020 school year:

- WHEREAS,** on March 14, 2020, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, ordered that all school buildings that provide any kindergarten through grade twelve instruction in the State of Ohio be closed to students beginning at 12:01 a.m. on March 17 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the State of Ohio; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 30, 2020, Dr. Acton extended the March 14, 2020 order until May 1, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** in Dr. Acton's orders she provided, for the purpose of clarity, this closure does not include administrators, teachers, staff, vendors, or contractors of a school and that the administration of each school shall determine the appropriate level of access in the school during the closure; and
- WHEREAS,** Am. Sub. H.B. 197 permits the Board to adopt or amend its plan pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.482 to require students to access and complete lessons remotely in order to make up hours schools were closed in the 2019-2020 school year due to the Ohio Director of Health's order, local board of health order, or an extension of any order;

NOW ,THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Northmont City School District Board of Education will provide distance learning in response to the COVID-19 crisis from March 16, 2020 until the earlier of: (1) the expiration of the Ohio Director of Health’s order, local board of health order, or an extension of any order; or (2) the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Remote Learning Guidelines and Expectations:

- 1. The lessons should be meaningful for all students and aligned with the curriculum and standards students are currently learning about in your class.
- 2. Student work per subject or class should take no more than 50% of the time you typically see that student per day/week. If teachers feel this amount of time is not appropriate for their class/course, they should talk with their building administrator and mutually agree upon an amount of work that is appropriate.
- 3. The work should always be accompanied with some form of instruction (i.e. video, screencast, written out instruction, etc.)
- 4. Work should NOT be due on the day it is assigned (i.e. if work is assigned on Monday morning, it should NOT be due Monday by 3pm)
- 5. Provide appropriate accommodations based on student IEPs and 504 plans.
- 6. Teachers should be available during normal school hours to provide feedback and respond to student and parent questions.
- 7. Lessons should be adjusted and/or created daily in response to student learning and student needs.
- 8. Be mindful of the amount of different apps and tools/services you are using during this experience. We recommend you use no more than three different apps and tools/services. This will help keep things manageable for you, the students, and the parents.
- 9. Communication should be happening regularly with students and parents/families.

Licensed staff including intervention specialists may provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to any district students, including students who receive services under Individualized Education Plans or Section 504 Services Plans, while the Director of Health's order to close schools to students remains in effect.

The District intends to meet its obligation to provide all students, including children with disabilities, equal access to curriculum and services during an extended school closure in accordance with state and federal law. Each building will notify parents about who they may contact if students are unable to access or participate in the program remotely because of a disability-related or other reason so that the District can explore alternative methods of instruction and possible accommodations.

SECTION II

Should circumstances warrant a change in the plan during the 2019-2020 school year, this contingency plan may be amended by the Superintendent at any time in his or her discretion.

SECTION III

IT IS FOUND that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. **AND DETERMINED**

_____ moved and _____ seconded the motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call and the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Nays:

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2020.

_____ Board President _____ Treasurer

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting held on the 13th day of April, 2020, together with a true and correct extract from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said Resolution.