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TO: Board of Education
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SUBJ: SB220 Operational Guidance (ACTION ITEM)

SB 220 Section 2, Subsection (2) states the following:

(2) Local boards of education shall have the authority to make day-to-day decisions concerning whether shifting individual schools or individual classrooms that are providing in-person instruction to remote instruction is necessary due to COVID-19 exposures that result in insufficient school personnel or required student quarantines. A local board of education shall report any shift by a school or classroom from in-person to remote instruction to the Department of Public Instruction within 72 hours of the shift.

For the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, I request authority from the Board of Education to shift individual classrooms to remote instruction if warranted due to Covid-19 exposures. I would provide the required 72 hours notice for individual classrooms. I further request the authority to shift an entire school to remote instruction, provided that following the shift, an emergency Board of Education meeting be called so that I may provide you the justification for the shift and receive your blessing as to continuing the shift, to select a duration for the shift, or returning the school to in-person instruction. This emergency meeting would be called within that 72-hour window so the notification requirements can be met.

I am available to answer any questions you might have.