

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the New York State Governor declared, under Executive Order 202.4, all schools within New York State to be closed to students no later than March 18, 2020 for a period of two weeks, ending on April 1, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, various subsequent Executive Orders were issued by the New York State Governor resulting in the closure of schools to students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 13, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued interim guidance for in-person instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 schools during the COVID-19 public health emergency for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 16, 2020, the New York State Education Department released reopening guidance for schools for the 2020-2021 school year and requiring re-opening plans to be submitted to the New York State Education Department on or before July 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2020, the New York State Governor issued an Executive Order concerning the re-opening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. In an effort to comply with school reopening requirements and the unprecedented situation presented by COVID-19, the Board hereby temporarily suspends, until further action, any Board policy or administrative regulation/procedure that directly conflicts with any current or future federal, state, or county law, regulation, executive order, or guidance released for the purpose of reopening of schools during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic as is required by any such laws, regulation, orders, or guidance.
2. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized and expected to follow the federal, state, or county laws, regulations, executive orders, or guidance and to take such action as reasonably necessary and proper for the purpose of reopening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with such governmental directives.

Adopted August 24, 2020