

RE-OPENING RESOLUTION

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; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools, working with teachers, support staff, administrators, and community groups submitted the School District's re-opening plan on July 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it is understood by all that any re-opening plan for school districts and the inherent implementation of both in-person and virtual or remote instruction will change as circumstances evolve and governmental orders and guidance continue to be issued; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is involved in this critical policy matter.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby endorses the re-opening plan and efforts of the School District as led by the Superintendent of Schools. The Board recognizes that any such plan must be flexible and adapt to the COVID-19 public health emergency as it evolves and as governmental orders and guidance are issued.
2. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized and expected to modify and implement any re-opening plan or procedures based on such evolving circumstances and governmental orders. The Superintendent of Schools shall report to the Board as appropriate on the status of re-opening and any changes in the plan or procedures that had to be made.

Adopted August 24, 2020