

Issaquah School District No. 411  
King County, Washington  
Resolution No. 1153

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, Washington to provide for a smooth transition for the start of the new school year and to adopt the reopening template provided by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

WHEREAS, the Issaquah School District prioritizes the health, safety and welfare of our students and staff; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the State of Washington as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-08, proclaiming that schools in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties would be closed from 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020, until 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-09.1, extending his original school closure proclamation until 11:59 p.m. on June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-46, proclaiming that groups at higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 must have access to employment accommodations necessary to prevent greater risk of contracting COVID-19, that employers must seek any and all options for alternative work arrangements, and that these workers are protected from job displacement, loss of employment benefits, and certain requirements related to personal leave, thus creating a challenge to school staffing; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-09.2, allowing a phased reopening of K-12 Schools subject to guidance from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction issued a document entitled Reopening Washington Schools 2020: District Planning Guide, which requires that school districts adopt a reopening plan (subsequently a reopening plan template) by resolution; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2020, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction finally released the reopening plan template and directed school districts to use the plan template and to file the plan template with the Office of the Superintendent and the State Board of Education two weeks before the start of the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS, some of the questions in the plan template require the District to respond with attestations without providing the opportunity for the District to add information, to clarify the response, or to indicate that the question is not applicable to the District's model; and

WHEREAS, the plan template may have been drafted in anticipation of an in person reopening; and

WHEREAS, questions in Part I of the plan template entitled “Mandatory Health Requirements” do not apply to a fully remote setting; and

WHEREAS, questions in Part II of the plan template entitled “Statutory Education Requirements” duplicates the filing that the District submits as a part of the annual review and reporting process; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the District will continue to comply with the documentation requirements of the State Board of Education pursuant to WAC 180-16-200; and

WHEREAS, questions in Part III of the plan template entitled “Additional Expectations” duplicate programs and procedures that are already in place in the District such as professional learning; and

WHEREAS, the Board will have the opportunity to discuss future changes to a fully remote program based on evolving conditions throughout the school year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Issaquah School Board of Directors hereby:

Delegates to the Superintendent and his designee the authority to complete the relevant questions in the plan template and to submit the plan template to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

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President and Director

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Secretary, Board of Directors