A RESOLUTION of the Issaquah School District Board of Directors for a Fall 2021 Teaching and Learning Modality Plan;

WHEREAS, in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on March 13, 2020 Governor Inslee signed proclamation 20-09 ordering statewide K-12 School Closures from March 17, 2020 to April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020 Governor Inslee signed proclamation 20-09.1 extending school closures through the end of the 2019-20 school year, with exceptions for students with disabilities and English language learners for whom distance learning would present challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Issaquah School District, in collaboration with its labor partners, implemented and adhered to the health and safety guidelines according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Washington State Department of Health, and Labor and Industries; and

WHEREAS, the District began the 2020-21 school year in a remote teaching model with exceptions for students with disabilities and those for whom distance learning would present challenges; and

WHEREAS, in the 2020-2021 school year the District has been provided flexibility by the State Board of Education and the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to collect full apportionment while students were learning in remote or hybrid settings; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021 Governor Inslee signed Proclamation 21-05 Children and Youth Mental Health Crisis, ordering schools to begin providing both remote/on-line instruction and on-campus/in-person instruction and the District offered in-person options to all students in accordance with said proclamation; and

WHEREAS, in March and April 2021 the District offered opportunities for all staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and the District administered approximately 3,400 shots; and

WHEREAS, King County continues phasing back to pre-COVID-19 status; and

WHEREAS, although staff have created a sound and supportive remote learning model, the Board believes that in-person learning provides the greatest opportunity for students’ academic success and social emotional well-being.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District that the 2021-22 school year fully open to in-person learning barring regulatory prohibition. In addition, the Board wants to pursue changes that would be necessary for the District to allow for remote school opportunities in response to emergency issues.
ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, Washington at an open public meeting of the Board of Directors held this 22nd day of April, 2021 with the following directors being present and voting:

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Board President

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Director

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Attest:

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Ron Thiele, Secretary
Board of Directors