

Resolution –Adoption of Continuous Learning Plan and Emergency Waiver of Instructional Hours

BOARD RESOLUTION No. 857

WHEREAS, Chapter 28A.320 RCW authorizes local school boards to govern their respective districts and RCW 28A.330.100 authorizes local school boards with additional powers to prescribe a course of study, to establish and maintain grade year levels and departments, and to determine the length of time over and above that required by law;

WHEREAS, RCW 28A.150.200 sets forth a program of basic education and RCW 28A.150.220 sets forth the minimum instructional requirements of basic education, including that districts must offer at least one hundred eighty school days and a minimum of instructional hours for kindergarten, grades one through eight, and nine through twelve;

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in all counties of our state under Chapters 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06 RCW, and directed implementation of the plans and procedures of the state's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and on March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee ordered closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Washington State until April 24, 2020, to contain the spread of COVID-19, and on April 6, 2020, directed that school buildings remain closed from providing traditional, in-person instruction throughout the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS the district implemented a continuous student learning plan immediately following statewide closure of school facilities beginning March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, RCW 28A.150.290 authorizes the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to make rules establishing the terms and conditions for allowing a school district to receive state basic education money, when, due to an emergency school closure, a district is unable to fulfill the statutory requirements of providing one hundred eighty days of operation or the total program hour offerings or teacher contract hours imposed by law.

WHEREAS on April 29, 2020, the State Superintendent adopted Chapter 392-901 WAC, which chapter consists of emergency rules regarding school district operations during facility closures related to COVID-19 and provides school districts with a process for receiving waiver of the statutorily prescribed school days / instructional hours and thereby receive their state basic education apportionment allocations for the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS RCW 28A.150.230 assigns local school boards the responsibility for ensuring quality in the content and extent of its educational program, including establishing performance criteria and an evaluation process for all programs constituting a part of the district's curriculum, and further assigns local school boards the responsibility to establish final curriculum standards consistent with law and rules of the superintendent of public instruction, relevant to the particular needs of district students, the unusual characteristics of the district, and ensuring a quality education for each student in the district;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burlington-Edison School Board/Public Schools affirms that the district's continuous learning plan meets the requirements outlined in chapter 392-901 WAC and hereby adopts/ has adopted the district's continuous learning plan as implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burlington-Edison School Board/Public Schools has reviewed and hereby supports the District Superintendent's application to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for emergency waiver of instructional hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument. This resolution acts in tandem with chapter 392-901-005 WAC and pertains exclusively to the 2019-2020 school year.

Adopted and approved this 18 day of May, 2020.

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Board President or Designee

Attest: _____
Superintendent 

Adoption Date: **05.20**