

**RESOLUTION OF THE [SCHOOL CORPORATION] ADOPTING REOPENING OF  
SCHOOLS PLAN**

WHEREAS, the United States of American and the State of Indiana have faced a pandemic caused by the coronavirus and COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Indiana has seen a reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases to the extent that the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the [NAME] County Health Department, in conjunction with guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control and Prevention, have encouraged schools to re-open this coming 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS, the Griffith Public Schools remains committed to providing a free, appropriate, public education to its students in service to our community;

WHEREAS, the safety of students and their families and employees of the School Corporation remains a central concern to the School Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the School Corporation continues to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Indiana with updates from international, federal, state, and local governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of SCHOOL TRUSTEES adopts the Griffith Public Schools Return to Learn Plan for 2020-21 available online at <https://in01000714.schoolwires.net>. The Plan was prepared and is adopted in an effort by this governing body to balance several important policies.

First, the Board acknowledges that policies implemented by this Plan are intended for the safety of our students, families and staff, but they are also intended to mitigate, not eliminate, risk. As public health professionals have recognized, no single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk.

Second, the Board recognizes the need for the education of our children in an appropriate educational environment with the public health challenges in the midst of this pandemic. It is important to intend to achieve educational outcomes even in these difficult times.

Third, the Plan attempts to achieve a proper balance within the limitations of the School Corporation's current, budgeted resources and staffing. Existing facilities, staffing levels (especially in the midst of a documented teacher shortage), and limited resources provide boundaries to what the School Corporation can reasonably achieve.

Finally, to allow the School Corporation to be responsive to fast-changing developments, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to implement changes to the Plan consistent with these

policies and principles should changes need to be made in responding to new information regarding COVID-19 in our country, state and community.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by at least a majority vote of the entire Board in a public meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_, President Board of SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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