

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
OAKWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76'S
2020-2021 RE-OPENING PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of **OAKWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76**, County of **VERMILION**, State of Illinois, (“the Board”) has the responsibility to manage and operate the schools of said **OAKWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76**; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20 and 5/10-20.5, as amended (the “Code”), authorizes the Board to exercise all powers required for the maintenance, operation, and development of the District’s schools and adopt and enforce all necessary rules for the management and government of the District’s schools; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker declared all counties in Illinois as disaster areas pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act (20 ILCS 3305/7) and directed implementation of the State’s Emergency Operations Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the U.S. President declared a national state of emergency and Governor Pritzker ordered the closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Illinois in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker announced the Restore Illinois plan which addresses the public health approach to safely reopen the State; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker announced authorized in-person instruction during Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, the Illinois State Board of Education issued Transition Joint Guidance with the Illinois Department of Public Health pertaining to the re-opening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Illinois entered Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 101-0643 (105 ILCS 5/10-30) requires that “the district shall adopt a remote and blended remote learning day plan approved by the general superintendent of schools”; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District to adopt a re-opening plan for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and considered the remote and blended remote learning day plan (“Plan”) presented to it and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it must give the District Superintendent and **his** designees the authority to exercise all necessary discretionary authority to implement and enforce the Plan given these unprecedented times.

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of **OAKWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76,** County of **VERMILION,** Illinois as follows:

Section 1. The preamble recitals of this Resolution are adopted and incorporated herein by this reference and found to be true and accurate statements.

Section 2. The Board authorizes and adopts the **OAKWOOD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76** re-opening plan (the “Plan”) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Section 3. The Plan takes precedent and supersedes all Board policies as necessary to implement the Plan.

Section 4. The Superintendent and **his** designees are authorized to determine all policies and exercise all discretionary authority to implement and enforce the Plan.

Section 5. The Superintendent is authorized to close any school building or District facility without further action by the Board. Such closure shall continue during the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as the Superintendent deems it in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools.

Section 6. The Superintendent is authorized, based upon the needs of the District to direct staff assignments during District closures in **his** discretion.

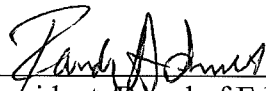
Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Absent 0

This resolution is adopted this **12th day of August, 2020.**



President, Board of Education

Attest: 

Secretary, Board of Education