



RESOLUTION

Adoption of Learning Models for the 2020-2021 School Year and COVID-19 Related Matters

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Independent School District #720 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”), which set forth five levels of Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students, hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of Minnesota to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents in the county of district location, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent has recommended to the School Board that Shakopee Public Schools will operate learning models in accordance with the number of COVID-19 cases reported in Scott County, as shown in the table below:

Number of cases over 14 days per 10,000 persons by county	Learning model for Shakopee- IHD
0 to less than 10	In-person for all students
10 to less than 20	In-person for elementary students Hybrid for secondary students
20 to less than 30	Hybrid for all students
30 to less than 50	Hybrid for elementary students Distance for secondary students
50 or more	Distance for all students

- *Current case numbers will be reported by Shakopee Public Schools every Friday.*
- *The base learning models to be implemented at the start of the school year, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, will be announced at the August 24, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting.*
- *Future changes to the learning models, as dictated by changes in COVID-19 case numbers, will be announced ten days prior to their implementation.*

NOTE: Rapid and/or large changes in COVID-19 case numbers may warrant immediate changes to the learning models. These could be district-wide changes, building changes, grade level changes, or specific classroom changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District #720 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement a Pandemic Response Advisory Team. The purpose of this team is to provide input and constructive feedback to the Superintendent and School Board. This input and feedback are shared regarding COVID-19 case numbers and determining an appropriate learning model. The input and feedback are especially important in situations in which the Scott County COVID-19 case data lacks clarity and/or is trending strongly, in either direction, towards a boundary in the Learning Model Table (shown above).

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the learning model shared previously in this document to open the 2020-2021 school year.

Section 3: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification sent to the School Board, to select and implement a different learning model for the school district or any specific school buildings without School Board action, if the Superintendent reasonably

deems prompt implementation is necessary. The implementation of this learning model change shall continue in effect until conditions dictate a shift to another learning model.

Section 4: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk00