

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GALION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

The Galion City School District Board of Education met in regular session on the 19th day of May, 2020, with the following members present:

_____ moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 8.2

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY GRADUATION AND GRADE REQUIREMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Ohio Governor declared a state of emergency intended to slow the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Ohio Governor announced that all K-12 Ohio school buildings would close for 3 weeks starting on March 16, and on March 30, the Governor extended the school building closure to May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Stay-at-Home Order and amended that Order on April 2, 2020, which will remain in effect until May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the 133rd Ohio General Assembly approved House Bill 197, which, pursuant to Section 17, permits high school seniors to graduate if the school determines that they were on track to do so prior to the declaration of the emergency, and permits a district that has previously adopted a resolution to exceed the minimum curriculum requirements prescribed under current law to elect to require only the minimum curriculum for the purpose of determining high school graduation for the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, grading policy is a local school district decision in Ohio, and schools have the option of maintaining a traditional letter grade structure or shifting to a pass/fail or other means of grading; and

WHEREAS, Galion City Schools students along with other Galion and Ohio residents have experienced considerable upheaval and unparalleled challenges in living through the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, GCS is continuing to provide educational services through online learning and learning packets to its students through this unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS, GCS knows that even with GCS's best efforts, with all of the challenges that the COVID-19 crisis presents, the academic progress and achievements of GCS students cannot properly be measured in a traditional way at this time, through no fault of the students; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galion City School District, having previously adopted a resolution to exceed the minimum curriculum requirements prescribed under current law, hereby elects to require only the minimum curriculum for the purpose of determining high school graduation for the 2019-2020 school year only; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galion City School District will permit high school seniors to graduate if the student's principal, in consultation with teachers and counselors, determines that the student has successfully completed the curriculum or the individualized education program developed for the student prior to March 14, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galion City School District will apply a pass/fail grading policy for K-8 students for the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galion City School District, for students in grades K-8, for grading purposes, will determine the final overall grade by issuing the average of the first three quarters of the 2019-2020 school year. The final grade will not be negatively impacted unless students have failed to attempt completion during the fourth quarter; and

The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable law; and

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

Upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

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ADOPTED by the Galion City School District Board of Education this 19th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

Treasurer

Board President