

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GALION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION**

The Galion City School District Board of Education (the “Board”) 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 # _____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN TO EXTEND DISTANCE LEARNING
FOR STUDENTS THROUGH REMINDER OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR TO MAKE
UP DAYS OR HOURS THAT SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED PURSUANT TO OHIO HOUSE
BILL 197 IN RESPONSE TO THE EXTENDED CLOSURE OF SCHOOL DUE TO
STATE OF EMERGENCY - COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, under current law, Ohio school districts must be open a minimum number of hours for instruction over the course of a school year; and

WHEREAS, under current law, specifically Ohio Revised Code 3313.482, Ohio school districts and-site-based schools are permitted to adopt a plan for distance learning (either web-based or paper-based) to make up the equivalent of up to three days in a school year for which it is necessary to close schools for disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, as well as other situations; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Ohio Director of Health issued an order closing all Ohio site-based schools to students, kindergarten through 12, from March 17, 2020 through April 3, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Ohio Director of Health issued an order extending the closure and directed that Ohio schools will remain closed to students for an extended period of time through May 1, 2020 due to the ongoing state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the Governor of Ohio indefinitely extended the closure of all Ohio schools to students, including through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor of Ohio signed into law emergency legislation, House Bill 197, which addresses the urgent needs of the State in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, with respect to education, House Bill 197 permits school districts that are not internet- or computer-based schools (e-schools) to make up through distance learning any number of days or hours necessary for student instruction due to school closure as a result of the Director of Health's Order closing K-12 schools to students; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 197 provides that a district or school may amend its existing distance learning plan or adopt a distance learning plan, if the school or district does not have an existing plan, to make up the days or hours necessary for student instruction due to school closure as a result of the Director of Health's Order closing K-12 schools to students; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Policy 8210, School Calendar, provides that the Board may submit to the Ohio Department of Education a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the District's web portal or web-site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close school due to a calamity. The maximum number of hours that may be made up in this manner is the number of hours that are the equivalent to three (3) school days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to House Bill 197 and Ohio Revised Code 3313.482, the Board wishes to amend the distance learning plan referenced in Board Policy 8210 to make up the necessary days or hours due to the closure of the District's buildings to students as a result of the Director of Health's Order as well as the extension of that order from March 17, 2020 up to and through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.482 and House Bill 197, the Board hereby adopts a distance learning plan which plan will permit students to access and complete classroom lessons online, through other virtual means, and/or with paper and pencil lesson packets to make up the necessary number of days or hours the District's schools have been and will be closed to students through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year in compliance with the Director of Health's Order and the extension of that Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. The Superintendent and/or the Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all other such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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