

## Vicksburg Community Schools

### Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent During the 2020-2021 School Year

**Whereas** the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect school operations due to the need to comply with Executive Orders, to comply with appropriate guidance on safety protocols for reopening schools, and ensuring appropriate educational services; and

**Whereas**, the Board intends to comply with its legal obligations, including relevant Executive Orders, and, accordingly, temporarily suspend or alter affected policies and guidelines as necessary to comply with its legal obligations, and otherwise take required actions consistent with its legal obligations; and

**Whereas** the Board of Education finds that the current environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis, including ensuring compliance with Executive Orders and also adapting to the changing environment, including provision of alternative modes of instruction; and

**Whereas** under board Bylaw 0131.1, the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract may be suspended temporarily by a majority vote of Board members at a public meeting held in compliance with law and Board policy;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Vicksburg Community Schools Board of Education grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency throughout the duration of the 2020-2021 school year:

- A. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with Executive Orders and with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or as necessary for an effective response to COVID-19 related issues and implementation of the District's Preparedness Plan.
- B. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to comply with Executive Orders, to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to the calendar; adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Vicksburg Community School District; hiring of providers and/or partnering with other districts or ISDs; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 emergency.
- C. Authority to enter into contracts without board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable state and federal laws.

