

**Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent To Comply with  
Executive Order 2020-35**

**Whereas** on April 2, 2020, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35 requiring, among other things, the continued closure of all Michigan public and private school buildings for educational purposes as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19 and requiring each public school to develop a plan for continued instruction through alternative means to be implemented by no later than April 28, 2020; and

**Whereas**, Executive Order 2020-35 also temporarily suspends numerous provisions of the Revised School Code and the State School Aid Act and, therefore, changes the legal requirements relating to certain Board policies, including but not limited to, attendance, curriculum, graduation requirements, assessments, teacher and administrator evaluations, school calendar, and grading; and

**Whereas**, the Board intends to comply with Executive Order 2020-35 and, accordingly, temporarily suspend or alter affected policies and otherwise take required actions consistent with the Executive Order; and

**Whereas** the Board of Education finds that the current state of emergency requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis, including complying with Executive Order 2020-35; 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, including ensuring compliance with Executive Order 2020-35:

Authority to temporarily waive, alter or suspend such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with Executive Order 2020-35.

Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to comply with Executive Order 2020-35, including, but not limited to, development and implementation of a plan to provide alternative instruction. 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; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the **Vicksburg Community Schools**; and hiring of providers and/or partnering with other districts or ISDs.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Executive Order 2020-35 and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon majority vote.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

**Adopted and approved this 20th day of April, 2020.**

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Virgil Knowles, President, on behalf of  
the Vicksburg Community Schools Board of Education

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