

Resolution to Respond to Mitigation Measures

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (Board) of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, Cook County, Illinois (School District) is the governing body of a public elementary school district organized, existing, and operating pursuant to the Illinois *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/1, *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the ongoing need to promptly respond to conditional factors that may jeopardize the health and safety of students and staff as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Section 10-16.7 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-16.7) requires school boards to direct, through policy, the superintendent in his or her charge of the administration of the school district;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 10-16.7 of the *School Code*, the Board has the discretion and the ability to authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to manage mitigation measures based upon contextual factors that suggest such additional mitigation is necessary to protect the health and safety of students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Oak Park School District 97, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. **Authorization to Develop and Implement Plans.** The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement COVID-19 mitigation measures in response to the transmission of COVID-19 during the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. **Provision of Information to Board.** The Superintendent will periodically inform the Board of Education regarding the monitoring of contextual factors guiding decisions and of the impact on amendments related to the implementation of the existing COVID-19 mitigation plan;
 - b. **Considerations for Planning.** In amending the COVID-19 mitigation plan and procedures, the Superintendent should consider the following non-exhaustive list of factors:
 - COVID-19 outbreaks, cases in schools or rising positivity rates
 - Level of community transmission
 - Community-wide vaccination coverage
 - Guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education; Illinois Department of Public Health and/or the Center for Disease Control and the Oak Park Department of Public Health.
 - d. **Consideration of Information; Assistance.** In developing the plans and procedures, the Superintendent may seek information, input, and assistance of such persons and constituencies as the Superintendent deems necessary, and in such form or format as determined in the discretion of the Superintendent.

2. **Expiration of Authority.** The authority granted by this Resolution shall expire at the completion of the last day of the school year in 2022-2023, unless earlier modified or terminated by the Board of Education.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF Oak Park District 97, Oak Park,
ILLINOIS**

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary