

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 5, MCLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, SUSPENDING CERTAIN BOARD
POLICIES AND APPROVING REVISED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois (the "District") is an Illinois public school district, organized and operating under the Illinois School Code; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy 2.240, Board Policy Development, which authorizes the Board to adopt, revise, and temporarily suspend board policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy 4.180, Pandemic Preparedness, which acknowledges school closure in response to a pandemic and designates the Superintendent to act as a liaison for the School District to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE"), which has authority to administer attendance and school calendar requirements, to interpret graduation requirements, and to oversee the allocation of resources for nutrition, transportation, and other crucial aspects of public education is providing written guidance to Illinois school boards and their districts on issues related to COVID-19, including but not limited to student attendance, e-learning, meal distribution, transportation, special education, and other issues; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker declared all counties in Illinois as disaster areas pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act (20 ILCS 3305/7) and directed implementation of the State's Emergency Operations Plan in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 (the "First Disaster Proclamation"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the U.S. President declared a national state of emergency and Illinois Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-05 directing the closure of all public and private schools in Illinois commencing Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through Monday, March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 extending the closure of all public and private schools in Illinois through Tuesday, April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-10 also ordered all individuals currently living within the State of Illinois to stay at home or at their place of residence through April 7, 2020, except as allowed by the Executive Order. The Executive Order allows people to leave their home or place of residence for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses and Operations; and

WHEREAS, the District is a local governmental body and falls under the Essential Governmental Functions exemption as well as the Essential Businesses and Operations exemption; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Pritzker again declared all counties in the State of Illinois as disaster areas for 30 days due to COVID-19 (the “Second Disaster Proclamation”) and issued Executive Order 2020-18 extending the closure of all public and private schools in Illinois for the duration of the First Disaster Proclamation and Second Disaster Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, Governor Pritzker extended the closure of Illinois public and private schools through the end of the school year; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, Governor Pritzker extended the stay at home order through May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 27-22 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-22) sets forth certain course requirements which each student must successfully complete as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education (“ISBE”) adopted rules implementing Section 27-22 of the Illinois School Code and allowing local boards of education to adopt additional requirements for graduation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy 6.300, Graduation Requirements, providing certain graduation requirements from the District; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-31 suspending certain provisions of the Illinois School Code requiring certain courses and assessments for 12th grade students, physical fitness requirements, the successful completion of certain courses as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma for 12th grade students who are unable to complete the coursework as a result of the suspension of in-person instruction due to COVID-19, and 8th grade students to demonstrate evidence of having a comprehensive knowledge of the history of the United States as a prerequisite to 8th grade graduation; and

WHEREAS, following Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-31, ISBE issued emergency rules suspending certain graduation requirements for 12th grade students and other rules consistent with the Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Governor Pritzker again declared all counties in the State of Illinois as disaster areas for 30 days due to COVID-19 (the “Third Disaster Proclamation”); and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the intent of Executive Order 2020-31 and ISBE’s emergency rules, and to provide District 12th grade students the flexibility to graduate as planned, the Board desires to suspend Policy 6.300 and to approve the revised graduation requirements attached hereto as Exhibit A consistent with Executive Order 2020-31 and ISBE’s emergency rules; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to suspend other policies necessary to implement Executive Orders of the Governor and/or written guidance from ISBE relating to COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, MCLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board suspends Board Policy 6.300 and approves the revised graduation requirements attached hereto as Exhibit A consistent with Executive Order 2020-31 and ISBE's emergency rules. The revised graduation requirements shall be applicable only to students designated as 12th grade students during the 2019-2020 school year and who successfully complete the requirements on or before July 31, 2020.

Section 2. The Board suspends other provisions of its Board policies, as identified together by the Board President and Superintendent after consultation with the Attorney for the District, if such suspension is determined necessary by the Board President and Superintendent to implement Executive Orders of the Governor and/or written guidance from ISBE relating to COVID-19.

Section 3. The Superintendent will consult with the Board President efforts to implement written guidance from local, State, and federal health and government agencies and report to the Board regarding such efforts to implement written guidance.

Section 4. In the interest of public health, and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07 and subsequent guidance issued by the Illinois Attorney General, the Board may conduct open public meetings remotely via telephonic or electronic means, providing opportunity for public access and comment in accordance with the COVID-19 guidance of the Attorney General. The Board reserves the right to adjust board meeting dates, times, and locations during the District-wide emergency closure(s) in a manner consistent with the Open Meetings Act and issued COVID-19 guidance from the Illinois Attorney General, and notes that any or all Board members may attend board meetings remotely.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect forthwith upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, MCLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE THEREOF IN REGULAR AND PUBLIC SESSION THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

NUMBER OF CREDITS TO GRADUATE			
Current		Proposed Class of 2020 only)	
English	4.0	English	3.5
Math	3.0	Math	2.5
Science	2.0	Science	1.5
Social Studies	2.0	Social Studies	1.5
P.E./Health	3.5	P.E./Health	3.0
Consumer Ed.	0.5	Consumer Ed.	0.0
Electives	9.0	Electives	9.0
Total	24.0	Total	21.0

*MATH 1.0 credit Algebra I content 1.0 Math credit can be from an AP Computer Science course

**SOCIAL STUDIES 1.0 credit U.S. History ~~Successful completion of Constitution Test~~

**0.5 credit Civics Requirement beginning with the class of 2020.

***PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND SAFETY Although students are only required to earn ~~3.5~~ 3.0 credits in physical education and health, they must take physical education every semester that they are in school. Juniors and seniors may be exempt from physical education if they qualify under the Board of Education Policy 6.310 (see page 50).

****CONSUMER EDUCATION-STATE OF ILLINOIS REQUIREMENT ~~Successful completion of any of the following courses/programs fulfills the State Consumer Education requirement for high school graduation:-~~

- ~~• Introduction to Business Course (9, 10) 2 semesters-~~
- ~~• Consumer Education course (11, 12) 1 semester-~~
- ~~• Personal Investment and Finance course (11, 12) 1 semester-~~
- ~~• Supervised Agriculture Experience — 1 year AND the Agribusiness Management course~~
- Passing a Consumer Ed class would be counted as an elective.