

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING
TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97 (the “Board”) is empowered to conduct the business of Oak Park Elementary School District 97 (the “District”) pursuant to various provisions of the *Illinois School Code*;

WHEREAS, the District has and continues to navigate how best to meet the educational needs of its students in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, the District has embraced the June 18, 2020 education omnibus legislation (Public Act PA 101-0643) permitting remote learning, blended remote learning and the June 23, 2020 ISBE/IDPH Joint Guidance “Starting the 2020-21 School Year” (the “Joint Guidance”) with the objective to transition back to in-person-based instruction when such can be done consistent with the local, state and federal health and safety guidance;

WHEREAS, the District’s primary objective is to provide for a safe and healthy school environment for students and staff;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Joint Guidance, the District has created a transition planning team which has reviewed data on student attendance, engagement and academic success in determining the effectiveness of remote learning to inform the District on developing an equity-based learning plan for the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Joint Guidance, the District has undertaken a review of its facilities and ability to provide for safety restrictions including space capacity and social distancing with the objective to transition back to in-person instruction;

WHEREAS, the District has discretion and flexibility under the Joint Guidance in implementing the recommendations and guidance to return to in-person instruction when such can be done in a safe manner;

WHEREAS, the Joint Guidance recommendation for in-person instruction, the public health of the community and the District’s goal to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families present competing policy objectives; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed a learning plan with the objective of a transition back to in-person instruction which seeks to achieve the competing policy objectives to the extent possible.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Board as follows:

1. The Board affirms the recommended direction for a broad-based plan for the transition back to school for the 2020-2021 school year (the “Transition Plan”) consistent with the Joint Guidance and with the health and safety protocols issued by IDPH.
2. The Transition Plan provides a summary of the models that may be under consideration for the 2020-21 school year. This includes the fully remote model (that will be implemented for the first trimester) as well as the hybrid learning model. This document also serves as the basis for our remote learning and hybrid learning plans. A copy of the plan can be read [here](#).

3. The Transition Plan will be equitably based, addressing the needs of all students and providing appropriate support for those students who are disadvantaged by societal conditions.
4. The Transition Plan will provide for measures to be undertaken in the event Illinois moves back into Phase 3 and Phase 2 of the Restore Illinois Plan.
5. The District's Superintendent shall have the authority to further develop and implement the plan consistent with the parameters set forth herein; consistent with further guidance from the State of Illinois and consistent with the Illinois School Code.
6. In developing and implementing the plan, the District's Superintendent shall balance the competing policy objectives of returning to in-person instruction, controlling the communication of disease within the community, and the general safety of students, staff, and their families, and consider each policy with respect to efficiency, District resources, and the general welfare of the District's community. Other employees of the District that determine policy or exercise discretion for the District shall also consider these policies and interests when determining which steps or measures to implement to best serve these interests.
7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2020 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

President

Attest:

Secretary