

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 25, 2021**

**RESOLUTION TO PERMIT
SCHOOL BOARDS TO MEET IN-PERSON**

WHEREAS, school districts have been strongly encouraged to begin offering in-person instruction by March 1 and each local School Board has the responsibility to make that ultimate decision for their school district, and

WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools has worked diligently to prepare for and implement the return to face-to-face learning for all students in grades PreK, K-12 and post-secondary; and

WHEREAS, all students and staff are permitted by the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to attend school in-person; and

WHEREAS, members of School Boards are the only individuals within their school districts who are not permitted to meet in-person; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult for School Boards that are required to meet virtually to make the decision that students and staff will meet and work in-person, as it sends a mixed message to our community and staff, and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education wishes to meet in person as soon as possible, and has strong health and safety mitigation measures in place for such meetings that are consistent with measures taken for all other school classes and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education requests that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor of the State of Michigan allow School Boards to have the option to meet either virtually or in-person beginning immediately, in order to lead by example when bringing students and staff back to in-person learning.