Okemos Public Schools Resolution to Provide Flexibility Regarding Daily Attendance Requirements

Okemos Public Schools (the "District")

A Regular meeting of the board of education of the Issuer (the "Board") was held in the Okemos High School Auditorium, within the boundaries of the Issuer, on the 25th day of April, 2022, at 7 o'clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Gebara, President.

Present: Members Bolton, Cavanaugh, Gebara, Lynn, Lyon-Callo, Phelps and Taylor

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Cavanaugh and supported by Member Lynn:

Whereas, the Okemos Public Schools District, and many others across Michigan, have faced challenges in maintaining in-person instruction due to illness, staffing shortages, noncredible threats and inclement weather; and

Whereas, when attendance rates fell below 75%, schools faced the tough decision of closing for the day or facing a financial penalty; and

Whereas, many districts may be nearing or have already surpassed the six days that they are permitted to close, Okemos Public Schools District is currently at 3; and

Whereas, by lowering the 75% districtwide attendance threshold for the 2021-2022 school year that is required by MCL 388.1701(3), districts will have more flexibility to maintain in-person instruction; and

Whereas, this change would remove the financial penalty associated with offering safe in-person instruction even when presented with lower-than-average attendance; and

Whereas, this flexibility would also help schools avoid extending their academic calendars into mid-to-late June creating more challenges for families; and

Whereas, if flexibility is not given, more than a third of Michigan's school districts may be forced to make up school days by extending the school year; and

Whereas, the school year is nearly three quarters over so eliminating this policy that disincentivizes in-person instruction is a matter of great urgency; and

Now, therefore it be resolved, that the Okemos Public Schools Board of Education urges the Legislature to act now to provide flexibility for districts and adjust the 75% attendance requirement found in MCL 388.1701(3); and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be shared with the Representatives and Senators for Okemos Public Schools District and with House and Senate leadership.

Ayes: Members 4 Bolton, Cavanaugh, Gebara, Lynn, Lyon-Callo, Phelps and Taylor

Nays: Members O

Resolution declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Okemos Public Schools, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on April 25, 2022, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Secretary, Board of Education