

**RESOLUTION NO. 79-20**

**REMOTE LEARNING PLAN**

**FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

**IN THE EVENT SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

**FOR MORE THAN THE HOURS PERMITTED UNDER BOARD POLICY AND STATE LAW**

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**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code §3313.48 mandates that a school district must be open for instruction with pupils in attendance for a minimum number of hours each school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Board Policy further requires that the District be open for instruction each school year for a minimum of 910 hours for students in grades kindergarten through six, and 1001 hours for students in grades seven through twelve; and

**WHEREAS**, R.C. §3313.482 authorizes a board of education to adopt a plan that permits students to make up and complete hours of instruction via online/remote learning in the event that schools are closed to students for a disease epidemic or other reasons, and the Board has adopted a plan for the 2020-2021 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 197 (2020), which was enacted on March 27, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency, authorizes the Montpelier Exempted Village School District Board of Education ("Board of Education") to adopt a plan to provide for online learning opportunities for students to make up/complete an unlimited number of hours in lieu of attendance on days when buildings are not open to students during the 2020-21 school year in compliance with any order issued by the Ohio Director of Health and/or a local board of health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montpelier Exempted Village School District Board of Education (hereafter the "Board") has developed a contingency plan in accordance with R.C. §3313.482 under which district students will make up any time missed through online instruction/remote learning that caused the district to fall below the minimum number of hours of instruction required by section 3313.48 of the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further authorizes licensed staff including intervention specialist to provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to district students, including students who receive special education and related services under an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Services Plan, while the Director of Health's order to close schools to students remains in effect.

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to adopt said plan

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Montpelier Exempted Village School District that:

**SECTION I**

Pursuant to R.C. §3313.482 and House Bill 197 (2020), the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following plan to allow students of the Montpelier Exempted Village School District to access and complete online/remote lessons in order to fulfill the required number of hours during the 2020-21 school year:

- A. Each teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons equal to or greater than the amount of instructional time the student would receive for the days and hours of closure. A lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on a day that the school was closed.
- B. Teachers will provide the building principal with access to all lessons. The building principal will certify that the lessons are equal to or greater than the amount of instructional time the student missed.
- C. As soon as practicable, the appropriate administrator will direct staff about how to make lessons available through a District approved website or Schoology.
- D. The teacher will be responsible for posting the lessons online. The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the web portal or website if another employee is responsible for posting them on the teacher's behalf.
- E. Teachers will regularly assess the progress of students and will update or replace such lessons as necessary throughout the remainder of the school year based on the results of the assessments.
- F. Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson or assignment is posted shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson/assignment. If the student does not complete the lesson/assignment within this time period, the student may receive an incomplete or failing grade unless the student provides a sufficient reason to the teacher justifying why they failed to complete the lesson/assignment.
- G. For students who experience difficulty accessing the online material or who do not have access to a computer.

Students shall be permitted to complete the posted lessons at school after the reopening of school. Students utilizing this option will be granted two weeks from the date of school reopening to complete such lessons/assignments. If the student does not complete the lesson/assignment within this time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless the student provides a sufficient reason to the teacher justifying why they failed to complete it. The district will provide access to district computers before, during, or after the school day (provided that the equipment is available and accessible at those times) or may provide a substantially similar paper lessons/assignments for students to complete.

The Board of Education hereby authorizes "blizzard bags" as needed, which are paper copies of the lessons/assignments posted. Teachers shall prepare paper copies approximating the content of the online lessons and shall update such paper copies when updating any of the online lessons. Blizzard bags have already been distributed to parents. Printed copies of any graded lessons or assignments will be included in the blizzard bags. Students utilizing this option will be granted two weeks from the date after picking them up to return completed lessons/assignments to their assigned building. If the student does not complete the lesson/assignment within this time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless the student provides a sufficient reason to the teacher justifying why they failed to complete the lesson/assignment.

- H. Licensed staff including intervention specialists may provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to any district students, including students who receive services under Individualized Education Plans or Section 504 Services Plans, while the Director of Health's order to close schools to students remains in effect.
- I. The District intends to meet its obligation to provide all students, including children with disabilities, equal access to curriculum and services during an extended school closure in accordance with state and federal law. Each building will notify parents about who they may contact if students are unable

to access or participate in the program remotely because of a disability-related or other reason so that the District can explore alternative methods of instruction and possible accommodations.

- J. This plan includes the written consent of the teacher's employee representative as designated under division (B) of section 4117.04. Such consent is on file in the official file of the Board of Education and is hereby incorporated into this plan as if specifically rewritten.
- K. Professional development was made available to all teachers during June 2020 to ensure that they were proficient in the use of Schoology. A review of that professional development is being conducted on August 10. Ongoing training and support will be provided to students, parents and staff.

**SECTION II**

Should circumstances warrant a change in the plan during the 2020-21 school year, this contingency plan may be amended by the Superintendent at any time in his or her discretion.

**SECTION III**

**IT IS FOUND** that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. **AND DETERMINED**

Mrs. Kimberly Friend moved and Mr. Shawn Owen seconded the motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call and the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

**ADOPTED** this 11th day of August, 2020

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Jamison Grime, Superintendent (Board President Absent)

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Carla J. Rice, CFO/Treasurer

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting held on the 11th day of August, 2020, together with a true and correct extract from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said Resolution.

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Carla J. Rice, CFO/Treasurer