



**Department
of Education**

Mike DeWine, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: June 30, 2020

FROM: Paolo DeMaria, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Extension of deadline for submitting a Remote Learning Plan

Sec. 17 (I) of Am. Sub. House Bill 197 of the 133rd General Assembly grants the state superintendent of public instruction the authority to:

“...extend or waive any deadline for an action required of the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, or any person or entity licensed or regulated by the State Board or Department during the duration of the Director of Health's order under section 3701.13 of the Revised Code "In re: Order the Closure of All K-12 Schools in the State of Ohio" issued on March 14, 2020, or any local board of health order, and any extension of any order, based on the implications of COVID-19, as necessary to ensure that the safety of students, families, and communities are prioritized while continuing to ensure the efficient operation of the Department and public and private schools in this state.”

Section 16 of Sub. HB 164 of the 133rd General Assembly states:

“...each qualifying public school governing body may adopt a plan to provide instruction using a remote learning model for the 2020-2021 school year. Not later than July 31, 2020, the qualifying public school shall submit the adopted plan to the Department of Education. A "Qualifying public school" means a school district, a community school, or a STEM school that has not been approved to use a blended learning model in accordance with section 3302.41 of the Revised Code for the 2020-2021 school year on the effective date of this section.”

In recognition of the complexity involved in the preparation of a remote learning plan for the 2020-2021 school year, I am extending this deadline through **August 21, 2020, to allow school leaders sufficient time to develop their remote learning models.**