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RESOLUTION FOR THE RETURN SCHOOL PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of St. George CCSD No. 258 (the “Board”) is empowered to conduct the business of St. George CCSD No. 258 (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 Joint Guidance acknowledges the educational benefits of in-person instruction and emphasizes COVID-19’s effect on exacerbating societal inequities, and provides recommendations and guidance for school districts to implement in returning to in-person instruction and to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families;

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 relative to the return 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 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 plan for the return 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 in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year consistent with the Joint Guidance and with the health and safety protocols issued by IDPH.
2. The Return to School Plan will seek to achieve in-person instruction while observing the health and safety protocols issued by IDPH.
3. The Return to School 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 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.
5. In developing and implementing the plan, the District's Superintendent shall balance the competing policy objectives of 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.
6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fouts, Munsterman, Pendleton, Cox, and Armstrong.

Nays: None.

Absent: Yuska.



President

Attest:



Secretary