

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271 -- RESOLUTION 20-21-001**  
**(19-20-001)**  
**IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

This Resolution is made this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, by the Coeur d'Alene School District #271, whose address is 1400 Northwood Center Court, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 (the "District"):

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the District is a validly organized and existing school district authorized under Title 33, Chapter 3 of the Idaho Code;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 33-510 requires that the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") hold regular and special meetings in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 74, Idaho Code ("the Open Meetings Act");

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the power to govern the school district in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and rules, including rules of the Idaho State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 33-512, the Board has the power to close schools in response to an order of the State Department of Health and Welfare;

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has progressed to a pandemic status as declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Idaho issued a proclamation declaring that a state of emergency exists in the State of Idaho due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 the District announced an emergency closure of all District school buildings from March 16 through April 6 in order to help slow the spread of the corona virus and at the recommendation of the local health district;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Idaho amended his March 13 proclamation to suspend, for the duration of the declared emergency, the portion of Idaho Code § 74-203(5) requiring that at least one governing body member, director, or administrative officer of a public agency be physically present at a designated meeting location to ensure that the public may attend such meeting in person;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the "Act") was passed into law, with an effective date of April 1, 2020, which provides certain emergency leave and pay rights to families impacted by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to recognize the emergency suspension of any District policies and procedures to the extent that such policies and procedures may conflict with the Act, during its period of effectiveness;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the State Board of Education directed all school districts in the State of Idaho to implement school closures through April 20, 2020, during which time students would not be allowed in schools but districts would continue to provide education and essential services to the best of their abilities;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the directive of the State Board, the District extended its school closures through April 20 and outlined its efforts to provide remote learning opportunities for students, meals for those in need and childcare services for first responders and health care professionals;

WHEREAS, the State Board has taken action to suspend or waive certain instructional-hour requirements, college entrance exam and senior project requirements, ELA, Math and Science ISAT assessments, has applied for waivers to federal testing and assessment requirements, and has imposed temporary transportation reimbursement standards;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to modify its meeting practices in compliance with the Governor's Emergency Proclamation, ratify the school closures to date and recognize the emergency suspension of policies and procedures that may be in conflict with the Act or the action of the State Board as more specifically set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

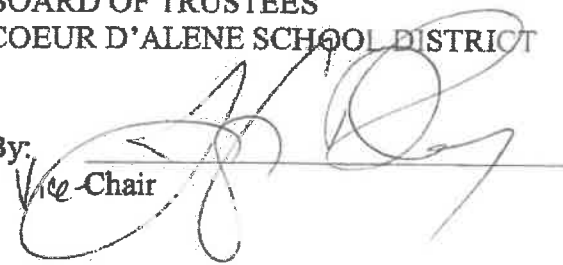
1. Effective immediately, meetings of the Board will be closed to in-person attendance by the public.
2. All provisions of Board Policy and Procedure 4105 and 4105P allowing in-person public attendance and comment at Board meetings are hereby suspended.
3. Public attendance will be permitted via telecommunication devices subject to the Open Meetings Act, I.C. § 74-203(5). All Board meetings will continue to be broadcast on CDATV Channel 19 and live streamed via YouTube for as long as is practicable to do so.
4. Members of the public who wish to submit written comments to the Board may do so by contacting Lynn Towne, Clerk of the Board, at [ltowne@cdaschools.org](mailto:ltowne@cdaschools.org).
5. With the exception of the in-person requirement, the Board will continue to comply with all other requirements of the Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to requirements for providing notice and publishing the agenda.
6. With respect to the impacts of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the Board directs the Superintendent to suspend all District policies and procedures only to the extent any terms contained therein are in conflict with said law, during its period of effectiveness as necessary to carry out the requirements of the same.

7. With respect to all actions taken by the State Board, the Board directs the Superintendent to suspend all District policies and procedures in conflict with actions with the State Board (including without limitation waivers of instructional-hour requirements, college entrance exam and senior project requirements, ELA, Math and Science ISAT assessments, waivers of federal testing and assessment requirements, and temporary transportation reimbursement standards) and to take such further action as may be necessary to comply with any directives by the State Board of Education resulting from this emergency.
8. The Board hereby ratifies and adopts the decision of the Superintendent to close all school buildings through April 20, 2020 as implemented and consistent with the directive of the State Board of Education.
9. The Board further directs the Superintendent to continue to provide remote educational opportunities, free breakfast and lunch opportunities, and childcare services to emergency responders, to the best ability of the District and in a manner deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and consistent with all directives of the State Board of Education, and all state and local authorities and guidelines.

This Resolution shall remain in effect for so long as the foregoing proclamations, orders, and acts remain in effect, including any extensions thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board hereby adopts the foregoing Resolution on the date first written above.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COEUR D'ALENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:   
Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

  
Clerk