

5 Pandemic Emergency Policies

7 The Board of Trustees and school staff are operating under unusual, even unprecedented
8 circumstances by virtue of the declaration of a statewide emergency by the Governor and the
9 executive orders related to school closure to address concerns from the current virus and/or the
10 declaration of an unforeseen emergency (community disaster) made by the Board of Trustees. In
11 light of the current pandemic, the Board of Trustees has found it necessary to adopt temporary
12 policies related to emergency school closures, the ongoing provisions of educational services to
13 students, meeting of the Board, gatherings on school property, health and safety of students, staff
14 and community members, human resources matters and budgetary matters. To ensure clarity and
15 transparency, the Board has organized all emergency school policies into a temporary chapter.
16 The Board has also included this introductory section as a heading for each policy to ensure
17 understanding of the purpose and duration of each policy adopted pursuant to this chapter.

19 Purpose(s) of Policies

- 21 1. Ensuring that locally-elected Trustees charged with the supervision and control of their
- 22 local public schools, in collaboration with their staff leadership teams, make decisions
- 23 that are in the best interest of students, staff and the community served.
- 24 2. Ensuring measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff and community
- 25 members.
- 26 3. Addressing issues relating to student instruction and family engagement.
- 27 4. Addressing barriers to learning presented by distant learning.
- 28 5. Improvement of instruction in on-site, offsite, and/or on-line settings.
- 29 6. Ensuring continuity of employment of school district staff and/or continuity of services
- 30 provided by contract transportation providers.
- 31 7. Ensuring accountability to families with children.

33 Term of Pandemic Emergency Measures Policies

35 The term of School District Policies Numbered 1900-1999 shall run concurrent with any
36 emergency related to the current pandemic declared by the President, Congress, Montana
37 Legislature, Governor, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, County
38 Health Department of the Board of Trustees. These policies shall terminate upon which all
39 emergency declarations related to the current pandemic that apply to the District have lawfully
40 expired or have been dissolved.

42 Cross References:

- 43 Policy 1310 District Policy and Procedure
44 Policy 1400 Board Meeting
45 Policy 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure
46 Policy 2221 School Closure

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Legal References:

Executive Orders – 2-2020 and 3-2020	Office of the Governor and accompanying Directives
Section 10-3-104, MCA	General Authority of Governor
Section 20-9-801-806, MCA	Emergency School Closure
Section 50-1-202-204, MCA	Public Health Laws
Article X, Section 8	Montana Constitution

Policy History

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