

Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the School Leader To Comply with Executive Order 2020-35

Whereas on April 2, 2020, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35 requiring, among other things, the continued closure of all Michigan public and private school buildings for educational purposes as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19 and requiring each public school to develop a plan for continued instruction through alternative means to be implemented by no later than April 28, 2020; and

Whereas, Executive Order 2020-35 also temporarily suspends numerous provisions of the Revised School Code and the State School Aid Act and, therefore, changes the legal requirements relating to certain Board policies, including but not limited to, attendance, curriculum, graduation requirements, assessments, teacher and administrator evaluations, school calendar, and grading; and

Whereas, the Board intends to comply with Executive Order 2020-35 and, accordingly, temporarily suspend or alter affected policies and otherwise take required actions consistent with the Executive Order; and

Whereas the Board of Directors finds that the current state of emergency requires that the School Leader be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis, including complying with Executive Order 2020-35; and

Whereas under board Bylaw 0131.1, the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract may be suspended temporarily by a majority vote of Board members at a public meeting held in compliance with law and Board policy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center** Board of Directors grants to the School Leader the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency, including ensuring compliance with Executive Order 2020-35:

1. Authority to temporarily waive, alter or suspend such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the School Leader shall deem necessary to comply with Executive Order 2020-35.
2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to comply with Executive Order 2020-35, including, but not limited to, development and implementation of a plan to provide alternative instruction. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to the

calendar; adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the **Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center**; and hiring of providers and/or partnering with other districts or ISDs.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Leader is directed to keep the Board of Directors informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Executive Order 2020-35 and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Director's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2020.

President, on behalf of _____ Date

the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center Board of Directors
