

Adoption of Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters

WHEREAS, the Director of Southern Plains Education Cooperative #0915 [hereinafter the “Director”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all Cooperative policies, and is directly accountable to the Cooperative Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor Cooperative Board policy applicable, the Director shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the Cooperative Board, pursuant to Cooperative Policy 302, *Director*;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”), which set forth five Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students, hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of Minnesota to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Director and the administration of the Cooperative have conferred with the Cooperative Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Cooperative has recommended to the Cooperative Board that _____ [INSERT DESCRIPTION] will be the base Learning Model to be implemented at the commencement of the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cooperative Board of Cooperative No. 0915 as follows:

Section 1: The Director is hereby directed to implement the following base Learning Model to open the 2020-2021 school year: [INSERT DESCRIPTION OF LEARNING PLAN].

Section 2: The Director is hereby authorized, after consultation with the Cooperative Board Chair and notification to the Cooperative Board, to select and implement a different Learning Model for the Cooperative or any specific program without Cooperative Board action if the Director reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a Cooperative Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Learning Model selected and implemented by the Director shall continue in effect unless and until the Cooperative Board, in consultation with the Director and appropriate cooperative staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the Cooperative District and its students to implement a different Learning Model.

Section 3: The Director will provide regular updates to the Cooperative Board regarding the Cooperative's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Roll Call Vote

Board Chair

Board Clerk