

**DUBLIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Dublin, Ohio**

The Board of Education of the Dublin City School District, County of Franklin, Ohio, met in a regular session on February 22, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Emerald Campus, 5175 Emerald Parkway, Dublin, Ohio 43017, with the following members present:

Mr. Christopher Valentine Mrs. Lynn May
Mr. Stu Harris Mr. Scott Melody
Mr. Rick Weiminger

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mrs. May moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-056

A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WAIVE ALL STATE MANDATED STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, REQUEST A WAIVER FROM STATE MANDATED TESTING FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DECLARE THE DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION'S SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILLS 67 AND 40, WHICH WOULD FULFILL BOTH REQUESTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of the Dublin City School District to deliver the educational programs and services to the school children of the Dublin City School District, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board are elected by the Dublin City School District's school community to ensure that students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged, and

WHEREAS, the elected Board of education is responsible to the community including taxpayers, parents and other patrons, as well as the state, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio requires annual, statewide standardized testing in accordance with federal mandates, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created instructional challenges and forced educators to quickly adapt to new practices during the 2020-2021 school year, and

WHEREAS, the administration of standardized tests may create additional, unnecessary health risks to students and District staff, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio waived standardized testing last Spring when learning was disrupted for less than half of the academic year, and

WHEREAS, the Dublin City School District and its educators already perform formative testing on every District student – tests that during a pandemic are far more helpful and accurate in addressing student need, and

WHEREAS, the results of the statewide, mandated standardized testing won't be known until after the school year is ended and will be of no help to District students or the District's need to potentially address any disrupted learning opportunities District students may face, and

WHEREAS, the education professionals in the Dublin City School District are best able to assess those COVID-19 related needs better than an out-of-state standardized test developer, and

WHEREAS, the Dublin City School District and its educators are committed to ensuring every District student is able to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DUBLIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

SECTION ONE:

The Board of Education urges the State of Ohio to not require the Spring 2021 statewide standardized assessments to be given and the Ohio Department of Education to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver from federal standardized testing requirements. And the Board fully supports House Bills 67 and 40, which would do exactly those two things.

SECTION TWO:

The Board of Education finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board and any deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

The Board of Education declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Dublin City School District.

Mr. Werninger seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Valentine Aye Mrs. May Aye

Mr. Harris Aye Mr. Melody Aye

Mr. Weinger Aye

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

The forgoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Dublin City School District, Ohio, held on February 22, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Emerald Campus, 5175 Emerald Parkway, Dublin, Ohio 43017, showing the adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth.



Treasurer, Board of Education
Dublin City School District, Ohio