RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of the state of Maryland, issued a Declaration of State Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency – COVID-19, on March 5, 2020, regarding the outbreak of disease caused by the novel coronavirus, and several Executive Orders thereafter, which remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, All public schools in Maryland have been ordered closed through at least May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Baltimore County ("Board") is aware of several board policies that cannot be complied with or fully implemented, as written, in light of the current state of emergency and school closure order; and

WHEREAS, The Board believes it would be impracticable for it to review and revise, on a temporary basis, each board policy that may be affected; and

WHEREAS, The Board has determined that given the current situation, the superintendent should have flexibility in implementing board policies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in the event the superintendent determines that, due to current circumstances, any board policy cannot be fully implemented or that full compliance is not possible or practicable, the Board hereby authorizes the superintendent to implement such policy to the fullest extent reasonable and practicable and to waive any policy requirement that cannot be met due to current circumstances, on a temporary basis, without prior approval by the Board, as long as such action is consistent with federal and state law and regulations, guidance from the state superintendent of schools, and mandates from the Maryland State Board of Education, in effect at that time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the superintendent shall report to the Board, in writing, as soon as practicable, with rationale, any board policy that he has determined cannot be fully implemented or any policy requirements that cannot be fully met, which the Board shall then discuss at the next Board meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any affected policy will be fully complied with and implemented at such time as the current crisis is over and schools are ordered reopened.

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