

RESOLUTION OF THE BRECKENRIDGE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING TERMINATION OF SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code § 11.051 empowers the Board of Trustees of Breckenridge Independent School District to oversee the management of Breckenridge ISD;

WHEREAS, the mission of Breckenridge ISD is to provide an education of excellence for all our students so they may function effectively, successfully, and productively in society;

WHEREAS, Breckenridge ISD affirms that:

1. All students can learn with teaching and learning experiences that are meaningful and appropriate.
2. Parents, the community, teachers, staff, administrators, and the Board of Trustees should be partners in the educational process.
3. Clearly defined teaching and learning expectations should be communicated to the community, students, and parents.
4. A well-developed and progressive curriculum is the basis for instructional focus.
5. A dedicated, creative, and competent faculty, staff, and administration should share the responsibility of teaching the necessary skills to all students for real-world and lifelong learning.
6. That a safe and orderly environment leads to a positive and effective school climate.

WHEREAS, Breckenridge ISD implemented synchronous and asynchronous instruction, commonly known as virtual instruction, during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020;

WHEREAS, since commencement of the 2020-2021 school year, Breckenridge ISD has had four incidents of COVID-19 among students;

WHEREAS, since commencement of the 2020-2021 school year, Breckenridge ISD has had five incidents of COVID-19 among personnel;

WHEREAS, since commencement of the 2020-2021 school year, Breckenridge ISD educators have observed that academic performance and progress have significantly declined among students receiving virtual instruction as compared to students receiving in-person, on-campus instruction from professional teachers;

WHEREAS, morale among Breckenridge ISD personnel significantly declined due to virtual instruction during the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS, virtual instruction inhibits Breckenridge ISD's pursuit of its mission and beliefs;

WHEREAS, local public health concerns do not outweigh the well-known educational benefits of face-to-face instruction by professional teachers;

WHEREAS, requiring students to return to campus in order to receive in-person instruction from professional teachers is in the best interest of students, Breckenridge ISD personnel, and Breckenridge ISD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is found that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact by the Board of Trustees of Breckenridge Independent School District.

2. Synchronous and asynchronous instruction shall terminate at the end of the school day on October 16, 2020.
3. All students of Breckenridge ISD shall return to their designated campus for in-person instruction no later than October 19, 2020.
4. Synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction shall be provided to any student who is ordered to quarantine by a federal, state, or local government authority or by a health care provider due to the student's positive test result for COVID-19 or exposure to or close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.
5. On a case-by-case basis, synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction may be made available for a student who provides evidence that he or she cannot attend classes on campus due to heightened risk of exposure to COVID-19 by an immunocompromised member of the student's household or other documented extenuating circumstances.
6. The Board of Trustees delegates authority to the Superintendent or designee to determine whether a student qualifies under the exceptions noted in paragraphs 4 and 5 above and to determine the appropriate delivery of instruction for any such student.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED on the 6th day of October, 2020, by the Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District by the following vote:

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0


Graham Reaugh
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:


Ardes Johnson
Vice President, Board of Trustees