

Calamity Day Resolution

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CALAMITY DAY ALTERNATIVE MAKE-UP PLAN

WHEREAS, Celina City Schools Board of Education desires that students have learning opportunities even when schools are closed for any of the reasons specified in section 3313.482 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has declared a state of emergency in Ohio, and the Governor and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health have closed all Ohio schools to students from March 16, 2020, until at least May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education have stated that schools should work to provide education through alternative means during the period of extended school closure; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Ohio House Bill 197, signed into law by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020, permits a Board of Education to adopt a plan for distance learning for students during the school shut down pursuant to Revised Code § 3313.482; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Department of Education guidance indicates that schools may use “blizzard bags” during this extended school closure, beyond the normal three days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ohio House Bill 197, Section 15, the Board hereby approves the provision of distance learning retroactive to March 16, 2020, and continuing through the period of extended school closure due to COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board ratifies and authorizes the Superintendent’s development and implementation of a plan of distance learning, as set forth below, to enable and require students of the district to access and complete classroom lessons in order to make up hours because of the closing of schools in compliance with orders of the Governor, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, a local board of health, and/or an extension of such an order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED that the Celina City School Board of Education hereby approves the following plan:

PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE MAKE-UP OF CALAMITY DAYS:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3313.482, the Board of Education of Celina City Schools hereby authorizes the following plan to allow students of the district to access and complete classroom lessons in order to fulfill the number of hours that are the equivalent of the school days missed because of the closing of schools for any of the reasons specified in section 3313.482.

This plan includes the written consent of the teachers' employee representatives as designated under division (B) of section 4117.04. Such consent is on file in the official file of the Board of Education and is hereby incorporated into this plan as if specifically rewritten.

Each classroom teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by that teacher with such lessons requiring, in the judgment of the teacher, an amount of time which is sufficient to cover the number of hours that are the equivalent of the school days in such teacher's class.

The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the district's web portal or web site.

Teachers will update or replace such lessons as necessary throughout the school year based on the instructional progress of students.

As soon as practicable after an announced school closure authorized under section 3313.482, the appropriate administrator may direct staff to make the designated lessons available on the district's website. Each lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on the day of the school closing.

Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. If the student does not complete the lesson within this time period, the student should contact the teacher to request an extension, or the student may receive an incomplete or failing grade unless a reason sufficient to the teacher is provided. Due to the Governor's extended school closure order, the timeline to turn in assignments may be altered to maintain everyone's safety and health.

Students without access to a computer shall be permitted to check out a device from their school building. The district will provide access to district computers or may provide a substantially similar paper lesson in order for students to complete the assignments.

The Board of Education hereby authorizes "blizzard bags," which are paper copies of the lessons posted online. Teachers shall prepare paper copies approximating the content of the online lessons and shall update such paper copies when updating any of the online lessons. "Blizzard bags" shall be distributed to all students on dates as may be selected by the superintendent. Students shall submit completed lessons to the teachers assigning such lessons. Due to the Governor's extended school closure order, the timeline to turn in assignments may be altered to maintain everyone's safety and health.

In witness thereof, we hereby affix our signatures on this 20th day of April, 2020.

Treasurer

President of the Board of Education

This plan for alternative calamity make up days for Celina City Schools is agreed upon by the Celina Education Association for the 2019-2020 school year.

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