

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Use of Emergency Powers by the Superintendent in Response to COVID-19

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020 in order to respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a unique and unprecedented threat to the health and safety of Cumberland County citizens and the students and staff of the Cumberland County Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Education wishes to provide its Superintendent, Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr., with all of the tools necessary to respond to the challenges posed by COVID-19 and in order to promote the safety and well-being of our students and staff during the aforementioned State of Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cumberland County Board of Education, acting under the authority provided by N.C.G.S. 115C-47, N.C.G.S. 115C-276, and any other applicable statutes, hereby authorizes the following:

1. That Superintendent, Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr., may take any lawful action he deems necessary to promote the safety and well-being of Cumberland County Schools students and staff in relation to COVID-19 without regard to any conflicting local Board of Education policy. In case of such a conflict, the Board of Education shall deem its policy waived.
2. The Board of Education specifically authorizes Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. to enter into contracts in excess of \$90,000.00 which the Superintendent deems necessary to promote the safety and well-being of Cumberland County Schools students and staff in relation to COVID-19.

3. The Board of Education specifically authorizes Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. to modify existing school calendars, change and set school hours and bell times, assign and reassign students, and utilize school system facilities in any way he deems necessary to promote the safety and well-being of Cumberland County Schools students and staff in relation to COVID-19.
4. The Board of Education will indemnify, defend, and hold the Superintendent harmless with respect to any decision made in good faith pursuant to the expanded authority provided by this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall remain in effect throughout the duration of the Governor's March 10, 2020 State of Emergency declaration as set forth in Executive Order No. 116, and any extensions or modifications thereof.

Adopted by the Cumberland County Board of Education this 13th day of March, 2020, upon proper notice and with a quorum present, upon a motion by _____, second by _____, and a vote of _____ in the affirmative.

ATTEST:

Alicia Chisolm, Chair,
Cumberland County Board of Education

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr.
Superintendent and Secretary to
Cumberland County Board of Education