

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING
EMERGENCY PURCHASES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts globally, including in Douglas County, Colorado;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency, and subsequently issued Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020 to mitigate against the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Governor Jared Polis signed Executive Order D 2020 007 suspending in-person learning in public and private schools across the State of Colorado from March 23 to April 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Governor Jared Polis issued Amended Public Health Order pursuant to the Governor's directive in Executive Orders D 2020 017 directing Coloradans to Stay at Home whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District RE-1 passed a Resolution to Increase Responsiveness and Decision-Making Efficiency During State of Emergency effective through the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 007, and extension thereof, which, among other matters, grants the Superintendent the authority necessary to enter into contracts to purchase materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is otherwise consistent with applicable state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Jared Polis signed Executive Order D 2020 021 amending Executive Order D 2020 007 to require the suspension of all in-person learning in public and private schools across the State of Colorado from March 23 to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy DJ, District Purchasing, provides that "in the case of an emergency requiring the immediate purchase of goods or services, the employee managing the emergency shall have the authority to authorize the purchase of necessary goods or services in the open market regardless of the amount of the expenditure"; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy DJ, District Purchasing, defines "emergency situations" as "those instances which may adversely affect the health, welfare or safety of students, employees or the general public, when any delays would place an excessive financial burden on the district, or when delays would cause significant harm to the district."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The COVID-19 Pandemic constitutes an “emergency situation” as defined by Board Policy DJ, District Purchasing, as it adversely affects the health, welfare or safety of students, employees, and the general public and because delays would cause significant harm to the district.

2. Due to the emergency situation, all purchases of necessary goods or services to address COVID-19 Pandemic-related needs are authorized to be made in the open market, without competition, regardless of the amount of expenditure (“emergency purchases”).

3. Employees making emergency purchases that may be reimbursed by federal grant funding, e.g., FEMA Public Assistance, must take care to ensure purchases are compliant with the applicable federal regulations and policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board does hereby ratify and affirm each and every emergency purchase made since March 10, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Unless otherwise amended by the Board pursuant to the procedures and processes applicable to same, this Resolution will remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 Pandemic, as determined by the longer of the period identified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Adopted and approved this 7th day of April, 2020 by a vote of 6-0.



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