

**UPDATED NOVEMBER 11, 2020 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP,  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Indiana have faced a pandemic caused by the coronavirus and COVID-19;

WHEREAS, through Executive Orders 20-05 and 20-16, Governor Holcomb closed all schools from March 19, 2020 until June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, Indiana observed a reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases during May and June 2020, but recent national, Midwest, Indiana and Marion County trends have identified increases in COVID-19 cases, including new precautions imposed by the Marion County Public Health Department (“MCPHD”) and the Governor;

WHEREAS, federal, state and local officials and agencies have encouraged school corporations to return to in-person instruction for the coming 2020-2021 school year while recognizing the discretion of local school boards to make final decisions;

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, the Board of Education tentatively approved the *Washington Township Reopening of Schools Plan (2020)* (“Reopening Plan”) of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana (the “District”) pending further input from stakeholders and monitoring of public health developments;

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, the Board of Education postponed the implementation of the Reopening Plan in favor of virtual instruction only beginning with the start of school until further notice from the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, since its July 13, 2020, meeting, the Board of Education has continued to receive input from public health officials at a study session on July 21, 2020, discussing the additional information at its regularly-scheduled July 22, 2020, meeting, and through MCPHD updates relayed from the Superintendent;

WHEREAS, the District remains committed to providing a free, appropriate, public education to its students in service to our community;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has updated the community through resolutions passed on August 3, 2020 and August 18, 2020; and August 26, 2020 and September 15, 2020 and

WHEREAS, the safety of students and their families and employees of the District remains a central concern to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District continues to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Indiana with updates from international, federal, state, and local governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

**1. The Board of Education begins in-person instruction as follows:**

- a. The Board of Education adopts the *Washington Township COVID-19 Plan*, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The Plan was prepared with input from a broad spectrum of stakeholders and is adopted by balancing the need for education in an appropriate educational environment with the public health challenges in the midst of this pandemic. The Plan attempts to achieve a proper balance of the important public health and educational policies within the limitations of the District’s current, budgeted resources. The Plan is also updated from the Plan tentatively approved by the Board of Education on July 6, 2020 and September 15, 2020.
- b. The Board of Education adopts metrics identified in the attached and updated Plan to evaluate and determine when in-person instruction may resume, which are as follows:

The WT School Board will use the following thresholds to determine school opening or closing based on data from [MCPHD COVID-19 School Guidance Dashboard Rate of Positive Cases](#) 7 day average posted in the yellow box at the top of the page. **The data must maintain threshold range for two consecutive weeks in order to change levels. The change between levels will be implemented within 7 calendar days, as determined by administration, of the second consecutive data point being met.**

Percent Positivity	Level	Preschool & Elementary School	Middle & High Schools
8% or lower	<b>Green</b> (Open)	<p><b>Preschool Option #1</b> Hybrid Learning 2 days in-person and 2 days virtual per week (Commitment = 1 Semester)</p> <p><b>Elementary Option #1:</b> Full time In-Person Learning (Commitment = 1 Semester)</p> <p><b>Preschool &amp; Elementary Option #2:</b> Full time Virtual Learning Academy from home (Commitment = 1 Semester)</p>	<p><b>Option #1:</b> Hybrid Learning 2 days in-person and 3 days virtual per week (Commitment = 1 Semester)</p> <p>If data remains under 5% for extended period of time, full time in-person can be considered</p> <p><b>Option #2:</b> Full time Virtual Learning Academy from home (Commitment = 1 Semester)</p>
8.1% or higher	<b>Red</b> (Closed)	<p>All Students Virtual Learning From Home</p> <p><i>(with the exception of designated assessments and students where IEP determines in-person services per School Board Resolution)</i></p>	<p>All Students Virtual Learning From Home</p> <p><i>(with the exception of JEL, designated assessments and students where IEP determines in-person services per School Board Resolution)</i></p>

**2. The following may occur in-person when schools are closed and there is virtual only instruction in accordance with applicable laws, policies and practices:**

- a. Instruction or services for students in our PACES Program or with significant needs that simply cannot be met virtually as determined by a student's case conference committee and as set forth in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) (transportation provided as determined necessary by an IEP);
- b. Hilltop Developmental Preschool Student Evaluations (transportation not provided);
- c. ENL assessments, including administering the W-APT Placement Test (transportation provided);
- d. Kindergarten Readiness assessments (transportation not provided);
- e. Cummins Mental Health services (transportation not provided); and
- f. J. Everett Light Career Center ("JEL") programs where minimum hours of in-person instruction or supervised, hands-on assignments mandated by state law (transportation may be provided when necessary for WT students).

**3. The following apply when schools are closed and instruction is virtual only:**

- a. All staff should report to work in-person per their respective, normal schedules with the previously determined and communicated COVID-19 workplace safety procedures and protocols in place (unless directed otherwise by governing authority). Certain positions may have modified roles and responsibilities during this all-virtual learning period as necessary to meet the needs of the District. Human Resources will evaluate telework options with employees and designate in accordance with policies, procedures and applicable laws;
- b. All District in-person extracurricular and co-curricular events or programs are suspended; and
- c. WT athletics for grades 6-12 may commence in accordance with MCPHD guidance using Indiana High School Athletic Association ("IHSAA") and Indiana Department of Education ("IDOE") protocols. MCPHD guidance must be followed, even if it is different than IHSAA protocols.

Athletic participation is optional, and athletes should follow guidance of their health care providers regarding participation. Transportation will not be provided for practice during virtual school. Athletic schedules cannot interfere with virtual academic schedules.

Sports may not continue, and may be suspended, without a head coach or assistant coach in attendance due to COVID-19 implications.

MCPHD and Indiana State Department of Health guidance regarding public events will be followed, even if such guidance is in conflict with IHSAA or IDOE guidance. Additionally, the District concessions may be suspended, face coverings for all spectators

will be required, and family social distancing of 6 feet or more will be required for all events.

**4. The following apply to both when schools are closed or open and for in-person or virtual academy students:**

- a. All student trips and staff trips (*i.e.*, Conferences or Professional Development) sponsored by the District or one of its schools are suspended until further notice from the District; and
- b. Students may be required to attend school in-person in some capacity to complete any state- mandated and/or high stakes assessments.

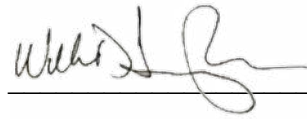
**5. Use of WT Facilities by Outside Groups**

- a. Use of District facilities will be suspended August 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020 for outside use;
- b. Use of facilities is suspended immediately when schools are closed due to COVID-19;
- c. The following organizations are exempt from the use of facilities COVID-19 modifications: Dynamo Soccer (91st & College), Washington Township Little League (Westlane Baseball Diamonds), Allisonville Youth Baseball/Softball (Clearwater Elementary School Fields), Glendale Soccer (Clearwater Elementary School Fields), Holt House Boy Scouts (John Strange), AYS (locations determined in collaboration with WT);
- d. Use of [WT facilities process](#), fee structure and timeline requirements are modified due to COVID-19.

**6. Resolution authority:**

- a. The Superintendent, or her designee, is authorized to make modifications to contracts as necessary for services not needed to support virtual instruction;
- b. District Administration is delegated the full power and authority by this Board of Education to implement and carry out the provisions of the foregoing and any and all district policies and regulations or other District documents inconsistent with the foregoing which would otherwise prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in carrying out or implementing the same in order to respond to the pandemic are hereby waived and suspended as allowed by law;
- c. In exercising the above authority, the Superintendent or her designee will keep members of the Board of Education reasonably informed of actions taken pursuant to the foregoing authority; and
- d. This resolution supersedes prior resolutions on this matter unless otherwise incorporated by reference in.


THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 11th day of November, 2020 by at least a majority vote of the entire Board in a public meeting.



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William Turner, President

Board of Education



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Anthony S. Dzwonar, Secretary

Board of Education