

School District of South Milwaukee School Board
Resolution 20-5 COVID-19 Reform Assistance
August 19, 2020

Whereas, the school board, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and community members of the School District of South Milwaukee are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible while maintaining a safe educational environment; and

Whereas, School Districts throughout Wisconsin are working hard to fulfill the educational needs of our students during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, during these difficult times we have been driven by health and safety data provided by our federal, state and local health departments; and

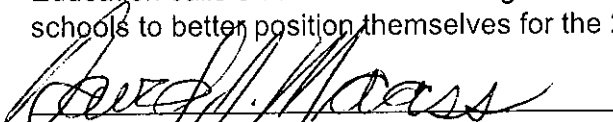
Whereas, school communities want to get students back in school but have the responsibility to do so in a way that mitigates the real health risks inherent to doing so; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature has the power to provide reform assistance that can better position schools to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

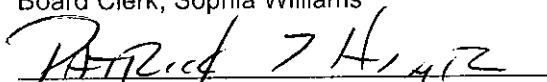
Therefore, the School District of South Milwaukee School Board resolves to express its support for the following reforms:

- Allow school districts to use their 2019-20 pupil counts or their actual 2020-21 counts (whichever is larger) in determining general aid and revenue limits
- Provide immunity from civil liability for schools, specifically good faith efforts to open schools as safely as possible and should not be subsequently subjected to costly litigation stemming from COVID-19 related death, injury or damages.
- Suspend student assessment requirements for the 2020-21 school year.
- Suspend the school report card for 2020-21.
- Eliminate limits on hours and suspension of annuities for retired teachers/staff
- Provide broad Flexibility in Teacher and Professional Staff Licensure


Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the School District of South Milwaukee Board of Education calls on the Wisconsin Legislature to take up the reforms above that will allow schools to better position themselves for the 2020-21 school year.


Board President, David Maass

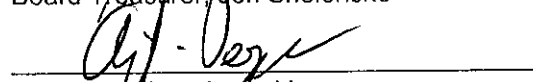

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