

## **River Valley School District**

### SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARD OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. §§ 118.38(1) AND (1m)

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1) and Wis. Admin. § PI 8.01(4) authorize school boards to request the Department of Public Instruction to waive any school board or school district requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121 or in the administrative rules promulgated by the Department under the authority of those chapters; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b) requires that, before requesting a waiver, a school board shall hold a public hearing in the school district on the request for a waiver of any requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1m) requires that “the school board shall specify in its request for a waiver its reason for requesting the waiver,” which includes the March 24, 2020, Emergency Order #12 from Governor Evers requiring all individuals present within the State of Wisconsin to stay at home or at their place of residence, with limited exceptions, beginning March 25, 2020 and continuing through 8:00 am on April 24, 2020. With the exception for activities facilitating distance learning or virtual learning, the Order continued the closure of all public and private K-12 schools for pupil instruction and extracurricular activities as set forth in previous Emergency Orders.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:**

1. On April 9, 2020, the Board of Education held a public hearing, in satisfaction of Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b), concerning requests for waivers of the requirements identified herein; and

2. In compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m), and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Education hereby directs the District Administrator or his/her designee to apply, on behalf of the Board, to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for the waiver of the following:

DPI Waivers pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 118.38 due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Instructional Hours, Educator Effectiveness Cycle for Educators in their Summary Year, and Wisconsin Civics Exam Graduation Requirement

- a. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- b. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- c. Waiver of the requirement in Wis. Stat. § 118.33(1m)(a) relating to the civic exam requirement as a condition of receiving a high school diploma for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 health emergency and the following additional reasons:
  - there is unequal and/or irregular access to technology

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on April 9, 2020.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2020.

River Valley School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kathy Jennings, Board President

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Deborah Nelson, Board Clerk