RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH GIVING THE SUPERINTENDENT THE DUTY AND THE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN IN A FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT ENSURES A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the current outbreak of COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has determined that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an “emergency” within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education has determined that the risks COVID-19 presents to our students, faculty, and community requires an extraordinary response.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board finds and declares that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

For the duration of said pandemic but in no event for any period exceeding four years, the Superintendent shall have the duty and the authority to develop a Health and Safety plan in a form and manner prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education that ensures a minimum of 180 days of instruction, allowing for a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level, employing any combination of in-person, virtual, and distance learning as the Superintendent deems appropriate to address the health and safety of students, faculty, and community, and the learning needs of students. Such instruction shall comply in full with the requirement of Chapter 4 of the regulations of the State Board of Education and with the curriculum standards published in accordance therewith.

Resolved this ____ day of _______, 2020.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH

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Secretary

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President of Board