



To: Dr. Charles Johns

From: Rosanne Williamson

Re: D225 E-learning Plan

Date: November 9, 2020

### **Recommendation**

The administration is seeking approval of the [resolution](#) to adopt a research-based [program for e-learning](#) days district-wide that shall permit student instruction to be received electronically while students are not physically present in lieu of the district's scheduled emergency days as required by Section 10-19 of this Code ([105 ILCS 5/10-20.56](#)).

### **Background**

The school board must hold a [public hearing](#) before adoption of the plan. Notice of the public hearing must be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearing by:

- (1) Publication of hearing notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district;
- (2) Written or electronic notice designed to reach the parents or guardians of all students enrolled in the school district; and
- (3) Written or electronic notice designed to reach any exclusive collective bargaining representatives of school district employees and all those employees not in a collective bargaining unit.

The school board's approval of a school district's initial e-learning program and renewal of the e-learning program shall be for a term of 3 years.

### **Requirements**

The e-learning proposal will ensure access for all students; ensure that the specific needs of all students are met, including special education students and English learners; ensure all mandates are still met using the e-learning program adopted; and contain provisions designed to accomplish the following:

- Ensure and verify at least five clock hours of school work
- Ensure access from home or other appropriate remote facility for all students participating, including computers, the internet, and other forms of electronic communication
- Ensure non-electronic materials are made available for students who do not have access to the required technology
- Ensure appropriate learning opportunities for students with special needs
- Monitor and verify each student's electronic participation
- Address the extent to which student participation is within the student's control as to the time, pace, and means of learning
- Provide effective notice to students and their parents or guardian for the use of particular

days for e-learning

- Provide staff and students with adequate training for participation
- Ensure an opportunity for collective bargaining negotiations
- Review and revise the program as implement to address difficulties confronted
- Ensure that the protocol regarding general expectations and responsibilities of the program is communicated to teachers, staff and students at least 30 days prior to utilizing and e-learning day