

Motion by Director Miller on Phase-In Reopening

I move approval of the phase in plan for reopening schools based on state mandates, and with the following to be used as guidance on how schools are reopened:

- 1) Continued assessment and guidance around COVID-19 from the State and City Health Departments and the Center for Disease Control and the Federal Department of Education; and
- 2) The ability of our staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine along with regular testing of staff and students; and
- 3) A phase-in approach that puts the safety of student and staff first; and
- 4) To adhere to the requirements issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the administration proceed immediately with plans to open three school locations to provide in-person learning for approximately 300 students with special needs who require in-person education to ensure that they receive free, appropriate public education (FAPE). The goal of implementation will be February 8, 2021 and follow all appropriate safety and health guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and the State and City Health Commissioners, and be made in collaboration with the MTEA, PAMPS and ASC, and in communication with parents and families from each Board region, reflective of the community. Staff assigned to these locations are to be chosen from those who volunteer for assignment.
- 5) In order to facilitate a phased-in reopening of schools this school year, the administration should continue its planning for a possible school reopening with the following timeline:
 - On April 12, 2021, students in PreK through grade 2 begin in-person learning.
 - On April 19, 2021, students in grades 3 through 8 begin in-person learning.
 - On April 26, 2021, students in grades 9 through 12 begin in-person learning.
- 6) During the March Board cycle, administration will provide an update related to this phased-in approach to in-person learning for all students and at that time the board will decide whether the proposed timeline is appropriate given various factors including the positivity rate of the COVID virus in the City of Milwaukee, the percentage of staff who have been vaccinated, the physical and staffing capacity of schools to reopen under CDC guidelines. This planning should also be done in collaboration with the MTEA, PAMPS and ASC, and parents from each Board region, reflective of the community.
- 7) That the Office of Board Governance send a letter to the Mayor Milwaukee imploring him to ensure that the City Health Department as quickly as possible make vaccinations available to all school staff who wish to be vaccinated.
- 8) That the Administration provide additional updates to the Board on the COVID numbers within the schools.