

Resolution: Opening of School for the 2021-2022 School Year

August 18, 2021

Submitted by: Dr. Kriner Cash

WHEREAS, as a result of the significant health and safety threat caused as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Superintendent Dr. Kriner Cash (“Superintendent”) recommended and the Buffalo Board of Education (“Board”) approved the virtual instruction of all of the students of the Buffalo City School District (“District”) to commence the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, beginning February 1, 2021, the District, pursuant to the recommendation of Dr. Cash and approval of the Board of Education, began safely reintroducing students back into school buildings for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the Superintendent, the District is continuously working to plan and prepare for the return of all students in a manner that puts the safety and protection of students and staff first in the context of the Covid-19 virus that continues to impact the region and communities abroad; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis Kuo, BPS Medical Director, has given assurances to the District based on science and local Covid-19 data trends that it is generally safe to reintroduce all students and staff back into the physical school environment adhering to the attached COVID 19 Safety and Protection Protocols;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute the plan to return all student populations to physical school buildings five days per week effective September 8,

2021 in adherence to the attached COVID 19 Safety and Protection Protocols; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to make modifications to the COVID 19 Safety and Protection Protocols to the extent he, in consultation with the BPS Medical Advisory Team, APP and CDD, determine it safe and appropriate to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent, at any time, to close either one, multiple, or all classrooms and/or schools and return the students at those school(s) to virtual instruction if he, in consultation with medical professionals and officials, herein determines it to be in the best interests of the safety and well-being of students and staff to do so for as long as may be necessary for those safety concerns to be alleviated.