

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL
SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS**

In the Matter of Adopting a Resolution Requesting	)	Board Order 20-288
Reaffirmation of Previously Issued Guidelines for	)	Resolution 20-08-20-1
the Reopening of Private Schools	)	

WHEREAS, each private school in Oregon was given guidance June 10, 2020 by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) through the *Safe Schools, Ready Learners* guidelines to develop its own "Operational Blueprint for Reentry" that is tailored to the community it serves. (V1 p2); and

WHEREAS, the blueprint involved choosing an instructional model. If the chosen model was in-person or hybrid instruction, each school was to complete Sections 1-3 of the guidance and was authorized to open following the plans each school developed; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020 Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 20-29 requiring that all schools, private and public, meet the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) June 10, 2020, guidelines that were in effect at that time; and

WHEREAS, private schools which accepted the guidelines and developed a unique "Blueprint for Re-entry" have worked very hard to meet the guidelines which were established at that time as to the reopening of schools; and

WHEREAS, those schools which have developed protocols which meet those guidelines planned to open their schools at the beginning of the Fall Semester; and

WHEREAS, private schools in good faith, spent time, finances, and committed to teachers and school families based on those guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the sudden mandate for comprehensive distance learning puts the integrity of private schools on the line, which, in good faith, committed to educate children in-person, and collected tuition from parents based on the premise that they could open under the conditions as outlined by the OHA; and

WHEREAS, the shift did not come with any funds from ODE to private schools to implement the shift-unlike the promise to public schools; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's private schools are nonprofits which need tuition income along with donations and grants in order to not only survive but to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the private schools are challenged by the changing requirements after the June 10, 2020 guidelines; and

WHEREAS, private schools have ordered materials and supplies, hired teachers and administrators, extended contracts, and made arrangements with parents and families for payment of tuition; and

WHEREAS, private schools have developed specific protocols for each school to meet the ODE June 10 guidelines (and current CDC guidelines) to ensure the safety of their students; and

WHEREAS, these protocols include proper spacing, use of masks, monitoring of temperatures, and limiting class sizes; and

WHEREAS, we know that in-person education is significantly better than online learning; and

WHEREAS, there may be one size which fits all in terms of large, urban, public schools; and

WHEREAS, Oregon private schools are designed to focus on the needs of individual communities;
NOW THEREFORE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners shall request that Oregon Governor Kate Brown affirm the guidelines issued by ODE and OHA up to July 27, 2020 and that these guidelines should remain in effect for the reopening of private schools as provided in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the *Safe Schools, Ready Learners* guidelines.

DONE THIS this 20th day of August, 2020 at McMinnville, Oregon.

ATTEST

BRIAN VAN BERGEN
County Clerk

By: Carolina Rook
Deputy Carolina Rook



Chair

voted "no"

CASEY KULLA

Vice Chair

MARY STARRETT

Commissioner

RICHARD L. "RICK" OLSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Christian F. Boenisch
Christian F. Boenisch
Yamhill County Counsel

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
8/20/2020 by Board Order
B.O. 20-288