

**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                    )  
Reaffirmation of Previously Issued Guidelines for                    )  
the Reopening of Private Schools    )

Board Order 20-288  
Resolution 20-08-20-1

**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

