

1 **Terry School District**

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3 COVID-19 Emergency Policies

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5 Introduction

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7 The board of trustees and its staff are operating under unusual, even unprecedented
8 circumstances by virtue of the declaration of a statewide emergency by the Governor and the
9 executive orders related to school closure to address concerns from the COVID-19 Virus. As
10 part of its own concurrent declaration of an unforeseen emergency (community disaster), the
11 board of trustees has found it necessary to adopt temporary policies related to emergency school
12 closure. To ensure clarity and transparency, the board has organized all emergency school
13 closure policies into a temporary chapter. The board has also included this introductory section
14 as a heading for each policy to ensure understanding of the purpose and duration of each policy
15 adopted pursuant to this chapter.
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17 Purpose(s) of Policies

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19 1. Addressing barriers to learning presented by distance.
20 2. Improvement of instruction in offsite setting during school closure.
21 3. Ensuring equity in services provided, including special education for exceptional children
22 pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 4.
23 4. Mitigation of digital divides that could otherwise create barriers to effective learning.
24 5. Ensuring adequate nutrition for students relying on the district’s nutrition programs.
25 6. Ensuring continuity of employment of school district staff and/or continuity of services
26 provided by contract transportation providers.
27 7. Ensuring accountability to families with children.
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29 Term of COVID-19 Emergency Measures Policies

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31 The term of School District Policies Numbered 1900-1999 shall run concurrent with any
32 emergency related to COVID-19 declared by the President, Congress, Montana Legislature,
33 Governor, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, county health department
34 or the board of trustees. This policy shall terminate, unless further extended, on the earlier of
35 June 30, 2020 or the date upon which all emergency declarations related to COVID-19 that apply
36 to the district have lawfully expired or have been dissolved.
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38 Cross Reference: Policy 2221 – 2221P – School Closure
39 Policy 1400 – Board Meetings
40 Policy 1310 – Policy and Procedure
41 Policy 1420 – Meeting Procedure
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43 Legal Reference: Executive Orders – 2-2020 and 3-2020 – Office of the Governor and
44 accompanying Directives
45 Section 20-9-801-806, MCA – Emergency School Closure
46 Section 50-1-202-204, MCA – Public Health Laws

Section 10-3-104, MCA – General Authority of Governor

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