Board Resolution Regarding
2020-21 Teacher, Principal, and Counselor Evaluations

WHEREAS, the temporary changes in House Bill 197, House Bill 164 and House Bill 404 of the 133rd General Assembly impact teacher, principal and school counselor evaluations; and

WHEREAS, these changes, made in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, grant districts flexibility around educator evaluations for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly permits a board of education to elect not to conduct evaluations of teachers under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for the 2020-21 school year based on a determination that it would be impossible or impracticable to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make such an election for the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make a similar determination for its administrative evaluations: principals (OPES) and counselors (OSCES).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds that it would be impossible or impracticable to conduct evaluations of teachers, counselors and principals pursuant to Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for the 2020-2021 school year. Teachers may elect to complete their full OTES evaluations if formal observations were conducted prior to January 15, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board elects not to conduct evaluations under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for teachers, principals and counselors during the 2020-2021 school year, to the extent that such evaluations were not near completion prior to January 15, 2021; and

The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable law; and

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

01/26/2021