

## OVERVIEW

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, Governor Bullock ordered all K-12 public schools in Montana closed starting Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, 2020. Pursuant to the March 19, 2020, directive of Governor Bullock, requirements for pupil instruction from Monday, March 16 through March 27, 2020, were waived with Montana's public schools receiving full funding, including the state transportation reimbursement. The Governor further directed that during the mandated school closure from March 16-March 27, 2020, school districts were to plan and begin implementation on the following:

1. Offsite learning instruction and structure.
2. School meals, consistent with what the District regularly provides.
3. Services for students with disability; and
4. Other services customarily provided to students.

Through his March 19, 2020, directive, the Governor stated that districts will receive full funding and all requirements for pupil instruction will be waived if the following conditions are met:

1. The District creates a Plan of Action to address those specific areas identified above.
2. The Board of Trustees approves the District's Plan of Action.
3. The Governor, in consultation with OPI, approves the Board of Trustees' endorsed Plan of Action and waives all requirements for pupil instruction. The Governor's March 19, 2020, directive provides that: "Presumptively, the Governor will approve waiver requests that are approved by school boards."
4. The District will submit periodic reports to the Governor addressing those specific areas identified above.

*\*\* We recommend that you complete the Plan early this week, submit it to your Board for approval no later than Friday noon on March 27, 2020. This will require your Board of Trustees to post notice of a Special Board Meeting with the required 48-hour notice to the public no later than noon on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, for submission it to the Governor's Office by close of business on Friday, March 27, 2020.*

*Following is a Draft Special Board Meeting Notice*

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*Special Meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Trustees  
(Insert Date and Time of the Meeting)  
(Insert Location of the Meeting or Note the Meeting will be Held Via Electronic Means with  
instructions how to participate in the meeting)*

- I. *Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*
- II. *Consideration and Action on the District's COVID-19 Plan of Action for Submission to the Governor's Office.*

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