PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EMERGENCIES

The Board of Education recognizes that a pandemic or epidemic is a serious threat that can affect students, staff, and the entire community. The Board establishes this policy in the event that Nashua School District is affected by a pandemic or epidemic. The health, safety and welfare of the students shall be the first priority.

Extraordinary Measures

Some infectious diseases, viruses, etc., may be so dangerous and the risk of casual transmission so great, that effective response will require broader measures. Based upon specific recommendations of local, state and/or federal health authorities, the Superintendent is authorized to implement such additional, extraordinary emergency measures as may be necessary and appropriate to address the health risk: e.g., school closure, population exclusion (stay-at-home type instructions), mandatory social distancing orders,

administrative leaves or temporary adjustments in duties. Such measures should be taken with prior notice to the Board, if practicable, or as soon as possible thereafter. All long term planning necessary for managing the pandemic/epidemic impacts and its aftermath require collaboration and approval of the Board.

Planning and Coordination

Planning for a pandemic requires a multi-faceted effort, and school preparedness should include input from a team of individuals to address their specific areas of expertise.

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