



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Other –

Item Name

PFEA – State Board of Education School System Waivers for the 2020 School Year Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the attached resolution regarding the State School Superintendent's recommendation for waivers from certain state laws, rules, and regulations for all Georgia Local Education Agencies (LEAs), the State Schools, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Corrections for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

Ongoing Operations

Rationale

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Summary

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In addition to state waivers, the Georgia Department of Education will seek the maximum authority and waivers afforded by the U.S. Department of Education and other federal agencies to accommodate this ever-evolving situation.

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