

DEA COVID 19 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Davenport Education Association (DEA) is the exclusive bargaining representative of the professional staff in the Davenport Community School District (DCSD) and is affiliated with the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) and the National Education Association (NEA), and

WHEREAS on June 25, 2020, the Iowa Department of Education (DE) released its Reopening Guidance for Schools as a resource for school administrators to safely open school districts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS on June 25, 2020, the ISEA issued a statement calling the DE's Reopening Guidance for Schools "deeply disappointing" and "inconsistent with CDC (Centers for Disease Control) Guidance, common sense and good public policy and we cannot recommend (its) support."; and

WHEREAS the DEA believes the health and safety of students and staff is of the utmost importance and recommends the DCSD adopt the following protocols and practices upon the reopening of its school buildings in the Fall 2020 which are consistent with the recommendations found in the NEA's All Hands on Deck: Initial Guidance Regarding Reopening School Buildings:

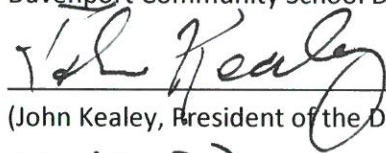
- Institute procedures for screening and monitoring students, staff and visitors to schools for symptoms, including daily temperature checks and symptom inquiries upon entry to school grounds;
- Provide school nurses and other medical professionals with enough personnel and training to successfully and sufficiently institute the procedures listed in Bullet Point #1;
- Require school staff to practice and model ongoing hygienic protocols for students and to monitor students and staff compliance to these protocols;
- Implement social distancing measures, including procedures for moving students or staff who begin to show COVID-19 symptoms to a dedicated isolation area while at school;
- Provide and require the wearing of hygienic and personal protective equipment and maintain handwashing requirements for all staff and students;
- Disinfect and sanitize frequently. School buildings should be cleaned throughout the day and sanitized according to CDC guidelines using approved disinfectants, such as bleach solutions, after the end of the school day. Vehicles used in the transporting of students must be cleaned on the interior and exterior after every trip and must be thoroughly cleaned after the end of the school day.

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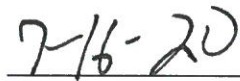
WHEREAS the DEA's members, in a survey conducted by the ISEA in late June/early July 2020 of its membership statewide, believe by the following margins these health and safety practices and protocols be adopted by the DCSD before the reopening of school in the Fall 2020;

Students and staff provided Personal Protective Equipment by the District:	70.85%
Buildings are cleaned and sanitized regularly:	83.38%
Mandatory symptom checks are required for all before entering the building:	64.92%
Cleaning and sanitizing supplies are made readily available to staff and students:	82.30%
Social distancing protocols:	65.98%
All public health regulations are being followed:	68.20%

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by majority vote of the Executive Board of the DEA on July 16, 2020 in support of this Resolution is hereby presented to the governing body and administration of the Davenport Community School District to consider upon the reopening of school in the Fall 2020.



(John Kealey, President of the Davenport Education Association)



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