## Adoption of Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of STRIDE Academy is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

**WHEREAS,** when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor STRIDE Academy policy applicable, the Executive Director shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”), which set forth five Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students, hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of Minnesota to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** the Executive Director and the administration of STRIDE Academy have conferred with the School Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

**WHEREAS,** based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent has recommended to the School Board that Distance Learning will be the base Learning Model to be implemented at the commencement of the 2020-2021 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of STRIDE Academy as follows:

Section 1: The Executive Director is hereby directed to implement the following base Learning Model to open the 2020-2021 school year: MODIFIED DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN TO BE ADOPTED.

Section 2: The Executive Director is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement a different Learning Model for the School or any specific without School Board action if the Executive Director reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Learning Model selected and implemented by the Executive Director shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Executive Director and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of STRIDE Academy and its students to implement a different Learning Model.

**Section 3:** The Executive Director will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District’s efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively. Updates will be used to amend this resolution or adopt a new resolution on a trimester by trimester basis.

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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School Board Chair

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School Board Secretary