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To: Sarah Doss-Thomas
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From: Lucy Hasselman

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RE: Board Policy Revision JBD Attendance, Tardiness, Excuses



Board policy JBD and MS Code 37-13-91 makes education for any child between the age of 6 and 17 compulsory, and requires schools to report daily attendance with the assumption that students are physically present at school. For the 2020-2021 school year we are requesting that physical presence not be required for students who choose the distance learning option.

For the 2020-2021 school year only, students who opt for distance learning will be marked present if the student is authenticated and engaged in the district-wide learning management system, Schoology, for 63% of the school day. The virtual model will be an Asynchronous model which requires students to complete a minimum of 240 minutes of daily assignments and scheduled weekly interactions with the teacher to verify school attendance.

This attendance policy waiver is being requested solely for full-time distance learning students who are utilizing an education option that is in effect only because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.