

RESOLUTION NO. RS2020-577

A resolution requesting the Metropolitan Board of Public Education to reopen all schools immediately following the school system's fall break.

WHEREAS, Metro Nashville's public schools have been closed to in person instruction since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, Director of Schools Dr. Adrienne Battle recently informed Metro Schools parents and the Metropolitan Board of Public Education about a revamped phase-in plan for reopening Metro schools; and

WHEREAS, under the revised plan, students from preschool through second grade would return in person immediately after fall break on October 13, grades 2-4 returning on October 20, grades 7-8 on November 4, and high school students not returning until the start of the second semester on January 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, educating our children and protecting public safety are the two most important functions of the Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, a public education system with reliable and regular operations that allows parents to work rather than care for their children all day is a critical component to our economic recovery as a city; and

WHEREAS, many socioeconomically disadvantaged students lack adequate support to ensure successful virtual learning; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of students, parents, and the city for schools to return to in-person classroom instruction as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as requesting the Metropolitan Board of Public Education to reopen all schools immediately following the school system's fall break.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to each member of the Metropolitan Board of Public Education and to Dr. Adrienne Battle, Director of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:



Steve Glover
Member of Council