

This meeting will be held via Conference Call

AGENDA

Special Meeting

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 BOARD OF EDUCATION

5:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2020

Dial in: 1 484-800-1998

PIN: 410 804 396#

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Discussion, Update, and Possible Action to COVID-19 (Inclusive of Waiver Request, School Calendar Update)
- 3) Adjourn

Connecticut State Department of Education
COVID-19 Waiver Application Form:
180-Day School Year Requirement

As part of the basic educational requirements in Connecticut, each school district must make a minimum of 180 school days available to students each school year. The Connecticut State Board of Education may grant waivers to school districts, in cases of unavoidable emergency.

COVID-19 Waiver forms for the 180-Day School Year Requirement must be submitted to the Commissioner of Education. Districts must provide the following documents for the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) to consider a request. All requests are subject to the final approval of the CSBE.

1. Completed COVID-19 Waiver Application Form.
2. Written correspondence signed by the Superintendent and school district board chairperson requesting the waiver. The written request must identify/provide:
 - a. **Distance Learning:** District must provide a signed statement attesting that the district has considered all risks and factors, and is complying with, applicable state and federal laws and policies, including but not limited to employment laws, collective bargaining agreements, and special education. The Connecticut State Department of Education and CSBE rely upon the districts to consider and implement their distance learning plans and do not require submission of the planning documents. *The consideration of a waiver of days using distance learning as a factor is limited to the present circumstances of the current COVID-19 concerns for the 2019-2020 School year.*
 - b. **School Closure and No Distance Learning in Lieu of Onsite Schooling:** In the case of a closure without “distance learning” and the inability to meet 180 school days, a statement attesting that the district has exhausted all opportunities to provide 180 days of school, including extension of the school year to June 30, 2020.
3. If decision is been made to move forward with closure, it is advisable to supplement the application with written confirmation from the local public health director or district health department director that they recommend/ed closure of the school or school(s).

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Submit completed Connecticut COVID-19 Waiver Application Form and related attestations via email, to the previously provided Superintendents only e-mail address.

School District	Regional School District No. 6
Superintendent	Chris Leone
Person submitting application (name & title)	Chris Leone, Superintendent
Email	cleone@rsd6.org
Phone	860.361.9033
Mailing Address	35 Wamogo Road Litchfield, CT 06759

1.	Number of waiver days requested per school year:	School Year(s)	2019-2020
		Number of Days	See Attached
2.	Which schools or grades does this waiver request include?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All schools and grades within school district <input type="checkbox"/> Specific grade levels and/or schools (please list):	

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

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March 17, 2020

Dear Commissioner Cardona,

Per the Executive Order No 7 issued by Governor Ned Lamont on March 12, 2020, the following is a request for a waiver to the 180-day school year from Regional School District No 6 (listed below as the "District")

This request is based on the following:

Whereas the district was necessitated to close school effective Friday, March 13, 2020, based on concerns of COVID-19 community transmission.

Whereas on March 13, 2020, that the District provided all students with educational learning opportunities via email, website, and paper copy (as requested).

Whereas the District ensured that all students had equal access to technology devices.

Whereas on March 15, 2020, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No 7c to close all schools in Connecticut through at least March 31, 2020.

Whereas the District, in agreement with the WAMOGO Education Association (WEA) and the WAMOGO Administrators Association (WAA), will provide Distance-Learning training to its staff on March 26 – 27, 2020.

Where as the District will offer Distance Learning to all its students effective March 30, 2020, that will operate until the end of Executive Order No 7c.

Where as the District has taken into account the implications of Distance Learning and guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Whereas the District Department of Student Service has accounted for all identified students, and service needs, with respect Distance Learning.

Regional School District No. 6 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Title IX Contact – Debra DeLisle
35 Wamogo Road, Litchfield, CT 06759
860.361.9033

Section 504 Contact – Debra Foley
98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield, CT 06759
860.567.6642

Where as the District, based on an internal study of staffing, is not able to staff accordingly and operate during its previously scheduled Spring Break (April 10, 2020, through April 19, 2020)

Where as the District Board of Education unanimously approved a revised calendar, this Waiver, and corresponding action plan on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

If this waiver is granted the district will hold its last day, per the previously approved calendar, of June 16, 2020, and as of this writing the number of days by school will be as follows:

School	Projected Instructional Days
WAMOGO Regional High School	168
Goshen Center School	167*
James Morris School	168
Warren School	168

*Lost a additional day due to power outage on November 1, 2019.

Thank you in advance for all consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Connor
Board of Education, Chair

Christopher G. Leone
Superintendent of Schools

Darren Ranft
WAMOGO Education Association, President
