

**COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
OF EDUCATION DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT AN AMENDED
WAIVER REQUEST PACKET FOR HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL FOLLOWING KENTUCKY
BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION ON WAIVER REQUEST NO. 2026-WV-048, PURSUANT
TO KRS 156.161.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 156.161 (the “School Innovation Act”), it is the intention and desire of the Covington Independent Board of Education (the “Board”) to support Holmes Middle School’s innovation work and to pursue any waivers that are necessary and appropriate to advance that work;

WHEREAS, the District previously submitted Waiver Request No. 2026-WV-048 to the Kentucky Department of Education (“KDE”) for consideration by the Kentucky Board of Education (“KBE”);

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2026, the KBE denied Waiver Request No. 2026-WV-048 in its entirety pursuant to 701 KAR 5:170;

WHEREAS, KRS 156.161 provides that a local board whose request to waive a statute or administrative regulation is denied may amend the original request for reconsideration;

WHEREAS, in connection with KDE’s technical review process, KDE advised the District that waiver submissions must be complete and accurate, and that amended requests should clearly identify the specific statutes or administrative regulations to be waived, explain why each waiver is necessary, and provide sufficient operational detail to support KBE review;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to direct the Superintendent to collaborate with Holmes Middle School leadership and the Board’s counsel to prepare an amended waiver request packet that addresses KDE’s feedback, evaluates whether each requested waiver is necessary, and positions the District for timely reconsideration by the KBE;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE
COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

1. The Board directs the Superintendent to work collaboratively with the Holmes Middle School innovation team, and with the Board’s attorney to

develop an amended waiver request packet for submission to KDE under 701 KAR 5:170 and for reconsideration by the KBE, consistent with KRS 156.161.

2. In preparing the amended waiver request packet, the Superintendent shall ensure all required KDE waiver forms, including the Waiver Request Cover Sheet, are completed in full and accurately.
3. Nothing in this Resolution is intended to direct the day-to-day operations of the District or of Holmes Middle School. The Superintendent shall retain operational discretion over implementation details, while carrying out the Board's directive to pursue an amended waiver request packet for consideration by KDE and the KBE.
4. The Superintendent shall provide the Board with a status update on the amended waiver request packet in open session at a regular Board meeting following submission to KDE, consistent with applicable law and the Board's established reporting channels.

This Resolution is adopted by the Board's duly elected members: Tom Haggard, Stephen Gastright, Hannah Edelen, Kareem Simpson, and Michelle Williams.

ADOPTED by the Covington Independent Public School District Board of Education at its regularly called meeting and in open session on the 26th day of February, 2026.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BY: _____
Tom Haggard, Board Chair

DATE: _____