



The Washington State
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS on May 2, 2021, the Governor signed Engrossed House Bill 1121 into law. The Bill grants the State Board of Education the authority to administer an emergency waiver program to grant local education agencies and private schools flexibility to waive certain graduation requirements for graduating seniors in light of an "emergency or disaster" as defined in RCW 38.52.010 or a national declaration of emergency by an authorized federal official; and

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, the Governor closed all schools statewide at least through April 24, 2020, thereby making the emergency waiver program potentially applicable to all schools in the State of Washington that grant high school diplomas; and

WHEREAS during the 2020-21 school year students across the state have continued to experience significant disruptions to their educational experience due to the continuing impacts of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS on March 11, 2021, the State Board of Education adopted emergency rules and approved proposed permanent rules (Chapter 180-111 WAC) re-establishing the emergency waiver program under the new authority outlined in EHB 1121; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education expects to receive applications for waivers under the Emergency Rule from public school districts, charter schools, tribal compact schools across the State, and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education's rapid consideration and notification of decisions on waiver applications is important to provide public school districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools with timely information they need to serve their high school students who would otherwise be reasonably expected to graduate and have demonstrated readiness for their postsecondary goals; and

WHEREAS RCW 28A.305.130(7) provides the State Board of Education with the authority to "delegate to the Executive Director by resolution such duties as deemed necessary to efficiently carry on the business of the board;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby delegates to its Executive Director the authority to grant waivers to public school districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools as provided in Chapter 180-111 WAC if the waiver application meets the requirements of Chapter 180-111 WAC, provided that:

1. At each regular board meeting through September 2021 the Executive Director shall inform members of the State Board of Education of the Executive Director's decision;
2. A list of all application decisions shall be posted on the State Board of Education's website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education reserves all rights to revoke or revise this delegation of authority, in part or in whole, at any time, and that nothing in this Resolution shall prevent the State Board of Education from granting such waivers by action of the Board.

This delegation shall be effective March 12, 2021 through August 31, 2021.
Done in open meeting by the Washington State Board of Education this 11th day of March, 2021.

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By: _____
Peter Maier, Chair