

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. North Alabama Chapter is to help our members develop people, win work, and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably, for the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, ABC North Alabama believes that a well-educated workforce is paramount to the future of our country and to our industry; and

WHEREAS, our workforce development efforts support programs such as registered apprenticeship and K-12 career and technical education offerings, all with critical hands-on in-person instruction elements; and

WHEREAS, part of becoming a well-rounded, employable adult includes learning how to adapt to and overcome challenges and obstacles, including those related to safety; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Governor, State Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control, and American Society of Pediatricians have all supported schools returning to in-person instruction; and

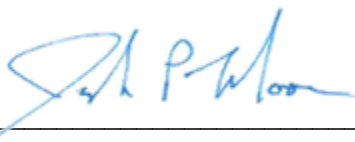
WHEREAS, the superintendents of Albertville City, Colbert County, Cullman County, Decatur City, DeKalb County, Haleyville City, Hartselle City, Jackson County, Limestone County, Marshall County, Morgan County, and Russellville City Schools have chosen to lead in North Alabama and have all announced plans to return to full time, in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, there are many factors supporting the need to return to in-person learning, such as students who need access to healthy meals, parents who must attend work and lack proper resources to support remote learning, learning gaps which may arise from continued remote or virtual learning, and the overall mental health of students who have missed interaction with peers since March; and

WHEREAS, our American society has long held education to be an essential component of a successful economy that benefits all citizens and has continued to support this attribute through considerable tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, ABC North Alabama Chapter encourages other industry groups and associations to join us in urging all local school systems to resume in-person learning, while requiring any personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to create a safe and effective learning environment for both staff and students,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the ABC North Alabama Chapter implores all school systems to reconsider plans to not hold in-person learning and return to the classroom for instruction immediately without any avoidable delay, and, furthermore, requests our elected leaders in all branches of government take appropriate actions to encourage or require all school systems to immediately return to in-person learning.



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Date