Emergency Executive Order 20-95; Amending Executive Order 20-94

Clarifying the Effective Date of Paragraph 9 of Executive Order 20-94

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

On November 5, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-94 to authorize the Commissioner of Education to take action to improve the education of Minnesota students during the 2020-2021 school year. Under Paragraph 9 of Executive Order 20-94, school districts and charter schools must provide teachers with 30 minutes of preparation time per day to provide instruction to students in distance learning or a distance learning or hybrid learning model. This change may require some school districts and charter schools to rearrange student and teacher schedules. Some school districts and charter schools may also need to reassign staff. School districts and charter schools need adequate time to implement this provision effectively.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Paragraph 9 of Executive Order 20-94 is amended by the following addition (indicated by underlined text):

   Upon approval by the Executive Council, as soon as is practicable but no later than November 30, 2020, a school district or charter school must count 30 minutes per day for teacher preparation to provide instruction to students in distance learning or a distance learning or hybrid learning model, as instructional time toward meeting the minimum hours required by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 120A.41. This teacher preparation time is for students receiving instruction in distance learning or a distance learning or hybrid model. This time is in addition to a school district’s or charter school’s teacher preparation time established under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 122A.50.

2. All other provisions of Executive Order 20-94 remain in effect.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and section 12.32, this Executive Order is effective immediately upon approval by the Executive Council. It remains in
effect until the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01 is terminated or until it is rescinded by proper authority.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order or Executive Order 20-94. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on November 6, 2020.

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Tim Walz
Governor

Filed According to Law:

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Approved by the Executive Council on November 6, 2020:

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Alice Roberts-Davis
Secretary, Executive Council