



## **Resolution for Safe Reopening of Schools**

Whereas, educators know the best way for students to learn and thrive educationally is in person; and

Whereas, we are in an unprecedented time as we combat a global pandemic; and Whereas, the well-being and safety of our educators and staff is vital to the reopening of schools; and

Whereas, health professionals in the state of Tennessee recommend opening remotely until the number of COVID-19 cases is < 10 new cases per 100,000 persons per day for at least 14 days in a row with an infection rate of 0.5 or lower; and

Whereas, in Montgomery County, as of August 4th, we have 19.17 cases per day per 100,000 people for the last 14 days equaling 40.07 new cases a day for the last 14 days (TN Dept. of Health) with an infection rate of 1.0 (Covid ActNow), which shows the infection rate is at the threshold of spreading exponentially and is well above the acceptable recommended threshold of 0.5 as is recommended by the medical community for safely reopening schools in the traditional setting; and

Whereas, data collected in the latest employee survey showed that nearly half the respondents were uncomfortable returning to school in the traditional manner, we thereby state that this level of discomfort does not bode well for the mental health of teachers and will have a negative impact on student learning as teachers fear for their health and safety; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Clarksville Montgomery County Education Association in order to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and staff calls upon CMCSS to begin school remotely until the number of COVID-19 cases is < 10 new cases per 100,000 persons per day for at least 14 days in a row with an infection rate of 0.5 or below as recommended by health professionals.

Adopted by the CMCEA Executive Board on August 4, 2020.