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E-Learning Program Plan Renewal Public Hearing Report

Purpose

To conduct a public hearing pursuant to Section 10-20.56 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.56) to receive public comment regarding the renewal of the district's E-Learning Program Plan for a new three-year cycle.

Background and Information

Under Section 10-20.56 of the Illinois School Code, school districts may utilize e-learning days in lieu of emergency closure days, provided the district maintains an approved plan, fulfills public notice requirements, holds a public hearing, and passes a formal resolution.

The district has met all statutory requirements, including providing proper public notice at least ten days prior to the hearing via local newspaper publication, direct parent communication, and employee notification.

Plan Overview

- The comprehensive E-Learning/Inclement Weather Plan ensures instructional continuity through digital tools and paper-pencil alternatives when emergency closures occur.
- All students are equipped with district-managed Chromebooks to facilitate remote access, and accommodations are fully integrated for special education students and English language learners.
- Certified staff and students follow established schedules and attendance guidelines, ensuring robust academic engagement from remote locations.

Public Hearing and Next Steps

- The Board opens the public hearing to receive comments, testimony, and feedback from community members, parents, and staff regarding the E-Learning Program Plan renewal.
- Following the close of the public hearing, the Board proceeds to consider formal action on the separate agenda item to adopt the resolution and approve the plan for the upcoming three-year cycle.