



# Gentry Public Schools

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GENTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST A WAIVER

**WHEREAS** the Gentry Board of Directors is committed to providing a high-quality education to all students within the district.

**WHEREAS** certain circumstances or regulations may require the district to seek waivers to better address the unique needs or challenges faced by the district.

**WHEREAS**, Early Start Waiver, this would allow our district to start school on August 12 rather than August 19, 2024. By allowing the early start date we could embed snow days into our calendar as we traditionally miss about a week of school due to inclement weather. By doing this we can still provide quality instruction before state testing to ensure and give our students every opportunity to perform on the assessments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Gentry School District hereby authorizes the district administration to formally request a waiver for Early Start Waiver, this would allow our district to start school on August 12 rather than August 19, 2024. By allowing the early start date we could embed snow days into our calendar as we traditionally miss about a week of school due to inclement weather. By doing this we can still provide quality instruction before state assessments to ensure and give our students every opportunity to perform on the assessments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary steps and actions to submit the waiver request, including providing any additional information or documentation required by the relevant authorities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors expresses its support for the waiver request and acknowledges the importance of flexibility in addressing the unique needs and circumstances of the district.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this January 29, 2024, by the Board of Directors of Gentry Public School District.

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David Williamson, President Gentry Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Hollan, Secretary Gentry Board of Directors

***The mission of the Gentry School District is ensuring all students connect, learn, and succeed.***