
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Adoption of Mask Policy for Students and Staff

DATE: July 20, 2020

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Doug Brubaker, Ph.D.
Superintendent

VISION 2023 STRATEGIES: 7. Wellness

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

On July 16, Governor Asa Hutchinson signed Executive Order 20-43 directing the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to issue a face coverings directive. The ADH order was issued on July 18 and went into effect today.

Changes have been made to the draft policy on face coverings discussed during the July 13 work session to align with Executive Order 20-43 and the ADH Directive. The amended policy recommendation is redlined to highlight those changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached policy in order to promote compliance with Executive Order 20-43 and the ADH directive on face coverings. If the Board agrees, the motion would read: *move to adopt the attached policy.*

VISION 2023 STRATEGIES - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.