



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Resolution Decreeing the Continued Implementation of COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Protocols and Use of Masks for Students, Staff, Parents and Visitors

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Deputy Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the USD Board of Trustees Approve the Resolution Decreeing the Continued Implementation of COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Protocols and Use of Masks for Students, Staff, Parents and Visitors

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

**UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION DECREERING THE
CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION PROTOCOLS AND
USE OF MASKS FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS**

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District (“District”) is a public-school district located in Webb County, Texas and is governed by its Board of Trustees (“Board”);

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS-Cov-2), first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019, which spreads mainly when an infected person is in close contact with another person, particularly through small droplets and aerosols;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends that people wear masks in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people, as an effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34, lifting the statewide mandate requiring the wearing of face coverings;

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2021, the Texas Education Agency (“TEA”) updated Public Health Planning Guidance (“Guidance”) states that every student, teacher, or staff member shall wear a mask over the nose and mouth when inside a school building, school facility, or facility used for school activities;

WHEREAS, TEA’s Guidance authorizes local school boards to determine their respective district’s mask policy;

WHEREAS, despite the lifting of the statewide mandate by Governor Abbott, there are continued reasonable health and safety concerns related to the potential spread of COVID-19 among the District’s students, staff and the community;

WHEREAS, based on reasonable health and safety concerns related to the potential spread of COVID-19, the Board has a substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the District’s students, staff and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the United Independent School District hereby mandates for all students, staff, parents and visitors of the District to wear appropriate face coverings or masks in accordance with CDC guidelines, including those found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the United Independent School District will continue to implement the District’s COVID-19 risk mitigation protocols;

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021, by United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III, Board President

Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez, Board Secretary