

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM LOCAL BOARD
CONTROL OF COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of [DISTRICT NAME], County of [COUNTY NAME], State of Illinois, (“the Board”) has the responsibility to manage and operate the schools of said [DISTRICT NAME] (“District”); and

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20 and 5/10-20.5, as amended (the “Code”), authorizes the Board to exercise all powers required for the maintenance, operation, and development of the District’s schools and adopt and enforce all necessary rules for the management and government of the District’s schools; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, the Illinois State Board of Education (“ISBE”) and Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) fully adopted the July 9, 2021, CDC guidance for the 2021-2022 school year (“Guidance”); and

WHEREAS, the Guidance allows for local school board control and discretion in determining appropriate and necessary COVID-19 mitigation measures for the 2021-2022 school year in consultation with local public health departments.

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges and appreciates the decision to allow locally elected school boards, in consultation with local public health departments, discretion to determine COVID-19 mitigation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of [District Name], County of [County], Illinois as follows:

Section 1. The preamble recitals of this Resolution are adopted and incorporated herein by this reference and found to be true and accurate statements.

Section 2. Local school boards do not have to require fully vaccinated individuals to wear a mask in school buildings, but may, at its discretion, require vaccinated individuals to wear a mask.

Section 3. Local school boards should recommend unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask in school buildings.

Section 4. Local school boards must emphasize and consider implementing, at its discretion, in consultation with local public health departments, layered prevention strategies to protect students and staff that are not fully vaccinated.

Section 5. Local school boards must monitor community COVID-19 transmission and vaccination rates to guide its local decisions on layered prevention strategies during the school year (i.e. strengthening or loosening of certain mitigation procedures).

Section 6. Local school boards must monitor CDC/IDPH guidance changes on prevention strategies as the school year progresses.

Section 7. The Board hereby adopts the ISBE, IDPH, and CDC Guidance and authorizes the Superintendent to develop and implement COVID-19 mitigation measures, including decisions on the use of face coverings and social distancing practices, in consultation with local public health departments, based on local geographical and student and staff COVID-19 vaccination and transmission data.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Absent _____

This resolution is adopted this _____ day of July, 2021.

President, Board of Education

Attest: _____
Secretary, Board of Education