

Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Approval of a Resolution Regarding Masks and Litigation

Concerning Act 1002 for the 2021-22 School Year

DATE: August 9, 2021

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Dr. Terry Morawski

Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

Tonight, the board will consider the approval of a resolution to require face coverings in school buildings due to several factors, including, but not limited to: the on-going public health emergency, the lack of access to vaccines for those under the age of 12, continued recommendations of face coverings by the Center for Disease Control, and the recent decision by Pulaski County Judge Timothy Fox rendering the face covering prohibition of Arkansas Act 1002 not currently enforceable.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board of Education approve the Resolution - Regarding Masks and Litigation Concerning Act 1002 for the 2021-22 School Year, as presented or amended.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: move to approve Resolution - Regarding Masks and Litigation Concerning Act 1002 for the 2021-22 School Year, as presented or amended.

<u>VISION 2023 STRATEGIES</u> - 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.