

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 304
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION RE: REOPENING, USE OF FACE COVERINGS, AND
SYMPTOM SCREENING FOR THE 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received the reports and recommendations from the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued on July 9, 2021, regarding the current guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 school settings; and

WHEREAS, subsequently on July 9, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) fully adopted that guidance issued by the CDC; and

WHEREAS, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala simultaneously issued a declaration mandating in-person learning with limited exceptions, following the May 2021 adoption of a resolution by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to that effect; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, CDC updated its guidance to recommend indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, IDPH subsequently fully adopted that guidance update by the CDC, and indicated that it would be updating Frequently Asked Questions and other guidance documents with ISBE; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Geneva Community Unit School District No. 304, Kane County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: This Board has considered the guidance and recommendations from CDC, IDPH, and ISBE regarding in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 2: The District Administration is directed to develop and implement a plan for the continued operation of the District's offices, facilities, programs, and schools for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with said guidance, and to revise said plan from time to time in accordance with any revisions or subsequent guidance documents.

The Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees are hereby authorized and directed to implement and enforce the developed plan, even when substantive changes or developments in accordance with such guidance documents have not yet been presented to the Board of Education for ratification. All substantive changes or developments to the plan or plans shall be reported to the Board of Education and may be affirmed, modified, or disapproved of at the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting, unless a special or emergency meeting is called in accordance with Illinois law. The changes shall remain in full force and effect and the Administration's actions to enforce such changes shall remain valid until such time as the Board acts, unless otherwise required by law.

SECTION 3: The District Administration is directed to consult with the Kane County Health Department to monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and the occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies.

SECTION 4: The Board of Education acknowledges that CDC **recommends** the use of face coverings indoors for people over the age of two, and CDC **requires** the use of face coverings for all passengers and drivers on all public transportation conveyances, including school buses, even where the student is attending a school where mask use is not required. The Board of Education acknowledges that COVID-19 vaccinations are not currently available to children under twelve years of age.

SECTION 5: The District Administration shall utilize its best efforts to work with the students, faculty, and public to support the current recommendations for the use of face coverings and layered prevention strategies in the school setting. Parents and students are advised that CDC has, for the K-12 indoor classroom setting, created an exception that **excludes** students from quarantine due to close contact with an infected person where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks and other K-12 school prevention strategies were in place.

SECTION 6: For the 2021-2022 school year, in accordance with the declaration by State Superintendent of Education Dr. Ayala, remote instruction will **only** be made available for students who have not received (or are not eligible for) a COVID-19 vaccination while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from IDPH or the Kane County Health Department, or as otherwise required by law.

SECTION 7: Parents, students, and employees are encouraged to self-check daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to school, to **stay home** if they display a fever or any such symptoms, and to consider vaccination after consultation with their healthcare provider.

SECTION 8: This Resolution, and the plan to be developed and modified from time to time pursuant to Section 2 above, are adopted and are to be implemented and enforced in the exercise of the discretionary powers granted to the Board by Sections 10-20 and 10-20.5 of the Illinois School Code and any other applicable law. The plan or plans constitute rules adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 10-20.5 of the School Code which shall be filed in the District's central administrative office and posted on the District's website. In accordance with Board Policy 2:240, the plan and the authority granted to the Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees by this Resolution supersede any policy or other rule of the Board, and temporarily suspend any such policy or rule, to the extent any such policy or rule is inconsistent with the plan or plans.

SECTION 9: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon and after its adoption.

ADOPTED: This ____ day of _____, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

President, Board of Education of
Geneva Comm. Unit School Dist. No. 304

Secretary, Board of Education of
Geneva Comm. Unit School Dist. No. 304