

December 15, 2021

## Resolution #03 Resolution of the Three Rivers School District School Board: Local Control

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the vision of the Three Rivers School District (TRSD) is to set the conditions for life ready knowledge and skill acquisition and;

WHEREAS, our core values are:

Safety - All students and employees are ensured safe and secure buildings, learning spaces and work spaces to learn and work.

Quality Education that is Meaningful and Valuable - All students shall have access to quality teachers and dynamic and innovative programs that prepare them for a higher education, technical program, or the workplace.

Culture of Care - All students and employees will work and learn in a supportive, engaging, encouraging, and inspiring environment with access to mental health resources.

Equitable Opportunities - All students shall have equitable access to quality staff, courses, activities, services, and resources based on their individual needs.

Families and Community are authentically engaged in schools - The district believes collaboration with community partners and teamwork between our schools and their communities benefits students and their overall success.

<u>WHEREAS</u>, educating students well, including focusing on their mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing, while continuing to safeguard the health of our students, our staff, and our community is our highest priority; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, our district is committed to creating a safe learning environment with appropriate safety measures for all; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, TRSD successfully brought students back to in-person instruction, and schools that reopened demonstrated that they did not create super spreader events, but in fact lowered rates of transmission when compared to the greater community because social distancing and masking were

adhered to, contact tracing was performed, and robust communication with local public health authority occurred; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, TRSD has proven our commitment to work with Josephine County Public Health to ensure we are following all safety protocols and are able to quickly identify staff, students, and cohorts who were exposed to or are confirmed to have COVID-19, connected them with medical professionals, removed them and any "close contacts" from the school community, thereby helping slow the spread in the community; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, The Office of the Governor of the State of Oregon and the Oregon Health Authority have not published or communicated the development of a plan, conditions, matrices or dates for the return of the decision making authority, with regard to COVID-19, to school districts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.** The Three Rivers School District School Board urges Governor Kate Brown to return local control and change the recent Oregon State COVID-19 requirements to recommendations and allow Three Rivers School District to work directly with Josephine County Public Health to determine the appropriate mitigation strategies for our schools.

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