
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Ending Mask Policy for Students and Staff

DATE: May 24, 2021

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Martin Mahan
Deputy Superintendent

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: 3. Instruction
4. Learning Environment / Facilities

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

By affirmative vote on July 13, 2020, the Board approved a Mask Policy for Students and Staff that would continue until further action of the Board. Since adoption of the Mask Policy, the circumstances of COVID-19 have improved, the Governor has ended the State’s mask mandate, and a new law has been enacted that soon will prohibit future mask mandates. As such, the Mask Policy should be allowed to expire immediately after the conclusion of the current school year. Currently the last day of the school year is May 28, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the expiration of the Mask Policy immediately following the last day of the current school year.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: *move to* approve expiration of the Mask Policy effective immediately following the last day of the current school year.

VISION 2023 STRATEGIES - **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.