

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-21-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT STATEMENT TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
CONCERNING MASK MANDATES**

WHEREAS; the COVID-19 pandemic had significant impacts on the students, parents, and employees of the District; and

WHEREAS; mitigation measures, such as social distancing and mask mandates proved effective at reducing the spread of COVID-19 until vaccines became widely available; and

WHEREAS; COVID-19 vaccinations are now widely available for adults and for children ages 12 years and older; and

WHEREAS; some parents, students, and employees in the District have strongly expressed a desire for students to no longer wear masks now that vaccines are widely available to adults and children ages 12 and older; and

WHEREAS; the United States Centers for Disease Control issued updated guidance on July 12, 2021, recommending that individuals aged 2 and older who are not vaccinated should wear masks in indoor public spaces; and

WHEREAS; despite the widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccines, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance on June 24, 2021, and July 12, 2021, requiring all individuals in a K-12 school setting, including students and employees, to continue wearing masks indoors at school sites; and

WHEREAS; some parents, students, and employees in the District have strongly expressed concerns regarding the potential impacts mask wearing has on children; and

WHEREAS; the Board believes that students learn best when they are free from distractions and that having to wear a mask while at school may cause children to lose focus and miss important concepts that are critical to their learning.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the District will comply with all public health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Public Health, and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board strongly urges the California Department of Public Health to consider the potential negative impacts that mask wearing has on children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board urges the California Department of Public Health to eliminate mask mandates in schools.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board urges the State to develop a waiver process for K-12 school Districts with a low COVID-19 infection rate for exemption to student and employee mask wearing requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board directs the Superintendent or her designee to send a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Director of the California Department of Public Health, the Governor's Office, and elected State Officials, Assembly Member James C Ramos and Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh prior to the first day of school in the 2021-2022 school year.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Alta Loma School District this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021 at Alta Loma, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California, the by the vote of:

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| AYES:    | <u>Brad Buller</u>  | <u>Rebecca Davies</u> | <u>Jessica Martinez</u> |
|          | <u>Sandie Oerly</u> | <u>Caryn Payzant</u>  |                         |
| NOES:    | <u>-0-</u>          |                       |                         |
| ABSTAIN: | <u>-0-</u>          |                       |                         |
| ABSENT:  | <u>-0-</u>          |                       |                         |

The below-signed attests that she was present at the open session meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2021, and that a majority of the members approved this Resolution.

BY:   
Caryn Payzant President, Board of Trustees  
Alta Loma School District

DATED: 7-29-2021