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**RESOLUTION NO. 1560-21**

**A RESOLUTION Calling for State Officials to  
Honor Exemptions for the COVID-19 Vaccine for Students and Staff**

WHEREAS, as a public school, Chico Unified School District believes in the parental/guardian right to choose as well as preserving choice for staff members particularly when it comes to personal medical decisions; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced October 1, 2021, that California would be the first state in the nation to require all students to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's announcement stated students will be required to be vaccinated, or complete an approved exemption form for in-person learning, starting the term following Federal Drug Administration (FDA) full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and K-6); and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom plans to direct the California Department of Public Health, pursuant to the Health and Safety Code to section 120325-120380, to add the COVID-19 vaccine to the other vaccinations (some of which include measles, mumps, and rubella) required for in-person school attendance; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccine requirements would apply to all "pupil[s] of any private or public elementary or secondary school[s]" (HSC section 120335(b)); and

WHEREAS, this mandate would be a condition of in-person attendance (HSC section 120335(f)), and any student who is not vaccinated, and does not complete an approved exemption form, would be eligible to enroll in independent study but could not attend in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom plans to require adults working in schools be held to the same standards as students for the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's announcement stated the current verify-or-test requirement for staff would be converted to a vaccine mandate no later than when the first phase of the student requirement becomes effective; and

WHEREAS, most California school districts, including Chico Unified School District, already struggle to find qualified employees for both certificated and classified positions, and the COVID-19 vaccine requirement may create additional job vacancies; and

WHEREAS, Chico Unified School District supports local control and decision making; and

WHEREAS, Chico Unified School District public schools have operated in-person learning safely since reopening in the fall of 2020 without available vaccines or COVID-19 vaccination mandates for most of that time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chico Unified School District Board of Education believes that parent/guardian choice in vaccination and other health decisions is crucial; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chico Unified School District Board of Education believes that staff choice in vaccination and other health decisions is important; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of Chico Unified School District respectfully asks that the State of California legislature to not mandate the COVID-19 vaccine but to instead allow parents/guardians and staff to make the decision best for them and their family in regards to medical procedures, including the COVID-19 vaccine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing board of the Chico Unified School District request the State of California to modify the proposed Vaccination Mandate to allow for clear exemptions, including exemptions for families and staff with sincerely held personal beliefs, religious beliefs and/or medical reasons that conflict with the proposed mandate.

This resolution will be shared with the California Department of Public Health, the Butte County Public Health; Governor Gavin Newsom and the State and Federal elected officials that serve our County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Chico Unified School District of Butte County on November 17, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENCES:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of the Governing Board of the  
Chico Unified School District