



RESOLUTION NO. 14-21/22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEVADA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Nevada Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees has the duty to adopt policies necessary and proper for the efficient administration of the affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges the growing mental health crisis among children and will in all decisions weigh the need for normalcy, acknowledging NJUHSD's responsibility to protect not only the physical health of our students, but also the social, emotional, and mental health of our students;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees are strong proponents of individual responsibility and personal choice, such that students, their families, and staff members can generally make their own decisions about their personal health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are now available for students five years of age and older for those that choose to obtain them as guided by the students' wishes, and that of their parents and guardians. In addition, COVID-19 vaccines have been available to District employees, many of which have elected to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that cloth masks "provide the least protection," the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) no longer recommends cloth masks, and the Los Angeles County Unified School District banned the use of cloth masks, acknowledging they are ineffective to prevent the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the airborne viral pathogen which causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC states that a surgical mask is "loose-fitting" and "does NOT provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection;"

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the Nevada Joint Union High School District will continue to provide appropriate health and safety measures to teachers, staff and students on a daily basis and will promote the availability and efficacy of such;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with the lifting of the statewide indoor mandate, and the improving conditions within Nevada County, the Nevada Joint Union High School District seeks to implement a change in its face-covering enforcement protocols; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this District is caught in the middle of a very difficult and progressively escalating situation where the District acknowledges its obligation to comply with State and California Department of Public Health mandates and our actual ability to enforce those mandates; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the District seeks to change its masking enforcement protocols such that the enforcement of student masking will be executed by educating students and requesting them to mask but with no further actions of exclusion from class or other school-based activities will henceforth be taken.

Approved on this date _____ at the Nevada Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees Meeting.

Ayes _____

No _____

Absent _____

Abstain _____

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NEVADA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees of the Nevada Joint Union High School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution that was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its February 22, 2022 meeting.

_____ Board President

_____ Board Clerk