

RESOLUTION NO. 2223-18

**RESOLUTION NO. 2223-18, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL DECISION-MAKING
AUTHORITY REGARDING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

WHEREAS, the original aim of California’s response to COVID-19 was to save lives by keeping our hospital systems and intensive care units (ICUs) from being overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, hospital and ICU capacity are no longer a significant issue in most parts of California; and

WHEREAS, California is the largest and most diverse state in the union, with health issues and concerns that often differ from area to area; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 protocols and guidelines developed at the state level may not be appropriate for all parts of the state, nor for all industries and institutions; and

WHEREAS, local public health departments are more qualified than state-level entities to understand and quickly respond to health issues, including COVID-19, in their own local areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the size and diversity of California has led the Capistrano Unified School District to believe the establishment of COVID-19 protocols are best left to local public health departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Capistrano Unified School District calls upon our Superintendent, local state legislators, and members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors to advocate for the California Department of Public Health and the California Health and Human Services Agency to delegate to public health departments the final responsibility for establishing any and all COVID-19 protocols and guidelines for their own areas; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Capistrano Unified School District is directed to transmit this resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom; Dr. Tomas J. Aragon, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer; Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency; the members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors; Senator Patricia Bates; Assemblywoman Laurie Davies, and Dr. Regina Chinsio-Kwong, Chief Medical Officer, Orange County Health Care Agency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District on August 17, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES	()
NOES	()
ABSTAIN	()
ABSENT	()

I, Kirsten M. Vital Brulte, Secretary of the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at the meeting on August 17, 2022, by a roll call vote.

Gila Jones
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Kirsten M. Vital Brulte, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Trustees