

## Resolution Authorizing Pandemic Mitigation Measures

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 was first detected in the United States, causing outbreaks of the disease, prompting the Governor of Illinois to declare an ongoing gubernatorial disaster first effective in March 2020, which on July 23, 2021, was extended through August 22, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2021, the Governor of Illinois issued Executive Order 2021-18, requiring the indoor use of face coverings by students, staff, and visitors who are over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, regardless of vaccination status, consistent with CDC guidance, requiring the implementation of other layered prevention strategies (such as physical distancing, screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, advising individuals to stay home when sick and get tested, contact tracing in combination with appropriate quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection) to the greatest extent possible and taking into consideration factors such as community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks, consistent with CDC guidance.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (Board) of DuPage High School District 88, DuPage County, Illinois, is the governing body of a public school district organized, existing, and operating pursuant to the Illinois *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/1, *et seq.*).

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the need to respond to conditional factors that may jeopardize the health and safety of students and staff, as it relates to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Illinois law the Board has the discretion and the ability to authorize the Superintendent to institute mitigation measures, including but not limited to those related to mask requirements for students and staff, and the implementation of layered prevention strategies based upon contextual factors that suggest such mitigation is necessary to protect the health and safety of students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of DuPage High School District 88, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. **Authorization to Develop and Implement Plans.** The Superintendent is authorized to develop mitigation measures in response to the transmission of COVID-19 for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - a. **Provision of Information to Board.** The Superintendent will periodically inform the Board of Education regarding the monitoring of contextual factors guiding decisions and of the impact on amendments related to the implementation of the existing mitigation plan.
  - b. **Considerations for Planning.** In developing and amending the mitigation plan and procedures, the Superintendent should consider the following:
    - Executive orders and federal and State laws and related rules concerning COVID-19, including but not limited to COVID-19 outbreaks, cases in schools or rising positivity rates
    - Level of community and school transmission
    - Community-wide vaccination coverage

- Teacher, staff, or student vaccination rates
- Ability to implement screening and/or testing of unvaccinated students and staff
- Guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education; Illinois Department of Public Health and/or the Center for Disease Control, and updates to such guidance

c. **Consideration of Information; Assistance.** In developing the plans and procedures, the Superintendent may seek information, input, and assistance of such persons and constituencies as the Superintendent deems necessary, and in such form or format as determined in the discretion of the Superintendent.

2. **Expiration of Authority.** The authority granted by this Resolution shall expire at the completion of the last day of the school year in 2021-2022, unless earlier modified or terminated by the Board of Education.
3. **Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of that section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior resolutions or portions thereof that are inconsistent with this Resolution.

Member Ms. Finnegan moved the adoption of the Resolution, and Member Ms. Knauf seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

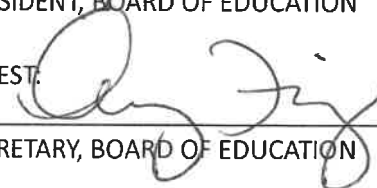
AYES: ~~Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Knauf, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Poirier, Ms. Finnegan~~  
Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Cain

NAYS: None.

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None.

The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted on August 16, 2021.

  
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 PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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 SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION