

Lucerne Valley Unified School District

Board Resolution No. 2122-01

**REQUEST TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS REVISION
OF FACE COVERING GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Lucerne Valley Unified School District, serving over 890 students in San Bernardino County, has been a leader in having students return to the classroom while following all California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer Order issued by State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás J. Aragón which went into effect on June 15, 2021 requires all individuals to continue to follow the requirements in the current COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California requires students in all grade levels K-12 to wear face coverings while at school in accordance with the CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings that was effective on June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer stated in the Public Health Order which went into effect on June 15 that he would continue to monitor the scientific evidence and epidemiological data and will amend the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California as needed by the evolving public health conditions and recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Temporary Standards adopted by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) on June 17 allow fully vaccinated employees to forego face coverings and removes most physical distancing requirements, but continues to incorporate CDPH face covering guidance for K-12 schools; and

WHEREAS, students who are 12 years of age and older are eligible, with the permission of a parent or guardian, to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Lucerne Valley Unified School District currently serves approximately 350 students 12 years of age and older in its schools; and

WHEREAS, as of June 29, 2021, over 1,000,000 COVID vaccines have been administered in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has clearly stated its intent that local educational agencies provide additional programs and services to California students during the 2021-22 school year to mitigate any loss of learning and related social-emotional impacts of school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Lucerne Valley Unified School District has identified programs to mitigate learning loss and provide for additional social-emotional supports in its Learning Continuity Plan, its Local Control and Accountability Plan, and its Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, and

WHEREAS, the success of these programs will rely on the ability of educators to interact with students in an in-person environment that is conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS, many families and community members served by the Lucerne Valley Unified School District have expressed a strong desire for the 2021-22 school year to return to a level of normalcy that was present prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Lucerne Valley Unified School District began the 2021-22 school year on August 9, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Lucerne Valley Unified School District relies on timely guidance from state entities including CDPH and Cal/OSHA;

NOW, THERE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Lucerne Valley Unified School District requests that the State of California work diligently to provide consistent, timely and science-based guidance that will expedite the return to normalcy in the public schools of San Bernardino County; and that the Board of Trustees of the Lucerne Valley Unified School District hereby calls upon the State of California to allow local educational agencies to establish safety protocols in response to COVID-19 that allows for the optional use of face coverings in the school setting.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Lucerne Valley Unified School District is directed to transmit this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom; Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins; Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon; Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond; State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás J. Aragón; Dr. Mark Ghaly, California Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond; Chair, State Board of Education; and the members of the San Bernardino County legislative delegation.


APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Lucerne Valley Unified School District this 12th day of August 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINED: 0



Chelsea LaGrange, Clerk of the Board of
Trustees, Lucerne Valley Unified School
District