



McCABE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
701 West McCabe Road, El Centro, California 92243

Resolution No. 21/22-#7

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE McCABE UNION
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUESTING TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (“CDPH”) FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS
REVISION OF FACE COVERING GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-
BASED PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the McCabe Union Elementary School District (“District”), serving over 1,300 students in the Imperial County, has remained dedicated to operating its school and school-based programs safely amidst the COVID-19 pandemic while following all California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) orders and guidance; and

WHEREAS, California schools and school districts are required to comply with orders and guidance issued by the CDPH; and

WHEREAS, CDPH announced and revised, subsequent to CDC Guidance, that as of August 2, 2021, universal indoor masking would be required for all individuals in K-12 school setting statewide regardless of local COVID-19 transmission and infection rates ¹; and

WHEREAS, the California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly stated that universal masking guidance was also informed to ensure “students should be able to walk into school without worrying about whether they will feel different or singled out for being vaccinated or unvaccinated”²; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that decisions affecting the health, wellbeing and educational outcomes of its students are best made and managed at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the District has closely monitored all COVID-19 reported cases and has had no confirmed student-to-student transmission, student-to-staff transmissions, or staff-to-staff transmission to-date; and

WHEREAS, the District believes face coverings disproportionately impact children who are learning English as a second language, early elementary students who are still learning proper pronunciation and grammar, and those with speech and hearing disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE McCABE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- Advocate in writing to the CDPH to remove mandatory, blanket statewide requirements for preventative measures such as masks, quarantines and asymptomatic testing at schools.
- Advocate in writing to the CDPH to allow school districts to consult with city and county health departments to determine the need for safety protocols based on local conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board commits to acting at all times in the best interests of students, including educating students and families on the overwhelming benefits of in-person education, the low risk of COVID-19 to children, the evidence that students are at less risk of infection from COVID-19 in school than out of school, and the evidence that in-person education



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does not contribute to the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board will seek out the assistance of any and all local public health agencies for decisions regarding safety protocols in schools, specifically requesting assistance to understand how local conditions should inform the implementation and discontinuation of safety protocols such as masks, quarantines, and testing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board will transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the County Department of Public Health, the County Department of Education, the California Governor, the California Department of Public Health, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, Congressman Juan Vargas, and Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **9th day of November, 2021**, by the governing board of the McCabe Union Elementary School District of Imperial County, California by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

BY:

President, Board of Trustees of the McCabe Union Elementary School District

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Trustees of the McCabe Union Elementary School District

¹ COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx#:~:text=As%20the%20CDC%20explained%20in,are%20not%20fully%20vaccinated.%20%20>.

² California Students, Teachers Will Continue To Wear Masks When They Return In The Fall <https://www.caprado.org/articles/2021/07/09/california-students-teachers-will-continue-to-wear-masks-when-they-return-in-the-fall/>



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AYES: Five (5): Tagg, Alvarez, Aguilar, Hendry, Horne

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

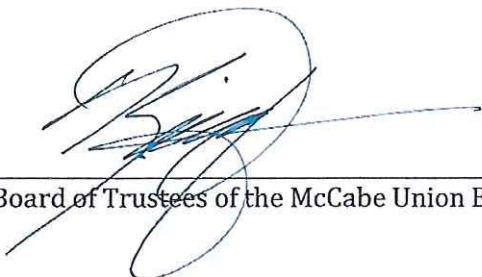
ABSTAINED: None (0)

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