

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

A Resolution Proclaiming Return of Governing Power
for School COVID Safety Protocols to the School
Districts

Resolution No.: 2021-254

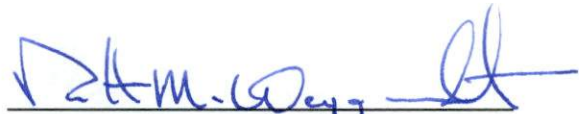
The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at
a regular meeting held on July 6, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: GORE, HOLMES, JONES, GUSTAFSON, WEYGANDT,

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Signed and approved by me after its passage.


Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:


Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization ("WHO") and UNICEF both state that children 5 years and under should not be required to wear masks, and advise that decisions whether to impose a mask requirement upon children ages 6-11 should be made based on several factors, including the impact of wearing a mask on a child's psychosocial development; and

WHEREAS, the WHO also recommends against children wearing masks during exercise or play, as it accurately recognizes that masks can be harmful because they compromise a child's ability to breathe; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that repeated exposure to mask wearing over longer periods can be measurably harmful; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that children are less likely to transmit and less likely to get symptomatic COVID-19 than adults; and

WHEREAS, children do not typically spread COVID-19, even without wearing masks and teachers are no more likely to be hospitalized due to Covid-19 than in other occupations; and

WHEREAS, the ability to see, appreciate and communicate through facial expressions is crucial to a child's social development, mental health, physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, compared with 2019, the proportion of mental health reported by the United States Centers for Disease Control beginning in April 2020-related visits for children aged 5-11 and 12-17 years increased approximately 24% and 31%, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the majority of adults and children over 12 years old-including those at high risk of adverse outcomes from COVID-19 have had ample opportunity to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, many highly credentialed, well-respected medical professionals have recently and publicly advocated for the universal elimination of mask mandates for children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Placer County Board of Supervisors establishes the following goals:

- Assist in the return of governing power for school safety protocols to the School Districts themselves
- Advocate for Parental Choice for masking and vaccinating their children

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors continue their commitment to assisting the local school districts in giving students an opportunity to return to normalcy in the classroom, including optional face coverings and removal of discriminatory vaccination status practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors will seek out the assistance of any and all government agencies involved in the decisions regarding safety protocols in the school, specifically requesting assistance to make masks optional and relinquishing safety protocol decision making power to the school district itself.