

RESOLUTION NO. 2206

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROSEVILLE JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING MASK MANDATES FOR STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the Roseville Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees has the duty to adopt policies necessary and proper for the efficient administration of the affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board strongly values preserving student safety, and also strives to balance that safety with the needs of District students to engage in an in-person learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges its responsibility to require all students equal access to the educational programs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges the growing mental health crisis among children and will in all decisions weigh the need for normalcy, acknowledging RJUHSD's responsibility to protect not only the physical health of our students, but also the social, emotional, and mental health of our students;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees are strong proponents of individual responsibility and personal choice, such that students, their families, and staff members can generally make their own decisions about their personal health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are now available for students five years of age and older for those that choose to obtain them as guided by the students' wishes, and that of their parents and guardians. In addition, COVID-19 vaccines have been available to District employees, many of which have elected to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, testing for COVID-19 and other mitigation measures are readily available at numerous locations throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has implemented numerous safety mitigation efforts to decrease transmission of COVID-19, including installing MERV-13 filters in all schools since September 2020 and that school maintenance has opened up air exchange systems so classrooms are receiving as much outside air as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that cloth masks "provide the least protection," the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) no longer recommends cloth masks, and the Los Angeles County Unified School District banned the use of cloth masks, acknowledging they are ineffective to prevent the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the airborne viral pathogen which causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC states that a surgical mask is "loose-fitting" and "does NOT provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection;" and

WHEREAS, the slogan "your mask protects me and my mask protects you," is obsolete given the new information regarding cloth and surgical mask efficacy, and may lead to students, teachers and staff falsely relying upon masks for protection from infection; and

WHEREAS, in light of many other states and countries ending mask mandates in the absence of evidence supporting them, RJUHSD no longer feels safe implementing a policy with no proven safety benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, mask policies have shown no positive outcome on our campuses, result in constant disruption, division and behavior problems and have no long term safety studies; and

WHEREAS, CDPH and Governor Newsom have not responded to any of our past attempts at communication on this topic. As such, RJUHSD is taking the initiative to do what is best for the well being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the burden of proof regarding mask efficacy to continue masking school-age children lies with the State and it has failed to establish the effectiveness of continued student masking with any recent peer-reviewed studies.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the Roseville Joint Union High School District will continue to provide respiratory N95 masks to teachers, staff and students on a daily basis and will promote the availability and efficacy of one-way masking with N95 masks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Roseville Joint Union High School District will not adopt or implement mandatory COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic students as a replacement for adopting a mask optional policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Roseville Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees implements, regardless of vaccination status, personal and parent choice with respect to whether or not children should wear face coverings while at school commencing when the state indoor mask mandate is lifted (currently scheduled for February 15); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the RJUHSD Board of Trustees understands the goals of the Governor and the CDPH to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Board believes that the Governor's K-12 student mask mandate is ill-advised and in opposition to the educational and social-emotional goals of the State and the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Roseville Joint Union High School District on February 10, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Constant, Hall, Hirota, Huber
NAYS:	0	
ABSTENTIONS:	None	
ABSENT:	1	Tagg

Signed and approved by after its passage:



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Scott Huber, President, Board of Trustees