

RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT STATE MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR PK-12 SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Bradley School District 61 (the “Board”) is empowered to conduct the business of Bradley Elementary School District 61 (the “District”) pursuant to various provisions of the *Illinois School Code*; and

WHEREAS, the District has and continues to navigate how best to meet the educational needs of its students in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, Governor Pritzker issued an Executive Order mandating that all individuals wear masks indoors while at school (the “mask mandate”); and

WHEREAS, the mask mandate is a binding Executive Order on the District and the District does not have discretion to disregard the mask mandate; and

WHEREAS, the mask mandate along with other guidance from the CDC, ISBE, IDPH and Kankakee Department of Public Health (the “Joint Guidance”) emphasize the educational benefits of in-person instruction and emphasizes COVID-19’s effect on exacerbating societal inequities, and provides requirements, recommendations and guidance for school districts to implement in returning to in-person instruction and to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families;

WHEREAS, the Joint Guidance recommendation for in-person instruction, the public health of the community and the District’s goal to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families present competing policy objectives.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Board as follows:

1. The Board will implement and follow the mask mandate pursuant to the Governor’s August 4, 2021 Executive Order consistent with the Joint Guidance and with the health and safety protocols issued by IDPH. The Executive Order requires the indoor use of face coverings by students, staff, and visitors who are over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.
2. The Board will implement and follow other mandatory mitigation measures consistent with the Joint Guidance to ensure a safe return to full in-person instruction.
3. The Superintendent shall have the authority to further develop and implement mitigation measures consistent with the parameters set forth herein; consistent with further guidance from the CDC, ISBE, IDPH and Kankakee County Health Department.
4. In developing and implementing the plan, the District’s Superintendent shall balance the competing policy objectives of returning to in-person instruction, controlling the communication of disease within the community, and the general safety of students, staff, and their families, and consider each policy with respect to efficiency, District resources, and the general welfare of the District’s community. Other employees of the District that determine policy or exercise discretion for the District shall also consider these policies and interests when determining which steps or measures to implement to best serve these interests.
5. In the event of changes to mandatory mitigation measures, including but not limited to the mask mandate, the Superintendent shall have the authority to remove or implement new

measures as mandates for the same change from time to time, but shall do so in a manner consistent with the Joint Guidance and in the best interests of the health and safety of students.

6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

President

Attest:

Secretary