

PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60

RESOLUTION

(Opting out of Pueblo County Mask Mandate and Approving COVID-19 Mitigation Plan)

WHEREAS, the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) issued a Public Health Order on August 30, 2021 (PDPHE Mask Mandate) requiring all students ages two and older in any pre-kindergarten through 12th grade schools, and any district or school staff member, school visitors or contractors who are on-site at a school facility, to wear a Face Covering while inside any school building within Pueblo County; and

WHEREAS, Pueblo School District No. 60 has followed the PDPHE Mask Mandate requiring Face Coverings within its schools and extended the requirement to include all district buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2022, the PDPHE issued its 1st Revised Public Health Order (1st Revised Order) modifying the PDPHE Mask Mandate by, among other things, allowing school districts by a formal vote of its governing board to elect one of two options in lieu of following the PDPHE Mask Mandate; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 under the 1st Revised Order allows a school district's board of education itself to manage the COVID pandemic and mitigation protocols within its respective schools and in school activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Pueblo School District No. 60 has considered the data and guidance of the PDPHE, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and, being fully advised in the premises, desires to opt out of the PDPHE Mask Mandate by selecting Option 2 of the 1st Revised Order and adopting its own COVID management and mitigation protocols for its schools, facilities, and school activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Pueblo School District No. 60 as follows:

1. That the Board hereby elects to opt out of the PDPHE Mask Mandate and adopts Option 2 under the 1st Revised Public Health Order.
2. That the Board hereby adopts its own COVID Management and Mitigation Plan attached and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit A as presented at the March 1, 2022 meeting of the Board.
3. That the Board authorizes its President to prepare, sign, and deliver an official letter on behalf of the Board and Pueblo School District No. 60 to the PDPHE Board of Health and to the PDPHE Public Health Director confirming the Board's decision to opt out of the PDPHE Mask Mandate.

4. That the Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent of Schools or her designee the authority to make any modifications to the District's COVID Management and Mitigation Plan as she or her designee deem appropriate as well as any revisions that are necessary to obtain the approval of the Plan by the PDPHE for exemption from the PDPHE Mask Mandate Order.

5. That the District's COVID Management and Mitigation Plan and its exemption from the PDPHE Mask Mandate Order shall be effective as of March 2, 2022 and continue until further action by the Board or directive by the Superintendent of Schools or her designee.

Adopted this 1st day of March 2022.

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By: _____
Margaret B. Wright, Ph.D.
President, Board of Education

Attest:

Geri Patrone, Board Secretary