

**WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #21/22 - 05**

**Resolution Calling for State Officials to Recommend and Not Require the COVID-19
Vaccine for Students and Staff**

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced October 1, 2021, that California would be the first state in the nation to require all students to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom’s announcement stated students will be required to be vaccinated, or complete an approved exemption form for in-person learning, starting the term following FDA full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and K-6); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120335(b) (11), Governor Newsom’s mandate permits exemptions for both medical and personal beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom also directed the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) to add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required for in-person school attendance – such as measles, mumps, and rubella – under Health and Safety Code sections 120325–120380;

WHEREAS, CDPH’s addition of the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required for in-person school attendance pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 120325(b) (11) and 120335(b) (11) would not remove the personal belief exemption option for families. [HSC section 120338.] However, should the California Legislature expressly list the COVID-19 vaccine as a required vaccination under the Health and Safety Code, the personal belief exemption option would be removed;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccine requirements would apply to all “pupil(s) of any private or public elementary or secondary school(s)” [HSC section 120335(b)]; and

WHEREAS, this mandate will be a condition of in-person attendance and any student who is not vaccinated, and does not complete an approved exemption form, may remain enrolled in independent study but may not attend in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom commented that adults in the school setting should be held to the same standards as students for the COVID – 19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District, and all other California School districts already struggle to find qualified employees for both certificated and classified positions, and the COVID-19 vaccine requirement is likely to create more open jobs (with currently about 25 percent of Wheatland School District employees unvaccinated); and

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District has operated in-person learning safely since reopening in the fall of 2020 without available vaccines or COVID-19 vaccination mandates for most of that time; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District parents have expressed concern regarding the lack of research on long-term impacts on children for the COVID-19 vaccine;

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District supports local control and decision making; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District supports individual and parents’ rights to choose whether

to vaccinate themselves or their child; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District has an obligation to comply with State and local laws, and directives from the CDPH, regarding the COVID-19 vaccine requirements for students and staff.

WHEREAS, Wheatland School District understands that should the COVID-19 vaccine requirement become a mandate for students or staff in public schools in California, then the Wheatland School District must comply with such a mandate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Governing Board of the Wheatland School District respectfully asks that the State of California legislature uphold the constitutionally guaranteed right to provide informed consent before proceeding with any medical procedure of residents of the State of California for themselves and their children and recommend and not require the COVID-19 vaccine for students and staff of TK-12 grade Local Education Agencies.
2. The Governing Board of the Wheatland School District will petition the State of California that the COVID-19 vaccine be a recommendation and not a requirement for students and staff.
3. This resolution will be shared in the California Department of Public Health input sessions that are required to add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of required vaccines.

Adopted this 18th day of November in 2021.

Motion made by (circle one): Crabb, Eaton, Waltz, Medina, Bogdanoff

Second made by (circle one): Crabb, Eaton, Waltz, Medina, Bogdanoff

Members voting "Aye" (circle any): Crabb, Eaton, Waltz, Medina, Bogdanoff

Members voting "No": (circle any): Crabb, Eaton, Waltz, Medina, Bogdanoff

Members abstaining (circle any): Crabb, Eaton, Waltz, Medina, Bogdanoff

Members absent (circle any): Crabb, Eaton, Waltz, Medina, Bogdanoff

Nicole Crabb, Board President

Date

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Date