

**RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TILLAMOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT #9
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION #2022 - 02, Resolution for Local Control

WHEREAS, The Tillamook School District (the "District"), located in Tillamook County (the "County"), consists of schools serving students living in Tillamook, Netarts and Oceanside, and which exist to provide an educational environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of Tillamook School District is to prepare our students with the academic, artistic, and social skills necessary to become positive contributors to a changing world; and

WHEREAS, the District has served our community for many years and has made sound decisions to protect the health of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, schools in the Tillamook School District opened to in-person learning in the winter of 2020, and have been fully open since the spring of 2021 with no epidemiological evidence of COVID-19 transmission occurring on campus; and

WHEREAS, educating students and providing equitable opportunities, which includes focusing on mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing, while safeguarding the health of our students and staff will remain our highest priority; and

WHEREAS, parents, employees, and students, including those at high risk of adverse outcomes from COVID-19, have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, and continue to have vaccines including boosters readily available; and

WHEREAS, Tillamook School District has taken multiple steps to mitigate transmission within the school setting including social distancing, cohorting, handwashing and/or hand sanitizer, mask wearing, nebulizers, additional cleaning protocols, test-to-stay, contact tracing and/or quarantine procedures; and

WHEREAS, Tillamook School District 9 has partnered with the Tillamook County Public Health Department to review and align on health and safety protocol. Tillamook School District 9 has quickly identified staff and students who had been exposed or have been confirmed COVID-19 positive, connected with the needed medical professionals, and removed any 'close contacts' from school, thereby slowing the spread within the community; and

WHEREAS, differing levels of virus across the State require targeted strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and require locally determined approaches;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, determined, and ordered by the Board of Directors of the Tillamook School District to support the following positions:

- Insist that the governing authority for school safety policy be returned to locally elected school board members; and provide known metrics; and
- Recognize the significant number of requests for parental choice coupled with other parents advocating for continued masking to maximize COVID-19 prevention; and
- Advocate for parental choice for masking and vaccinating their children; and
- Publicly declare that OHA and elected state representatives changed the guidance to schools to avoid taking responsibility for the enforcement of such directives, while simultaneously removing the statutes used by districts to enforce such actions with students, and thus created confusion within the public, school boards, and educational leaders on how to implement said guidance; and
- Recognize that the District is required to comply with Oregon Department of Education's *Ready Schools Safe Learners* guidance, to the extent that such guidance can be understood and successfully implemented; and
- Local control is a reinstatement of the metric in allowing districts to work with the LHA and county agencies for guidance and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tillamook School District direct the elected Board Chair to transmit official copies of this resolution to the Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State and Federal elected officials, Oregon Governor, and any other entities the Board deems appropriate for this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Tillamook School District on this

10th day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Nos: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Chair of the Board of Directors
Tillamook School District #9