

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom stated that students will be required to be vaccinated, or complete an approved exemption form for in-person learning, starting the term following Federal Drug Administration (FDA) full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and K-6); and that adults in the school setting should be held to the same standards as students for the COVID-19 vaccine; 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 under Health and Safety Code sections 120325–120380; and

WHEREAS, unless the COVID-19 vaccine is added to the list of vaccinations required for in-person school attendance, Health and Safety Code section 120338 permits a personal belief exemption from the vaccination requirement; and

WHEREAS, if the California Legislature expressly lists the COVID-19 vaccine in Health and Safety Code sections 120325–120380, the personal belief exemption option would be removed; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified 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 difficulties in this area resulting in more vacant positions; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified School District parents have expressed concern regarding the lack of research on the potential long-term effects of the COVID-19 vaccine on children; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified School District supports individual and parental rights to choose whether to vaccinate themselves or their children; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified School District understands that it 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; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District respectfully asks that the State of California Legislature not require the COVID-19 vaccine for students and staff of TK-12 Local Education Agencies but rather make it a recommendation.
2. This Resolution will be shared in the California Department of Public Health input sessions which are required for the COVID-19 vaccine to be added to the list of required vaccines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District on this ____ day of _____ by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

President of the Board of Education

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Education