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

RESOLUTION 2021-41 LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION ENCOURAGES STATE TO LIFT MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified School District serves students in San Joaquin County, in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the state implemented the *Blueprint for a Safer Economy* in response to the COVID-19 health pandemic, which called for a tier system regarding COVID-19 status in counties; and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin County has been in the Orange Tier for the past three weeks, indicating improvement in the status of the health pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the governor will abandon the tier system on June 15, 2021, and remove many restrictions currently in place to reopen the state, except in relation to schools; and

WHEREAS, parents have voiced concerns related to children wearing masks at school including mental wellness, academic achievement, and health risks; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified School District will continue to follow all health and safety requirements but seeks to have schools included in the state reopening efforts which lifts requirements pertaining to face coverings.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Board of Education of Lodi Unified School District encourages state government and health leaders to lift the mask requirement in schools.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June 2021, by the following vote of the Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District of the County of San Joaquin, to wit:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Education