

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

RESOLUTION 2022-07

**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 18 day of January 2022 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