

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS  
AT COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

At a lawfully called meeting on March 22, 2021, the Coleman Independent School District Board of Trustees (“Board”) does hereby make the following Resolution regarding the wearing of face coverings in the Coleman Independent School District (“District”):

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) recognizes that the State of Texas and the United States Government declared a disaster and emergency regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 (hereafter “COVID-19”);

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, the President of the United States first declared a national emergency and the Governor of the State of Texas declared a statewide disaster regarding COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the District closed campuses during the last few months of the 2019-20 school year, in accordance with the Texas Governor’s orders;

**WHEREAS**, the District re-opened for the 2020-2021 school year, as permitted by the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2021 the Governor of Texas issued Executive Order 34, re-opening the State of Texas in response to improvements in numbers related to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order GA-34 provides that no person is required to wear a face-covering in counties that do not have any Trauma Service Areas with seven consecutive days during which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients, as a percentage of total hospital capacity, exceeds 15 percent;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 34 further directs public schools to follow guidance from the Texas Education Agency on the issue of requiring face coverings at school and/or school-related events;

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2021, the Texas Education Agency issued revised Public Health Guidance, confirming school districts must continue to require staff and students to wear face coverings, unless the governing board of the District modifies or eliminates the requirement by formal action;

**WHEREAS**, Coleman County is located in Trauma Service Area D, in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity has not exceeded 15 percent in the past seven days;

**WHEREAS**, since January 1, 2021, the Coleman Independent School District has reported only 1 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 for students, and 1 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 for employees;

**WHEREAS**, as of March 18, 2021, there were zero (0) active COVID-19 cases in Coleman County;

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2021, the United States Health and Human Services directed States to permit those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools to receive COVID-19 vaccinations;

**WHEREAS**, the District has and will continue to encourage employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and permit schedule flexibility to allow staff to be vaccinated;

**WHEREAS**, the District has and will continue to follow protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, including social distancing when possible, frequent hand washing/hand sanitizing, and enhanced cleaning;

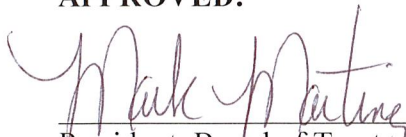
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED THAT** all students, employees, and visitors will be encouraged to continue to wear masks or similar face-coverings for the prevention of COVID-19, but no student, employee, or visitor will be required to wear a mask or similar face-covering, subject to the following conditions:

1. All of the above-referenced recitals are incorporated into and made part of this resolution; and
2. In accordance the Public Health Planning Guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency, dated March 12, 2021, the Board hereby eliminates the mask-related requirements set out by the Agency in that document but encourages continued use for the prevention of COVID-19; and
3. In accordance with Executive Order GA-34, the Superintendent will temporarily reinstate the requirements for students, staff, and visitors to wear masks at any time that the Trauma Service Area in the county has seven consecutive days during which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients, as a percentage of total hospital capacity, exceeds 15 percent; and
4. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to temporarily reinstate the requirements for students, staff, and visitors to wear masks due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the school or surrounding community, or for any other reason deemed necessary by the Superintendent for the protection of students and staff.

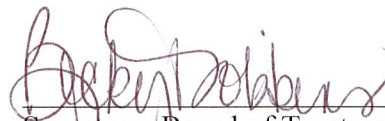
The authority granted by this resolution is effective as of March 25, 2021, and thereafter for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, unless the Board takes action to the contrary.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES** this 22nd day of March, 2021.

**APPROVED:**

  
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President, Board of Trustees

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees