

Resolution to Keep Elizabeth Schools Open and Education Unrestricted

Whereas the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized the importance of parental rights and has repeatedly held that parents possess the ‘fundamental right’ to direct the upbringing and education of their children, and

Whereas under Colorado Constitution art. 9, § 15, the local Board of Education has control of instruction in its public schools; and

Whereas Elizabeth School District Board of Education is charged with making decisions in the best interest of all Elizabeth School District students; and parents are the ultimate decision-makers over their children and health.

Whereas The Elbert County Health Department has no authority or jurisdiction over the education of Elizabeth School District children.

Whereas School shutdowns and online learning caused irreparable harm to student mental, social, and educational well-being; and

Whereas COVID is not a major health concern for school-aged children; and

Whereas Children benefit from the social, educational, and emotional benefits of in-person learning; and

Whereas Teachers’ Unions, including the Colorado Education Association, used federal funds and lobbying efforts to push for school closings during the last round of COVID, which harmed students; and

Whereas Vaccines and masks are available for the children whose parents request them; and

Whereas The risk of COVID for children is far outweighed by the benefits of in-person education; and

Whereas A contrived State of Emergency which resulted in school shutdowns and harm to Colorado school children could happen again;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elizabeth School District Board of Education commits to full, in-person learning for the 2023-2024 school year and all future school years, unless parents request their children not attend in person

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall direct the ongoing full in-person learning for all students, and non-compliance with any unconstitutional orders from the Governor or any other agency.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that students in Elizabeth School District will not be asked by this District to wear masks, to receive the COVID vaccine or any of its “boosters,” to social distance, or to participate in any other COVID theater, for COVID-19 or any other “variants.”

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Elizabeth School Districts Board approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 11th day of September, 2023.

Rhonda Olsen, President

Attest: Mary Powell, Secretary