

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, on motion of Supervisor Hagman, duly seconded by Supervisor Rutherford and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting State health orders, school districts, parents, and students within San Bernardino County endured distance learning during a significant portion of the 2019-2020 school year and almost all of the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, during that time period, the ability of students to learn in a normal, in-person educational setting and engage in important educational and social interactions with classmates and teachers was clearly impaired; and

WHEREAS, as a condition for allowing schools to resume in-person education, in July 2021 the California Department of Public Health imposed mandates on schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the County has a proud tradition of unwavering support for local control, and it is in that spirit that the County believes independent school districts are in the best position to assess conditions within their jurisdictions and govern accordingly; and

WHEREAS, despite the County's support for local control, independent school districts within the County are bound by law to comply with California Department of Public Health mandates, and the County has no jurisdiction over schools nor legal standing to exempt schools from State mandates; and,

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that within the course of serving all residents of San Bernardino County it is incumbent upon the County to exist in partnership with all local government agencies within the County, including independent school districts, and provide support as needed, available, and appropriate to meet the challenges imposed by various hardships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Departments and Agencies of the County to offer support to public and private schools within the County in their efforts to provide students the opportunity to safely return to normal in-person classroom learning in the form of:

1. Assistance in securing safety supplies, including Personal Protective Equipment.
2. Only upon request from a school or school district, assign trained Public Health and medical personnel to offer educational, safety-consultation, and outbreak-response services as needed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe
Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY) ss.

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of August 10, 2021. Item #40 JLL

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy