

**RESOLUTION NO. 2122-20**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2122-20, URGENT REQUEST TO GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM TO RECONSIDER OR RESCIND THE COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE K-12 STUDENTS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, The Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD), serving over 43,000 students in Southern Orange County, has been a leader in getting students back in the classroom while following all California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines; and

WHEREAS, California COVID case rate for the 0-17 age group is proportionally lower than any other under-65 age group<sup>1</sup>, for which no state COVID-19 vaccination mandate has been announced; and

WHEREAS, Some parents, including COVID-19 vaccinated, pro-vaccination parents, are very uncomfortable with subjecting their young children to a vaccination for which there is no longitudinal data; and

WHEREAS, While we respect the right of parents to choose the most suitable educational program for their children, we believe the vaccine mandate will result in substantial numbers of families choosing to leave traditional in-person K-12 schools, thereby crippling California's existing school systems; and

WHEREAS, If families leave traditional K-12, or leave California due to the mandate, public and private school staff jobs will be lost. Some parents will leave the workforce to provide homeschooling. If a significant number of jobs are disrupted in this manner, it could have a negative effect on the state economy, as it did during the months of "distance learning"; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and CUSD have acknowledged that the best academic and social-emotional outcomes for students come from traditional in-person classroom instruction; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that while the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District understands the goals of the Governor and the CDPH to stop the spread of COVID-19, we believe that the Governor's K-12 student vaccine mandate is ill-advised and in opposition to the educational and social-emotional goals of the State and the District, and


BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that we urge the Governor to reconsider or rescind the vaccine mandate as a condition of in-person instruction in grades K-12, and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Capistrano Unified School District is directed to transmit this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom; Director and State Public Health Officer CDPH, Dr. Tomas J. Aragon; Dr. Mark Ghaly, California Health and Human Services; Orange County Board of Supervisors; Dr. Clayton Chao, Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA); Assemblywoman Laurie Davies; Senator Pat Bates; and the Orange County Board of Education to communicate our concerns.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District on October 20, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES	(4)
NOES	(2)
ABSTAIN	(0)
ABSENT	(1)

I, Kirsten M. Vital Brulte, Secretary of the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at the meeting on October 20, 2021, by a roll call vote.

  
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Gila Jones  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

  
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Kirsten M. Vital Brulte, Superintendent  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees