

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES TO MITIGATE AGAINST THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF COVID-19**

The Board of Education of the Buckeye Local School District (“Board of Education”), Ashtabula County, Ohio, met on October 19, 2021, with the following members present:

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\_\_\_\_\_ moved and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, the Board approved Resolution #\_\_ to authorize the Superintendent, as well as the Board, to make timely decisions to implement amended Board Policy 8450.01 regarding protective facial coverings for some or all District students, and to continue to have the authority to do so for staff, visitors, volunteers, and/or vendors, should it be needed at any during this 2021-2022 school year, including the ability to require facial masks/coverings on a District-wide, building-wide, grade-level, classroom or other basis, to allow a timely and/or universal or targeted response within the District when circumstances so require; and

WHEREAS, the Board has discussed in public session at its September 30, 2021 regular meeting the consideration of requiring masks/facial coverings District-wide, K-12 (all staff, students, visitors, volunteers and vendors shall wear a facial covering/mask while indoors and/or at school-related events or activities); and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to authorize and require that teachers, staff, students, visitors, volunteers, and vendors, K-12 wear a face mask in accordance with Board policy, effective October 20, 2021, until further notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buckeye Local School District Board of Education authorizes and issues a decision to increase its safety measures District-wide, K-12 to mitigate against the continued spread of COVID-19, and its variants, and further authorizes and issues a decision to require masks District-wide, K-12, effective October 20, 2021, and going forward until further notice, for all teachers, staff, students, visitors, volunteers, and vendors consistent with the Board’s amended facial coverings policy and pursuant to section 3313.67 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Board policy 8450.01, *Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events*, the Board and Superintendent continue to have decision-making authority with respect to masks in schools, including that the Superintendent, in his own judgement and discretion, may amend or change such requirements regarding facial masks/coverings should circumstances arise where immediate and/or timely action is needed to protect the health and wellbeing of staff, students, visitors, volunteers, and/or vendors, as well as our families and community. The

Superintendent is further authorized in his own judgment to determine whether to require facial masks/coverings on a District-wide, building-wide, grade-level, classroom or other basis, to allow a timely and/or universal or targeted response within the District when circumstances so require.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs and authorizes the Superintendent to communicate any changes relative to facial masks/coverings to those staff, students, families, volunteers, visitors, and/or vendors who are impacted as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined by the Board that this resolution is necessary due to the emergency conditions caused by COVID-19 in order to protect the safety or welfare of the students or employees of the District and/or in order to maintain in-person instruction and prevent closure of schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board in compliance with all legal requirements, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

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