

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Cushing INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO ELIMINATE REQUIRED FACE COVERINGS
IN ALL CISD SCHOOL FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34 on March 2, 2021 declaring that individuals are “strongly encouraged” to wear face coverings “but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.”

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-34 provided specifically that “[p]ublic schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency.”

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency updated its Public Health Guidance effective March 4, 2021 stating that the current face covering requirements in school facilities will remain unchanged, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the updated Public Health Guidance provide an exception that “[t]he governing board of a school system may modify or eliminate by formal action the above mask-related requirements;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that the best interests of the District, and its students, parents, and staff, will be served by allowing each individual and/or family to determine personal face covering usage and preferences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all face coverings (including medical and non-medical grade face masks and shields) will no longer be required to be worn by students, staff and visitors while on CISD property or inside CISD school facilities. Students, staff, and visitors may still choose to wear a face covering. All other current-existing protocols related to COVID-19 remain unchanged, including but not limited to quarantine and close contact requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon the confirmation of 7 or more positive COVID cases within a 30 calendar day period amongst students or staff, this Resolution shall no longer be effective without further Board action, and pre-existing COVID-19 protocols shall resume, including the required use of face coverings on school property and within school facilities by all students, staff, and visitors. The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to notify the Board when such threshold has been reached, and to implement and enforce pre-existing COVID-19 protocols, including the required use of face coverings, on all CISD property.

Adopted this 23 day of March, 2021 by the following vote:

7 Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstaining



Lynn Moore, Board President

ATTEST:



Bobby Brashears, Board Secretary