

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RICHLAND SPRINGS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE WEARING  
OF MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Commissioner of Education released updated school health and safety guidance on March 4, 2021, allowing the governing board of a school system to modify or eliminate by formal action the Commissioner's requirement that all students and staff wear masks over their noses and mouths when social distancing is not possible; and

**WHEREAS**, local health conditions in Richland Springs, Texas and surrounding areas reflect a decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that individuals are able to make the best health and safety decisions for themselves and their families, in consultation with their medical providers:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Richland Springs Independent School District as follows:

1. All the above-referenced recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.
2. The Board of Trustees hereby releases teachers and students from the state mandate requiring the wearing of masks at school, subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. Social distancing will remain in place where feasible in the school setting;
  - b. Mask-wearing is encouraged at school events where large numbers of community members gather together;
  - c. Mask wearing remains a personal choice and will be permitted at school; and
  - d. The Superintendent is authorized to temporarily rescind this Resolution pending further Board action in the event of changed conditions, including an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the school population.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16 day of March 2021, by the Board of Trustees of the Richland Springs Independent School District.

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President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

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Secretary, Board of Trustees