

**RESOLUTION ON MANDATED COVID-19 MITIGATION EFFORTS
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

WHEREAS, School Districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania operate under a multitude of federal and state laws, regulations and statutes related to the education of students; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Penn Manor School District is to provide a quality education to its students; and

WHEREAS, Penn Manor School District continues to be recognized both statewide and nationally as a high-performing school district; and

WHEREAS, all public school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have implemented numerous health and safety protocols since March 2020 as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Manor Board of School Directors recognizes that providing a safe and healthy school environment is vital; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Manor Board of School Directors adopted a new Health and Safety plan in July 2021 outlining important ongoing health protocols while also stating that the school district will be face-covering optional, absent existing, valid and binding orders from state and/or federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Secretary of Health issued a face covering order effective September 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Penn Manor School District recognizes that this order issued by state officials is highly contentious with residents who are passionate about their views and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes that nearly all of its administration's time has been spent since September 7 addressing parental concerns and complaints on all sides of the issues regarding the face covering order, as well as addressing needs of its students related to the order, at the expense of focusing their educational expertise on the core mission of education, which is to improve teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, this order has resulted in a legal battle now before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, this Penn Manor Board of School Directors respects the rule of law, which is part of the social and legal fabric of the United States of America.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Penn Manor Board of School Directors affirms its current Health and Safety plan including the observance of existing, valid, and binding orders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it directs its Superintendent of Schools to inform the administration to not remove individuals from classrooms or school property who respectfully refuse to comply with the Order so that administrators may return to the investment of their energies on their primary duties of supervising teaching and learning until the courts reach a final determination on the legality of the Order.

Adopted this 15th day of November 2021

Signed,



School Board President



Board Secretary (seal)