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Resolution No: 22-03

Resolution of the Klamath County School District Board of Directors: Local Control

WHEREAS, the vision of the Klamath County School District (KCSD) is "Inspiring today's students to meet tomorrow's challenges," and;

WHEREAS, our core values are:

Safety -- All students and employees are provided safe and secure buildings and areas to learn and work.

Quality Education that is Meaningful and Valuable -- All students shall have access to quality teachers and dynamic and innovative programs that prepare them for a higher education, technical program, or the workplace.

Emotional Well-Being -- All students and employees will work and learn in a supportive, engaging, encouraging, and inspiring environment with access to mental health resources.

Equitable Opportunities -- All students shall have equal access to quality staff, courses, activities, services, and resources based on their individual needs.

Organizational and Individual Responsibility -- The district and its employees will maintain accountability to students and the public, promoting financial and academic integrity and sustainability.

Building Strong Relationships and Involved Communities -- The district believes collaboration with community partners and teamwork between our schools and their communities benefits students and their overall success.

WHEREAS, educating students well, including focusing on their mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing, while continuing to safeguard the health of our students, our staff, and our community is our highest priority.

WHEREAS, our district is committed to creating a safe learning environment with appropriate safety measures for all;

WHEREAS, KCSD successfully brought students back to in-person instruction, and schools that reopened demonstrated they did not create super spreader events, but in fact served as guardians against transmission because contact tracing was performed, and robust communication with local public health authority occurred;

WHEREAS, KCSD has proven our commitment to work with Klamath County Public Health (KCPH) to ensure we are following all safety protocols and are able to quickly identify staff, students, and cohorts who were been exposed to or are confirmed to have COVID-19, connected them with medical professionals, removed them and any "close contacts" from the school community, thereby helping slow the spread in the community.

WHEREAS, it has been increasingly difficult for KCSD and its Board of Directors to respond to changes that are required within a short timeline. An example of this was the recent requirement that mandated students and staff wear masks outside. Local control in partnership with Klamath County Public Health would enable us to determine best practices in each of our diverse communities individually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Klamath County School District Board of Directors urges Governor Brown to change the recent Oregon State COVID-19 requirements to recommendations and allow Klamath County School District to work directly with Klamath County Public Health to determine the appropriate mitigation strategies for our schools.

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