

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE USE OF MASKS IN ALL
ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 infection rate has risen during the summer of 2021 on a national, statewide, and local basis; and

WHEREAS, according to the Minnesota Department of Health, “because children under 12 years of age are not yet eligible to be vaccinated and because children age 12 to 15 are only recently eligible, there is an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission in school settings”; and

WHEREAS, all individuals currently are required to wear masks while in public transportation hubs and on all public transportation (airplanes, public buses, etc.), including school buses (both public and private); and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recommends “universal indoor masking...for all people in a school setting (ages 2 and older), including teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to monitor and enforce mask requirements that are not universal.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 623, Roseville Area Schools:

1. The District requires universal indoor masking for all people in a school setting (ages 3 and older), including all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Accommodations will be made for students with individual needs. For purposes of this Resolution:
 - a. the term “school setting” means all buildings and properties owned or leased by the School District and is not limited to only those places where students are present. It includes all administrative and operational buildings and sites as well;
 - b. “masks” are manufactured or homemade cloth face coverings that, when properly worn, fit snugly and fully cover an individual’s nose and mouth.

2. Consistent with CDC and MDH guidance, this mandate does not apply to:

- a. Individuals who cannot wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.;
 - b. Individuals for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations;
 - c. Individuals who are actively struggling to breathe, are unconscious, or are unable to remove a mask without help;
 - d. Individuals in certain situations (e.g., swimming or other activities that will soak or submerge a face covering in water) where masks are unsafe.
3. Consistent with prior directives from the State of Minnesota:
- a. Staff may remove masks when working alone, including when alone in an office, classroom, vehicle, cubicle with walls at least face level when social distancing is maintained, or other enclosed work area;
 - b. Staff, students, and other persons present indoors in a school setting may temporarily remove masks in the following situations:
 - i. When actively engaged in an athletic game, scrimmage, or competition subject to any rules, regulations, requirements, or guidance issued by the Minnesota State High School League for activities under its administration;
 - ii. When eating or drinking;
 - iii. During performances involving singing, acting, public speaking, or playing musical instruments that make wearing a mask difficult or impracticable, with as much physical distancing as possible;
 - iv. When exertion during physical education interferes because of difficulty breathing during high intensity activities, with as much physical distancing as possible;
 - v. In response to requests to verify an identity for lawful purposes;
 - vi. When communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing or has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with that individual while wearing a face covering difficult;
 - vii. While receiving a service – including nursing, medical, or personal care services – that cannot be performed or would be difficult to perform when the individual receiving the service is wearing a mask.
4. The School Board will review this resolution as necessary in light of changes to case rates, guidance from the CDC, guidance from the MDH and/or MDE, and any other applicable authorities, and may amend accordingly as warranted.

5. This Resolution becomes effective as of August 30, 2021, and will remain in effect until amended, rescinded or otherwise acted upon by the school board.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Clerk

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 623
ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS

August 17, 2021