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SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Agenda Item# 4.1

Meeting Date : October 12, 2021

Subject : Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 3233: Mandatory
COVID-19 Vaccination for Eligible, Non -Exempt Students and Staff

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
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Recommendation : Student Support and Health Services

Recommendation : N/A

Background/Rationale : The purpose of this item is to provide the factors and information to consider for adopting a resolution requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for eligible, nonexempt students and staff.

Financial Considerations

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION NO. 3233

RESOLUTION ON REQUIRING COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS AGED 12
AND OVER

Whereas, the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) is both a local educational agency as well as an agency of the state for purposes of implementing educational policy and operation of public schools to safeguard the educational, health, and safety needs of SCUSD's students and community as a whole within its geographic boundaries;

Wthe safest environment possible;

Whereas, SCUSD continues to host a series of vaccination clinics with Dignity Health, University of California Davis, Dr. Kawaana Carter, Sacramento County Public Health and other health partners to do its part in stopping the spread of COVID in our community. [SCUSD will host upcoming clinics](#)

Whereas, as outlined in its [Return to Health Plan](#), SCUSD has implemented high standards of multi-layered health and safety measures including COVID-19 testing, masking, ventilation, screening, high quality sanitation measures, and requirement for all employees to be vaccinated or submit to regular testing, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in SCUSD's community;

Whereas, consistent with [CDPH's testing guidance](#), which provides that testing on high-risk populations and individuals who have not been vaccinated further mitigates the spread of COVID-19 by assisting with early detection and deploying both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical preventative interventions when cases and outbreaks are identified, SCUSD provides testing at every school site and at SCUSD facilities;

Whereas, SCUSD has administered 53,492 COVID-19 tests to further mitigate the spread of the virus since July 2021 to date;

Whereas, consistent with the [Public Health Order of August 11, 2021](#), SCUSD has implemented a program to document the current vaccination status of all staff, and to require regular testing of any staff not fully vaccinated, and the current count of fully vaccinated staff totals 3,740 out of 4,848 to date;

Whereas, after closure of all SCUSD school facilities for in-person instruction and distance learning through most of the 2020-21 school year, SCUSD has returned to full-time, in-person instruction for all students choosing to return to SCUSD school facilities for the 2021-2022 school year subject to health and safety mitigation measures;

Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO), CDC, and the State of California including the CDPH have recognized that the country, state, and county face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus;

Whereas, data has emerged that the Delta variant is more infectious and leading to increased transmissibility and ["the greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus.";](#)

Whereas, ["the vast majority of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-](#)

unanimously recommending that all eligible persons be vaccinated, including children 12 years of age and older;

WHEREAS, the [State Superintendent of Public Instruction supports COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible and nonexempt students;](#)

WHEREAS, [Governor Newsom directed CDPH to promulgate regulations requiring COVID-19 Vaccination for students and staff to attend in-person learning starting the term following FDA full approval of the vaccine for their grade span \(7-12 and k-6\), and that individual counties and schools may accelerate vaccine requirements;](#)

Whereas, in order to continue with mitigation measures to protect the health and safety of the SCUSD community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Superintendent to adopt the requirement that all SCUSD staff and students (including dependent charter school and Adult Education students) aged 12 and older receive the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition to accessing in-person instruction in order to best ensure the health and safety of all students, staff, and community and best protect against future disruptions to full-time, in-person instruction threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all eligible, SCUSD staff and students (including dependent charter school and Adult Education students) shall provide proof of vaccination (first or second dose) by November 30, 2021, except for those students or staff with qualified and approved exemptions and conditional admissions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, All other students must receive their first vaccine dose no later than 30 days after their twelfth birthday and their second dose by no later than eight weeks after their twelfth birthday or submit a valid exemption by this timeline as a condition of accessing in-person instruction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all SCUSD students (including dependent charter school and Adult

partners regarding Independent Study Program and other related matters that is viable in light of contractual obligations and state and national staffing shortages;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all non-exempt SCUSD staff (including SCUSD partners, contractors, and other individuals who work directly with students and SCUSD staff on SCUSD

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Whereas, SCUSD is charged by law to ensure appropriate public education for all students residing within its boundaries and is obligated to ensure the health and safety of all students within its schools and facilities;

Whereas, SCUSD has a constitutional mandate obligation to deliver the highest-quality instruction in the safest environment possible;

Whereas, SCUSD continues to host a series of vaccination clinics with Dignity Health, University of California Davis, Dr. Kawaana Carter, Sacramento County Public Health and other health partners to do its part in stopping the spread of COVID in our community. [SCUSD will host uostudents, and adults sharing homes with these12 members of its Kd strongly recommends that all persons eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine receive them at the first opportunity;](#)

[Whereas, CDPH provides](#) that COVID-19 “[v]accination may stop the spread of coronavirus variants. They can also shrink the pool of people vulnerable to COVID-19. By getting children 12 and up vaccinated, families can be safer as we get back to doing the things we love.”;

Whereas, [COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) have been shown to be safe and effective](#). Current vaccines are approved for individuals 12 years and older. Vaccines help immune systems fight infections in the future. COVID-19 vaccines protect individuals from the virus that causes COVID-19 without having to get the illness;

Whereas, [CDPH further stated in its recent FAQ](#), “COVID 19-vaccines are effective. They decrease the chances of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased

COVID-19 has been disproportionately rising, indicating that children are at a greater risk from contracting the Delta variant due to high transmission rates with possibility of long-term symptoms from COVID-19;

Whereas, COVID-19 is a material threat to the health and safety of all students within the SCUSD community and is a further threat to the successful return to continuous in-person instruction;

Whereas, several vaccines against COVID-19 have been developed that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 as well as the severity of COVID-19 for breakthrough cases, preventing nearly all COVID-19 related hospitalizations;

Whereas, in light of the effectiveness and safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, the [CDC](#), [CDPH](#), and [Sacramento County Department of Public Health \(SCDPH\)](#) have deemed the vaccine appropriate by unanimously recommending that all eligible persons be vaccinated, including children 12 years of age and older;

WHEREAS, the [State Superintendent of Public Instruction supports COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible and nonexempt students](#);

WHEREAS, [Governor Newsom directed CDPH to promulgate regulations requiring COVID-](#)

