

**DOUGLAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27**  
**OF COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**RESOLUTION RE: REQUIRE MASKS WHEN INDOORS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has not abated in our community and instead, cases continue to rise;

Whereas the CDC, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Department of Education and the Cochise County Department of Health are advising that all persons wear masks indoors because of new evidence about the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19;

Whereas the Arizona Department of Health Services lists the universal and correct use of masks as one of five key mitigation strategies that schools should use to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, the Governing Board has the authority to establish policies and procedures for the District that help to ensure student and staff safety;

Whereas the Arizona Constitution provides that any legislation passed by the legislature does not become effective and is not the law until 90 days after close of the legislative session, which is September 29, 2021 for HB 2898;

Whereas the Arizona Constitution permits the legislature to make a law effective retroactively only if certain criteria are met and the act is approved by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to each house of the legislature,

Whereas, HB 2898, which includes a new law, A.R.S. 15-342.05, was not approved by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to the State House and Senate, and


Whereas, there is good cause to believe that A.R.S. 15-342.05 is not currently the law and that it will not become effective until September 29, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Governing Board of Douglas Unified School District No. 27 of Cochise County, Arizona that the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to:

- Include in the District's COVID-19 school mitigation plan the requirement that all persons wear a face mask while indoors on school property, subject to exceptions established by the CDC, Arizona Department of Health Services or Cochise County Department of Health;
- Work with relevant governmental authorities to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, Orders and guidelines designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and that the Superintendent implement regulations or protocols to support such compliance.
- The Superintendent conform the District's mitigation plan to comply with the provisions of A.R.S. 15-342.05, if a court of competent jurisdiction determine that A.R.S. 15-342.05 is currently in effect or in effect prior to September 29, 2021; and
- Inform the Board on regular basis concerning the steps being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This Resolution was adopted at a properly noticed meeting of the Governing Board on August 18, 2021. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Governing Board President to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Governing Board.

**DOUGLAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 27**

By:   
Mr. Ray Borane  
Its: Governing Board President

August 18, 2021