A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the
governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to adopt
policies providing that face coverings for students are optional.

WHEREAS, the research on COVID-19 has shown that children are far less likely
to contract and transmit the virus than are adults; and

WHEREAS, in order to decrease the risk of COVID-19 for students and school staff,
our schools have implemented protocols for social distancing and frequent sanitation of
common areas; and

WHEREAS, adults working in schools were prioritized as some of the first persons
eligible to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, many students now qualify to receive a COVID-19 vaccination; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated
guidance and no longer recommends that fully-vaccinated adults wear face coverings in
areas where social distancing protocols are followed; and

WHEREAS, this guidance was issued because research has shown that fully-
vaccinated adults are far less likely to contract or transmit the virus than their unvaccinated
counterparts; and

Requests BESE and public school governing authorities to adopt policies making
face coverings optional for students.
WHEREAS, the CDC has not yet updated its guidance for schools, even in those that
have instituted social distancing protocols.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the governing
authority of each public elementary and secondary school to adopt policies providing that
face coverings for students are optional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
Education communicate this request to each public school governing authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
superintendent of education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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governing authority to adopt policies providing that face coverings for students are optional.