

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THERMALITO  
UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO: 21-22-04**

**Resolution Calling for State Officials to  
Not Require the COVID-19 Vaccine for Students and Staff**

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced October 1, 2021, that California would be the first state in the nation to require all students to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's announcement stated students will be required to be vaccinated, or complete an approved exemption form for in-person learning, starting the term following FDA full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and K-6); and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom is directing the California Department of Public Health to add the COVID-19 vaccine to other vaccinations required for in-person school attendance; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccine requirements will apply to all "pupil[s] of any private or public elementary or secondary school[s]" (HSC section 120335(b)); and

WHEREAS, this mandate will be a condition of in-person attendance (HSC section 120335(f)), and any student who is not vaccinated, and does not complete an approved exemption form, may remain enrolled in independent study but may not attend in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has directed adults be held to the same standards as students for the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's announcement states the current verify-or-test requirement for staff will be converted to a vaccine mandate no later than when the first phase of the student requirement becomes effective; and

WHEREAS, THERMALITO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT supports local control and decision making; and

WHEREAS, THERMALITO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT public schools have operated in-person learning safely since reopening in November 2020 with limited vaccine availability for children and no vaccine mandate; and

WHEREAS, THERMALITO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT parents and community members have expressed concern regarding the lack of parental and personal choice, along with the lack of research on long-term impacts on children for the COVID-19 vaccine;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the THERMALITO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT asks that the State of California legislature uphold the constitutionally guaranteed right to provide informed consent before proceeding with any medical procedure of residents of the State of California for themselves and their children; and allow for parents, students and staff to have choice in the matter by recommending and not requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for students and staff of TK-12 grade Local Education Agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing board of the THERMALITO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT will petition the State of California that the COVID-19 Vaccine be a recommendation and not a requirement for students and staff.

This resolution will be shared with the offices of California Assembly Member Gallagher, State Senator Nielsen, Governor Newsom, the Butte County Public Health Department, and the California Department of Public Health.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October in 2021

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis      Second made by: Mrs. Fultz

Members voting "aye": 5

Members voting "No": 0

  
Jaymes Lackey, Board President

  
Gregory Blake, Superintendent