

RESOLUTION # 2020-21

**A Resolution regarding mitigation procedure in K-12 schools**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas attempted to issue Executive Order 20-58 calling for a delay in the opening of Kansas K-12 schools, but such order was not approved by the Kansas Department of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Lincoln County Board of Health supports USD 299, the teachers, employees and administration in their plan to open school by approximately August 25, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas has issued Executive Order 20-59 mandating the use of face masks in K-12 schools effective Monday, August 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders relating to public health and include provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an Executive Order effective statewide issued by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, the Board and local health officer have reviewed the COVID-109 Exposure Prevention Preparedness and Response Plan for USD 299 and finds that the school system has a responsible and workable plan for the school system; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has consulted with the local health officer concerning the implementation of the directives of Executive Order 20-59 including the use of face masks and following such consultation the Board has determined that the mandatory directives of Executive Order 20-59 including use of face masks in K-12 schools should not be mandatory to protect the public health safety of the K-12 students, faculty and administration; and,

WHEREAS, the Board previously, by Resolution 20-18, chose not to adopt Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-52 regarding the mandatory use of face masks by the general public, but in doing so recognized the public health officer does encourage wearing a mask if social distancing cannot be maintained; and,

WHEREAS, as of this date there have only been 6 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Lincoln County requiring no hospitalization of any party testing positive for COVID-19; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas sitting both as the Board of Commissioners and as the Board of Health of the County finds that the implementation of the Governor's Executive Order 20-59, is not necessary to be mandated for USD 299 and that the local school administration will adequately and within reason according to the USD 299 COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Preparedness and Response Plan address matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to the safety and well-being of the K-12 students, employees, educators and administration. That

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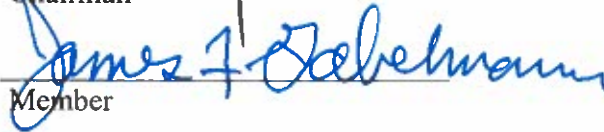
in doing so, the administration is concerned about the health, well-being and education of the children of USD 299. That the operation of the USD 299 school system should be, and as a result of this resolution, shall remain under the direction and control of the USD 299 school administration.

Adopted on this 31st day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

  
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Chairman

  
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Member

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Member



Attest:  
  
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County Clerk