

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Margate Board of Education recognizes that on March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 103 declaring a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the public health hazard create by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 requiring all public, private and parochial schools to be closed for in-person learning; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 175, allowing for schools to open under conditions detailed in “The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education,” and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed Assembly Bill No. 5820 into law as P.I., 2021, c.103 and issued Executive Order No. 244, which terminated the Public Health Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020) but maintained the State of Emergency declared in that same Order;

**WHEREAS**, the P.I., 2021, c.103 provided that following the termination of the Public Health Emergency declared in the Executive Order No. 103 (2020), the Governor may continue to issue orders related to implementation of recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to prevent or limit transmission of COVID-19, including in specific settings; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 251 which mandated that all students, educators, staff and visitors wear face masks in the indoor premises of all public, private, and parochial preschool, elementary, and secondary school buildings for the start of the 2021-2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Margate Board of Education believes that due to the small class sizes within the City of Margate Public School District, it is uniquely situated to make decisions locally, by administrators and Board member who are most familiar with the strengths, weaknesses, wants and needs of the schools and the school community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Margate Board of Education is in the best position to quickly implement, remove, or revise COVID-19 mitigation strategies based on facts specific to the local region and school district:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2021, by the City of Margate Board of Education that:

1. The City of Margate Board of Education respectfully requests that Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education make optional the current provisions within Executive Order No. 251 which require mask wearing within the Margate Public School District, as well as all mandatory provisions concerning mask wearing within Executive Order No. 175, that outlines “The Road

Back; Restart and Recovery Plan for Education,” and any additional supplemental guidance to either, including, but not limited to, the mandatory use of face masks by all students, staff and visitors to a school building; and

2. That all mandatory provisions be replaced with guidance that can be considered and implemented by boards of education given their knowledge and understanding of the impact of these provisions on the students and staff in their school district; and

3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Board Secretary to Governor Phil Murphy and Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillian, Ed. D., Commissioner of Education;

Jennifer Germana, School Board Administrator

Cathy Horn, President

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