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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Since March of 2020, Governor JB Pritzker has issued over 80 executive orders pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic with very little legislative and local government input; and

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WHEREAS, There have been several executive orders issued governing schools, including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by students and school staff; and

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WHEREAS, Executive Order 2021-11, issued by Governor Pritzker on May 28, 2021, maintains the requirement that students, staff, and visitors use face coverings if they are over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering; and

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WHEREAS, Since EO 2020-11 was issued, Illinois has moved to Phase 5 of Restore Illinois due to the number of new COVID-19 cases dramatically decreasing over the last several weeks and public health metrics showing that it was time for Illinois to begin reopening; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to lower case rates and fewer hospitalizations, vaccination rates are also on the rise with nearly 54 percent of Illinoisans now fully vaccinated and 70

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1 percent having at least one dose of the vaccination; and

2 WHEREAS, All kids ages 12 and above have been eligible for  
3 the COVID-19 vaccine since May; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Board of Education and the  
5 Illinois Department of Public Health have yet to issue updated  
6 guidance for the 2021-2022 school year as it relates to the  
7 pandemic and the use of masks even though school districts  
8 must start planning for the upcoming school year; therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we urge Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois State Board of  
13 Education, and the Illinois Department of Public Health to  
14 allow for local control by duly elected school board members  
15 regarding decisions on COVID-19 mitigation efforts that best  
16 fit the community and school districts in which they serve;  
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18 RESOLVED, That duly elected school board members have the  
19 ability to set parameters and issue guidance on the use of  
20 masks in schools and on other COVID-related safety precautions  
21 due to lower COVID-19 case numbers throughout the State and  
22 the rise in vaccinations; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, State Superintendent Dr.  
3 Carmen Ayala, and the Director of the Illinois Department of  
4 Public Health, Dr. Ngozi Ezike.