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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor JB  
3 Pritzker has acted unilaterally and has repeatedly failed to  
4 include the General Assembly in his pandemic response  
5 decision-making; and

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

9           WHEREAS, Executive Order 2021-18, issued by Governor  
10 Pritzker on August 4, 2021, requires all persons who are over  
11 the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering  
12 to wear a mask in all public and nonpublic schools; and

13           WHEREAS, Once again, Governor Pritzker failed to seek  
14 input from the General Assembly, a co-equal branch of  
15 government, in issuing EO 2021-18; and

16           WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker did not consider local school  
17 board decision-making authority and what is best for the  
18 schools and students they serve when issuing the new executive  
19 order; and

20           WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker has the authority to call the

1 General Assembly into special session to take action on his  
2 COVID-19 response but has refused to do so; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we urge Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois State Board of  
6 Education, and the Illinois Department of Public Health to  
7 reinstate local control and allow duly elected school board  
8 members to make decisions on COVID-19 mitigation efforts that  
9 best fit the community and school districts in which they  
10 serve; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That we believe duly elected school board  
12 members have the ability to set parameters and issue guidance  
13 on the use of masks in schools and on other COVID-related  
14 safety precautions; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That we urge Governor JB Pritzker to call the  
16 General Assembly into special session to consider his COVID-19  
17 response and mitigation efforts as a co-equal branch of  
18 government; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, State Superintendent Dr.  
21 Carmen Ayala, and the Director of the Illinois Department of  
22 Public Health, Dr. Ngozi Ezike.