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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker issued Executive Order
3 2021-18 on August 4, 2021, requiring that all persons over the
4 age of two who can medically tolerate a face mask to wear a
5 face covering when inside any public or nonpublic school
6 serving students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor
8 Pritzker and his State agencies have governed over the people
9 of Illinois through executive order, seeking very little input
10 from the General Assembly, a co-equal branch of government;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Once again, under E.O. 2021-18, Governor Pritzker
13 and the Illinois State Board of Education have taken it upon
14 themselves to exert their control over local school boards and
15 private schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Since Governor Pritzker issued E.O. 2021-18,
17 State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala and the Illinois State
18 Board of Education have pushed the boundaries of their
19 authority by placing public school districts "on probation"
20 and removing private school's recognition status for failing
21 to comply with the executive orders that have been issued; and

1 WHEREAS, As of August 27, 2021, the Illinois State Board
2 of Education has placed 47 public school districts on
3 probation and removed the recognition status of 12 private
4 schools for making local decisions; and

5 WHEREAS, In Illinois, school board members are
6 duly-elected public servants and shall be given the
7 opportunity to govern over their school districts as they see
8 fit; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to school board members and school
10 administrators making decisions for their local schools,
11 parents should have the right to make decisions in the best
12 interests of their children and not be given orders by the
13 government; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we urge the Illinois State Board of Education to stop
17 punishing school districts for making decisions that they
18 believe support the best interests of the students in the
19 districts they serve; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois State Board of
21 Education to realize that their decisions may have a negative
22 impact on the students in the districts that they are trying to

1 protect, so there should not be a one-size-fits-all approach
2 to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in Illinois schools; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala and the
6 State Board of Education.