



**VAUGHN NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VAUGHN NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER TO
REQUIRE COVID-19
VACCINATION FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center is both a local educational agency as well as an agency of the state for purposes of implementing educational policy and operation of public schools to safeguard the educational, health and safety needs of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center and community as a whole within its geographic boundaries;

WHEREAS, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center is charged by law to ensure appropriate public education for all students residing within its boundaries and is obligated to ensure the health and safety of all students within its schools and facilities;

WHEREAS, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center has a constitutional mandate obligation to deliver the highest-quality instruction in the safest environment possible;

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the COVID-19 vaccine for all persons over 12 years of age and stated that “Children learn best when physically present in the classroom. But children get much more than academics at school. They also learn social and emotional skills at school, get healthy meals and exercise, mental health support and other services that cannot be easily replicated online;”

WHEREAS, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center is a school that enrolls more than 3,000 students from TK/K through 12th grade, operating approximately 5 schools throughout Pacoima area;

WHEREAS, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center has implemented high standard of multi-layered safety measures including COVID-19 testing, masking, ventilation, screening, high quality sanitation measures, and requirement for all employees to be vaccinated, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the school community;

WHEREAS, the above safety measures are effective at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, but vaccination of all eligible and non-exempt students provide the strongest protection to the

health and safety of all students and staff in the LAUSD school communities while further protecting against the disruption to full-time, in-person instruction;

WHEREAS, after closure of all Vaughn Next Century Learning Center school facilities for in-person instruction and distance learning through most of the 2020-2021 school year, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center has returned to full-time, in-person instruction for all students choosing to return to Vaughn Next Century Learning Center school facilities for the 2021-22 school year subject to health and safety mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California including the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) have recognized that the country, state, and county face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 rates increased in July-August of 2021 due to the surge of the Delta variant including increasing rates of COVID-19 cases among school age children;

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, the percentage of children hospitalized after testing positive for COVID-19 has been disproportionately rising, indicating that children are at a greater risk from contracting the Delta variant due to high transmission rates with possibility of long-term symptoms from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a material threat to the health and safety of all students within the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center community, and is a further threat to the successful return to continuous in-person instruction;

WHEREAS, several vaccines against COVID-19 have been developed that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 as well as the severity of COVID-19 for breakthrough cases, preventing nearly all COVID-19 related hospitalizations; and recent CDC studies indicate that infection and hospitalization rates among unvaccinated persons were 4.9 and 29.2 times, respectively, than those in fully vaccinated persons; and, that authorized vaccines were protective against SARS-CoV-2 infection and severe COVID-19 during a period when transmission of the Delta variant was increasing;

WHEREAS, in light of the effectiveness and safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, the CDC, CDPH, and LACDPH have deemed the vaccine appropriate by unanimously recommending that all eligible persons be vaccinated, including children 16 years of age and older;

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director support COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible and nonexempt students;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that to ensure the continued delivery of the highest-quality public instruction in the safest environment possible, the Board of Directors approves the Chief Executive Officer to implement reasonably necessary measures requiring all Vaughn Next Century Learning Center students who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, excluding those students with qualified and approved exemptions and conditional admissions under Vaughn Next Century Learning Center existing immunization policies, to become vaccinated against COVID-19 as a mandatory precondition to accessing Vaughn Next Century Learning Center school facilities, as follows: All students who are 16 years of age and older and are part of in-person extracurricular programs must receive their first vaccine dose by no November 21, 2021 and their second dose by no later than December 19, 2021; All other students must receive their first vaccine dose by no later than 30 days after their 16th birthday, and their second dose by no later than 8 weeks after their 16th birthday.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the adoption of the resolution that mandates vaccinations for students 16 years of age and older with 12-15 year olds pending federal approval.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is given approval by the Board of Directors to require all students eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and subject to the timeline outlined above to provide proof of vaccination uploaded and approved in Vaughn Next Century Learning Center school's Aeries, in order to be permitted on Vaughn Next Century Learning Center school facilities, except for those students with qualified and approved exemptions and conditional admissions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves the Chief Executive Officer, to ensure student vaccination records and information are maintained securely and confidentially in accordance with all laws governing the privacy of student health information and other student records.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer are committed to ensuring all students have access to the COVID-19 vaccine and, therefore, the Board of Directors directs the Chief Executive Officer to implement reasonably necessary measures to ensure equitable student access to the COVID-19 vaccine and provide Vaughn Next Century Learning Center students and families accurate information about the vaccine.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs the Chief Executive Officer to monitor Vaughn Next Century Learning Center testing and vaccination data and determine

when to allow an exemption for vaccinated students to Vaughn Next Century Learning Center current weekly COVID-19 testing requirement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Directors of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center adopts this Resolution as part of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center policies and practices as they relate to Vaughn Next Century Learning Center school sites, and as part o Vaughn Next Century Learning Center health, safety, and emergency procedures and requirements applicable to facilities and related operations.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center on the 29 day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Xitali I Castro". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Xitali Castro,
President of the Board of Director