

Resolution to Update COVID Protocols based on Clear Metrics

Whereas COVID-19 transmission continues, and we must be alert to new variants; and,

Whereas health professionals have developed effective vaccines, medical treatments, and health protocols in order to combat COVID-19; and,

Whereas school districts in New York State have significantly altered the daily school routines of thousands of students over the past two years to reduce the spread of the virus; and,

Whereas parents and school communities are looking to update pandemic school health requirements consistent with the health and safety of all in school buildings; and,

Whereas the NYS Department of Health has changed guidance, often without prior notice, to school districts throughout the pandemic; and,

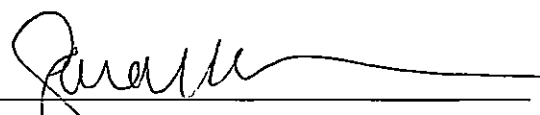
Whereas the CDC and other health organizations have studied the effectiveness of COVID-19 protocols in many settings; and,

Whereas Boards of Education and Superintendents rely on health professionals to provide guidance to ensure the health of students and staff in school settings; and,

Whereas our communities and school leaders are looking for clarity on effective COVID-19 mitigation efforts and the conditions under which various protocols (e.g., masking, quarantine, isolation, social distancing) are or are not critical to the safety of our students and staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Croton-Harmon School District calls on the Governor and NYS Department of Health to issue clear, science-based metrics that will determine what level of COVID protocols continue to be required in NYS public schools.

SIGNATURE  DATE 2/17/22
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The Board of Education directs the District Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the following people:

- Sandy Galef, State Assembly Member (for school district)
- Peter Harckham, State Senator (for school district)
- Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York
- Carl Heastie, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly
- Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate
- Michael Benedetto, State Assemblyman, Chair, Committee on Education

- Shelley Mayer, State Senate, Chair, Committee on Education
- Dr. Mary Bassett, Commissioner, NYS Department of Health
- Betty Rosa, Commissioner, NYS Department of Education
- Lester Young, Chancellor, NYS Board of Regents
- Frances Wills, Regent, 9th Judicial District
- Robert Schneider, Executive Director, New York State School Boards Association
- Karen Belanger, Executive Director, Westchester Putnam School Boards Association