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School Board SPECIAL Meeting Proposed Agenda
Monday, December 20, 2021

School Administration Building #6, Municipal Center
2512 George Mason Drive
P.O. Box 6038
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Pursuant to the Virginia State Health Commissioner’s Order of Public Health Emergency Statewide Requirement to Wear Masks in K-12 Schools issued August 12, 2021, and Virginia Acts of Assembly No. 1303, Chapter 456, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s guidance for K-12 schools, and the School Board’s 2021-2022 Reopening Plan adopted August 10, 2021, it is determined limited public seating due to physical distancing mitigation strategies will be made available on a first-come, first- served basis beginning shortly before the School Board Special Meeting. Anyone requesting an accommodation from wearing a face covering in School Board Meetings must complete this [form](#) and send to the School Board Clerk, Regina Toneatto, Regina.Toneatto@vbschools.com, by 12:00 PM, Friday, December 17, 2021. Anyone who makes this request as noted will be contacted by the Clerk before the scheduled meeting to note what, if any, accommodations will be provided. Members of the public will also be able to observe the School Board Meeting through livestreaming on www.vbschools.com, broadcast on VBTv Channel 47, and on Zoom through the link below.

Attendee link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ppsCbz9ATISBuSp4MB7REw Call-in (301) 715-8592 ID 824 1653 8372

Pursuant to Bylaw 1-46, and *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3707, at the request of three School Board Members in writing to the Chairwoman and the Clerk of the School Board, to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the School Administration Building #6 at the Municipal Center, 2512 George Mason Dr., Virginia Beach, VA at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this special meeting is (1) discussion pertaining to student athletes being required to provide proof of vaccination and/or test for an athletic club or non-VHSL program; and (2) discussion and vote on resolution to make masks optional in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Public comment is always welcome by the School Board through their group e-mail account at vbcpschoolboard@googlegroups.com or by request to the Clerk of the School Board at (757) 263-1016.

No public comments will be taken at this meeting.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call..... 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Information: Discussion pertaining to student athletes being required to provide proof of vaccination and/or test for an athletic club or non-VHSL program**
4. **Action: Resolution to make Masks Optional in Virginia Beach City Public Schools**
5. **Adjournment**



Subject: Resolution to make Masks Optional in Virginia Beach City Public Schools Item Number: 4

Section: Action **Date:** December 20, 2021

Senior Staff: N/A

Prepared by: Laura Hughes, School Board Member

Presenter(s): Laura Hughes, School Board Member

Recommendation:

That the School Board adopt a Resolution stating that Masks/Face Coverings are optional in all Virginia Beach City Public Schools buildings and offices, both indoors and outdoors; and be optional for all Virginia Beach City Public Schools students, staff, and guests.

Background Summary:

Source:

Budget Impact:

**RESOLUTION
MASKS/FACE COVERINGS NOT REQUIRED IN
VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia is committed to the physical safety and emotional well-being of all students and staff as well as being committed to providing the least restrictive environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, multiple states have lifted all mask mandates with no increase in COVID numbers; and

WHEREAS, other divisions in Virginia are making masks optional; and

WHEREAS, other divisions with similar populations and demographics as Virginia Beach City Public Schools who have implemented a mask-optional policy have the same or lower numbers of COVID positive cases; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency expired on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, all Virginia Beach City Public Schools staff has had an opportunity to become fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Beach City Public Schools acknowledges that parents are best-suited to make decisions for their children,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. Masks/face coverings shall, in the absence of further statewide mandates, be optional in all Virginia Beach City Public Schools buildings and offices, both indoors and outdoors.
2. Masks/face coverings will, in the absence of further statewide mandates, be optional for all Virginia Beach City Public Schools students, staff, and guests.
3. This policy shall be in effect beginning January 3, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it will not be the policy of Virginia Beach City Public Schools to either encourage or discourage any student, staff member, or guest to wear a mask or face covering.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia this 21st day of December 2021.