## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Advisement of Covid Vaccination

Whereas, primarily when indicated, the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) supports the use of proven and reliable routine childhood vaccinations to reduce childhood diseases; and

Whereas, On October 12, 2022, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), announced that it is recommended adding the COVID-19 vaccines to the routine schedule of childhood schedule of vaccines for children; and

Whereas, the Covid vaccinations are currently authorized under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) act which provides the vaccine companies with immunity from all liability. Furthermore, the EUA requires the existence of an emergency and requires the availability of no other treatment options; and

Whereas, adding the Covid vaccination to the childhood recommended vaccine schedule under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 provides immunity from all liability once the Covid vaccine is removed from the EUA and is approved by the FDA; and

Whereas, the risk of becoming severely ill from covid-19 increases with age. Individuals who 50 years of age or older, and particularly vulnerable patient population may want to consider vaccination. Covid vaccination may be of benefit for a very limited number of children who are at particularly higher risk of becoming severely ill based on an individual assessment by a physician <sup>3</sup>; and

Whereas, according to CDC statistics a child less than 18 years old has a statistical zero percent mortality rate from Covid-19 clearly showing there is no Covid-19 emergency in children; and

Whereas, the Board in the summer of 2020 through the pandemic of Covid-19, advanced the notion and public policy of opening schools for "in-classroom learning", objecting to vaccine mandates because no age related medical emergency based upon existing medical data; and

Whereas, adverse side effects from the Covid vaccine in children are not completely understood or known, as the vaccine has limited long term use and no long term safety studies; and

Whereas, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VARES)<sup>1</sup> has reported that severe side effects can occur with Covid vaccines and include but are not limited to death, myocarditis and pericarditis <sup>2</sup>.

Whereas, Denmark and the Danish Health Authority, understanding the scientific data, has recommend against Covid-19 vaccines for its citizens less than 18 years old <sup>3</sup>; and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://vaers.hhs.gov/faq.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/myocarditis.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://sst.dk/en/English/Corona-eng/Vaccination-against-covid-19

Therefore, the Orange County Board of Education, expresses concerns that state public health entities and legislators, or Governor Gavin Newsom using state emergency orders, will over react to the recent CDC's recommendations, by mandating Covid vaccinations into routine childhood vaccinations, for attendance requirements at public schools. Based on existing medical data and a lack of limited long term safety studies on Covid Vaccination in children, the Orange County Board of Education is opposed to mandating the Covid-19 vaccination to children as a requirement for school attendance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Orange County Board of Education, this 2nd day of November 2022, by the following vote:

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COUNTY OF ORANGE	)

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of November, 2022.

Lisa Sparks, Ph.D., President Orange County Board of Education

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