

Gadsden ISD

Board of Education

Resolution

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRIORITIZING EDUCATORS FOR RECEIPT OF VACCINES FOR COVID-19 IN PREPARATION FOR EXPANDED IN-PERSON LEARNING**

WHEREAS, schools across the state of New Mexico are responsible for both providing the best education for students and for responding to the COVID-19 health crisis;

WHEREAS, school districts across New Mexico, including the schools that make up Gadsden Independent School District, have been conducting instruction in a fully remote model due to the state's red-to-green county-level restrictions on in-person learning;

WHEREAS, effective vaccines for COVID-19 are available for adults and are currently being distributed in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, educators are in Phase 1B of the vaccine distribution plan, but have been relegated to a subset of Phase 1B and are not currently eligible to receive the vaccine without having underlying medical conditions;

WHEREAS, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has announced the end of the red-to-green county restrictions for public schools and announced the date of February 8th as being the date at which all New Mexico schools may reopen for in-person learning in the Hybrid Model, noting that Dona Ana County remains "Red" according to the state's gating criteria at this;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gadsden Independent School District Board of Education is requesting Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico Department of Health to show clear support for the health and safety of our communities by immediately prioritizing the vaccination of educators as we prepare to return to in-person learning.