



DISTRICT NEWS

September 21, 2021

Actions taken during the September 20th called meeting of the Dorchester School District Two Board of Trustees:

- Board members adopted a Resolution urging members of the South Carolina General Assembly to repeal 2021-2022 Budget Proviso 1.108 that does not allow school districts to use appropriated or authorized funds to require that its students and/or employees wear a facemask at any of its education facilities. This presents a barrier for school district leaders to consider every recommended mitigation measure available to maintain in person learning and to protect the health and safety of students and staff. The Resolution supports flexibility for local school district leaders to make the best decisions to keep students and employees safe and in school. The adopted Resolution will be sent to Governor McMaster and members of the Legislative Delegation along with State Attorney General Alan Wilson. (Resolution is attached)
- Board Chairman Gail Hughes presented a statement of censure of Board Member Barbara Crosby for inappropriate conduct that has received community concern and media coverage over the past several weeks. The statement focused primarily on her actions at and around the September 1st meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board voted to adopt this statement of censure. (Copy of the statement is posted at www.ddtwo.org under School Board, "Resolutions, Letters, and More.")
- The Board discussed face coverings in schools as a mitigation measure during the increased disease activity of the Delta variant of COVID in our schools and the community. After an Executive Session for legal advice regarding face coverings in schools, the Board authorized Mr. Pye to further analyze legal advice in preparation for the Board meeting on September 27th. In addition, they asked that a parent and staff survey on face coverings in schools be conducted to provide additional data. This topic will be on the agenda for the September 27th Board meeting.