RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING UNFUNDED MANDATES DIRECLY IMPACTING STUDENTS

WHEREAS, NMPED / NMDOH HAVE PROVIDED GUIDANCE OF COVID SAFE PRACTICES CONTAINED IN THE "TOOLKIT"; AND

WHEREAS, BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID VIRUS; AND

WHEREAS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REMAIN AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE WHICH SUPPORTS POSITIVE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL STABILITY, AND

WHEREAS, BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A TITLE I DISTRICT DUE TO THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH; AND

WHEREAS, STUDENTS ATTENDING TITLE I SCHOOLS / DISTRICTS NEED THESE EXPERIENCES TO ENSURE THEY ARE GRADUATING COLLEGE AND CAREER READY; AND

WHEREAS, CURRENT GUIDELINES CREATE A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY REQUIRING UNVACCINATED STUDENTS TO BE LODGED ALONE; AND

WHEREAS, DUE TO THE CURRENT GUIDELINES DISTRICTS COULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PROCURE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO THE INCREASED NEED FOR ROOMS DURING LARGE STATE-WIDE EVENTS / ACTIVITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BELIEVES UNFUNDED MANDATES OF THIS NATURE HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR STUDENTS AND GUIDELINES SHOULD BE REVISED.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON THE 9^{TH} DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR 2021, THE BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, BY UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ITS MEMBERS, HERETO REQUEST:

REQUESTS THAT UNFUNDED MANDATES THAT
DIRECTLY IMPACT STUDENTS CEASE IMMEDIATELY