

Chester County School Board Legislative Council

Resolution Supporting Prioritizing Vaccine for School Personnel

WHEREAS, the Chester County School Board Legislative Council (CCSBLC) recognizes that the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Chester County Health Department, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health disaster and emergency regarding Coronavirus or COVID-19 prioritizing disease surveillance and putting in place precautionary measures to stop its spread;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's public, charter, non-public and private schools impact millions of students and staff; thereby having a profound impact on families while charged with the education and support of their students;

WHEREAS, our schools and our school personnel are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities;

WHEREAS, fully opening schools for in-class instruction is crucial to the mental health of our students, to their continued academic success and to the economic recovery of our county, our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has already moved groups classified as 1c into group 1a thereby increasing the wait time for school personnel to be vaccinated by placing millions of individuals ahead of school staff and first responders;

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia and other areas of the commonwealth have already begun to vaccinate group 1b, whereas others are still only vaccinating those individuals in group 1a;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Chester County School Board Legislative Council finds that a substantial public purpose exists to request that the Governor and Pennsylvania Secretary of Health recognize ALL school personnel no matter their county of residence to be designated as "frontline workers;" and,

FURTHER, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT as essential "frontline workers," that school staff be given appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine and moved into group 1a.

Adopted on this day, Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by the Chester County School Board Legislative Council. Effective immediately.

Signed,

/s/ *Blake Emmanuel*

Blake Emmanuel, Co-Chair
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/s/ *Melissa Booth*

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