

Resolution

Atlanta Board of Education

Atlanta



Georgia

February 1, 2021

**A Resolution Calling for the State of Georgia
to Prioritize Teachers and District Staff for
COVID-19 Vaccinations by Moving them up
to Tier 1A; and for other purposes**

- WHEREAS;** the COVID-19 global pandemic is an unprecedented public health crisis impacting every aspect of society and our lives in Atlanta, Georgia and the United States since March 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States government has distributed to the fifty states allotments of two vaccines approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of protecting people from contracting COVID-19; **and**
- WHEREAS,** faced with limited vaccine availability, Governor Brian Kemp and other state leaders designated teachers and other school staff in Tier 1B, the second tier, for vaccine eligibility; **and**
- WHEREAS,** our school district has continuously implemented scientifically proven mitigation efforts intended to curb the spread of COVID, including but not limited to: mandating mask wearing for all students and staff; providing appropriate and adequate personal protective equipment to students and staff; leading in the use of COVID-19 surveillance testing; utilizing COVID-19 health screening methods for all students and staff entering our schools and offices; and, intensive cleaning of our schools, offices and buses, **and,**
- WHEREAS,** administering the COVID-19 vaccine to our employees would be a tremendous complement to our attempt at operating our schools as safely as possible; **and**
- WHEREAS,** the State of Georgia has recently indicated that at its current pace, COVID-19 vaccines will not become available to individuals in Tier 1B until April 2021, at the earliest; **and**
- WHEREAS,** it is important for APS to offer a safe in-person learning option that can be consistently implemented, in the best interests of APS stakeholders; **and**
- WHEREAS,** school district Superintendents and Board of Education members from diverse school districts across Georgia are united in advocating to our state leadership to speed up the pace of COVID-19 vaccine availability to school district teachers and staff; **and**

WHEREAS, Governor Brian Kemp has unilateral authority over determining which groups of Georgians have access to the vaccine in which order; **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that on this 1st Day of February Two thousand and Twenty One, the Atlanta Board of Education calls on the State of Georgia to Prioritize Teachers and District Staff for COVID-19 Vaccinations by moving them up to Tier 1A.

Jason F. Esteves, Chair
Atlanta Board of Education

Attest

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