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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Vaccination / Testing Policy
Contact(s):
Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent
Shanda Jorgensen, Safety Consultant & COVID Team Member

Nature of Action Requested

Board Action
Board Information or Report

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Background Information

An Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) requiring vaccinations or testing is currently in place, but the Supreme Court is hearing a challenge on January 7th. If the current rule stands, the district needs a plan to require all employees to be vaccinated or a plan to require all employees to either be vaccinated or tested on a weekly basis. According to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), a policy needs to be in place on or before Monday, January 10th.

If required, the Superintendent's recommendation is to adopt a policy that allows employees to either be vaccinated or tested on a weekly basis. The testing program would be fully implemented by February 9th. The recommended policy is largely based on a model policy developed by the MSBA.

In Red Wing, policies are typically adopted only after a first and second reading. However, policies may be adopted on an emergency basis; in that case, a policy expires after one year.

For additional information, please see the following:

- ETS Implementation Timeline (included as an "Extra")
- ETS Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2/faqs>
- Guidance on Implementation of MSBA Model Policies on COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate was included on an email message from MSBA on 12/31/21. However, at the time of posting, the link was not operable.

Recommendation

I move to adopt Policy 809 on an emergency basis.