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Sponsor: Janet Venecz  
Councilwoman at Large  
Katrina Alexander,  
Councilwoman at Large

RESOLUTION NO. R13

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TEACHERS AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND  
URGING POLICY MAKERS TO PRIORITIZE THESE WORKERS IN THE COVID-19  
VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond recognizes the critical role that teachers and educational support staff play throughout the country, the state of Indiana, and our local community; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers and educational support staff have functioned as essential workers, providing continuous quality education to our youth with unwavering dedication and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has created many hardships on our school systems, including challenging shortages due to the steady number of positive cases and the need for recommended quarantine; and

WHEREAS, as of March 1, 2021, the Indiana Department of Health has reported the following COVID-19 positive cases in the school systems: 28,272 student cases, 5,631 teacher cases, and 6,622 staff cases (this does not include 289 schools within Indiana who have not reported); and

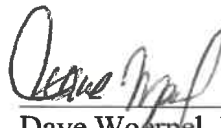
WHEREAS, in order to ensure the health and safety of our valuable school communities and allow the long overdue return to in-person learning, the City of Hammond resolves that teachers and educational support staff should be among those currently permitted to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Hammond hereby recognizes the absolute necessity of teachers and educational support staff

during this global pandemic and always and urges policy makers to prioritize these essential workers in the vaccine distribution plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 8th day of March, 2021.



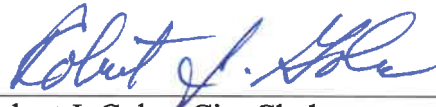
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Dave Woerpel, President  
Hammond Common Council

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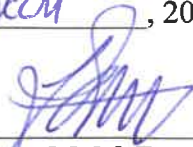
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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 9th day of March, 2021.



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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. R13 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2021.



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Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 8th day of March, 2021 and  
Approved by the Mayor on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,  
Hammond, Indiana