

RIO RANCHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Request for Date for Educator Vaccination Clinic
Resolution # 20-004

WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced in her State of the State on January 26, 2021 that all schools, elementary and secondary, may return to hybrid in-person learning as of February 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho Public Schools offered hybrid in-person learning for elementary students and in-person K-12 small groups from September 14, 2020 through November 20, 2020 and has recently returned to hybrid in-person learning as of January 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, getting students back to in-person learning is critical in meeting their academic, social and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing concern among educators for their health and well-being as they are asked to provide in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, Sandoval County received prior approval from the New Mexico Department of Health to complete a vaccination clinic for educators in Sandoval County; and

WHEREAS, Sandoval County was planning to use the educator vaccine clinic as a training event in preparation for other large vaccination events that would ensure swift and appropriate vaccination of residents in Sandoval County and to create a pool of volunteers for future vaccine clinics; and

WHEREAS, Sandoval Region Medical Center, Sandoval County and Rio Rancho Public Schools spent significant hours planning the educator vaccine clinic and working with New Mexico Department of Health staff members to schedule the clinic and secure event codes; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico had the opportunity to vaccinate 1,800 individuals in phase 1B furthering the State of New Mexico's ability to reach "herd immunity", and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control states, "Sub-prioritization among groups of essential workers may differ by jurisdiction, given the potential variability in the composition of non-healthcare essential workers required to ensure continuity of functions that are critical to public health and safety, security, and the economy at jurisdictional and national levels;" and

WHEREAS, one day before the event, the New Mexico Department of Health decided to cancel the event; and

WHEREAS, educators felt let down and further disappointed with the State of New Mexico as they continued to receive reminders for appointments from the New Mexico Department of Health that were not properly canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RIO RANCHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION requests that the New Mexico Department of Health honors the agreement and approval to vaccinate Rio Rancho Public School, Bernalillo Public School, The ASK Academy and SABE educators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rio Rancho Public Schools respectfully requests that a date be provided when the vaccines will be given to educators.

We hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution** was duly considered by the **RIO RANCHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present, and that same was duly authorized the 25th day of January, 2021.

Amanda Galbraith, President

Dated



01/28/2021

Noreen Scott, Secretary

Dated



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