

**Resolution on Resuming Full In-Person Access in Buffalo Public Schools**

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**Whereas**, Buffalo Public Schools' students, families, and staff have endured the COVID-19 pandemic, since March of 2020, which has consisted of approximately nine months of remote learning and approximately four months of hybrid learning;

**Whereas**, there is a notable increase this school year (2021-22) in social-emotional challenges, behavioral infractions, and violence in schools and surrounding communities, among Buffalo Public Schools' students;

**Whereas**, Buffalo Public Schools' students and families continue to incur restrictions impacting learning and social-emotional wellness compared to other public school districts and non-public schools;

**Whereas**, as of March 11, 2022, the COVID-19 7-day positivity rate continues to decline at 2.0% and all of the City of Buffalo zip codes are in the low (yellow) transmission rate per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention metrics;

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 Case Report on the Buffalo Public Schools website indicates a 7-day positivity rate of 0.07%, as of March 12, 2022;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, the Buffalo Board of Education directs Buffalo Public Schools to lift all restrictions, as expeditiously as possible, on in-person learning and events, **so to align with, and not be more restrictive than**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and New York State and Erie County laws and guidance, including, but not limited to:

- Parent access to school buildings
- In-person events, celebrations, student performances, open houses, meetings, field days, etc.
- Conducting science experiments
- Carpets returned to pre-k and primary grade classrooms
- In-person field trips
- After school programming in elementary schools
- Community-based organization and provider access to school buildings