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COVID-19 and Racine Unified School District

Whereas, schools have grappled with opening buildings safely for students and staff as COVID-19 cases have been present in school building;

Whereas, recently the Racine Unified School District (RUSD) Administration has put forward a plan to start in-person learning on March 1, 2021;

Whereas, the return to in-person learning is happening at a time when education workers are just starting the process of getting vaccinated;

Whereas, the pace of vaccination is expected to accelerate, but not be complete, as of March 1, according to eligibility requirement from the State of Wisconsin;

Whereas, the amount of vaccine available to distribute to educators and staff is currently in short supply and has not been able to meet the demand;

Whereas, the safety of staff and students who work in all schools within the City of Racine must be of prime concern for City policy makers;

Whereas, decisions made by policy makers must be science informed, and community driven;

Whereas, one COVID-related death due to prematurely returning to in-person learning is avoidable and therefore unacceptable;

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Racine Common Council urges the RUSD School Board to continue to utilize remote learning for all students until all RUSD staff are given the opportunity to be fully vaccinated before re-opening buildings and returning to in-person learning.

Fiscal Note: N/A