## Glocester Public Schools

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Glocester School Committee Resolution Supporting Public/Parent Input If the RI Department of Health Considers Modifications to K-12 Covid Vaccination Requirements

WHEREAS, it is the Glocester School Committee's responsibility to determine and control all policies affecting the administration, maintenance and operation of the Glocester public schools, and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties as prescribed by the laws of the State, and

WHEREAS, the RI Department of Health has normal regulatory procedures for rulemaking, with Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) and gather's information relevant to the subject matter of a proposed rulemaking, as well as solicit comments and recommendations from the public; this type of community engagement may also include community review meetings in which RIDOH personnel and the public have a back-and-forth discussion on proposed regulations, and

WHEREAS, the RIDOH has not issued any ANPR nor engaged with the community so far, and

WHEREAS, people have the right to refuse for themselves, and parents for their children, Covid-19 vaccination based on religious or medical reasons; and every medical intervention requires informed consent and the right of refusal, including the Covid-19 vaccine.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Glocester School Committee expresses hope that if the RIDOH issues any mandatory Covid-19 vaccine requirement for public school students, that it follows their normal regulatory procedure, and allows for religious/medical exemptions based on normal procedure with previous mandated immunizations required in order to enter the public school system.

Jon Burlingame, Chair

Glocester School Committee