

RESOLUTION 2021 – 11

**RECOGNIZING MASON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF FOR
CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR MASON FAMILIES AND
CHILDREN DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Ohio and on March 12, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine made an unprecedented announcement ordering all of Ohio’s public, community and private K-12 school buildings to be closed to students due to the ongoing coronavirus health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented times of the Covid-19 pandemic in the United States caused a significant disruption to the daily lives of families and students in the Mason City School District; and

WHEREAS, during the building closure, the Mason City School District worked collaboratively to foster a sense of community among students, educators and families and prioritized the well-being and safety of students and staff through the development of remote learning, food access, counseling, creative and unique programming; and

WHEREAS, Mason City Schools provided resources for mental health concerns furthered by COVID-19 restrictions as well as other ongoing mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Mason City Schools positively impacted the national quarantine standards for Mason students by tracking and monitoring the transmission of the virus from in school contact; and

WHEREAS, Mason City Schools have done an outstanding job of taking precautions, acting on current COVID-19 cases, and communicating with Mason families; and

WHEREAS, the Mason City School District forged the way in creating protocols for safe and successful reopening of school buildings in partnership with educators and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Mason City Council recognizes and congratulates Mason City School Board, Superintendent Jonathan Cooper, principals, administrators, teachers, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria and other staff for creating a safe environment for our Mason families and children leading the way to a safe reopening of in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, reestablishing in-person learning and allowing parents to return to work positively impacted the economic growth, sustainability, and health of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mason City Council congratulates and thanks the Mason City School District on successfully completing a school year educating Mason students as well as keeping students and staff as safe as possible throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, that seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That this Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 10th day of May, 2021.

Mayor Kathy Grossmann

Attest:

Clerk of Council