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Resolution 21-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO QUARANTINE ORDERS FOR ALL ST. CHARLES COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council believes that the state regulations relating to isolation and quarantine of close contacts for COVID-19 exposures in schools contained within 19 CSR 20-20.040 and 19 CSR 20-20.050 are hurting children's education, are a financial hardship on county families, and may appear to be contradictory to the Missouri Constitution Article 3, Section 40 line 24 that states "The general assembly shall not pass any local or special laws: regulating the management of public schools"; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council believes that individual school boards and administrators are better situated than the County Health Department to make decisions relating to quarantine orders and the health of school age children, their families and the wider community within their schools; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution reaffirms the intent of the County Council's Resolution 21-02 which states "The St. Charles County Council hereby affirms that it has no authority to regulate school districts, that authority being reserved to each school district's elected school board and the State of Missouri..."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The St. Charles County Council hereby requests that the County Executive and St. Charles County Health Department suspend quarantine orders for all St. Charles

County schools for close contact COVID-19 exposures, and direct any future COVID-19 quarantine decisions for St. Charles County schools to the individual school boards and administrators; that the County Health Department request the State Department of Health and Senior Services supply adequate COVID-19 testing supplies to all St. Charles County Schools, and that the St. Charles County schools and the St. Charles County Health Department compile and publicly report the results of the COVID-19 tests from the schools.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL