

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 293

EFFECTIVE September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to Rhode Island's health, well-being, and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Education has issued guidance regarding school reopening plans which includes multiple reopening scenarios based upon the severity of community spread of COVID-19 during the school year; and

WHEREAS, With multiple reopening scenarios ranging from full in-person learning to full remote learning, the significance of the COVID-19 infection rate data cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several months it has become increasingly clear that the municipal level data does not always capture the severity of community spread within subsets of the population, specifically among communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the City Council has full confidence in our public health experts and professionals, reviewing the disaggregated data for the City of Providence will show infection rates broken out by race, ethnicity, or even simply by zip code, which public health officials can use to gain a much deeper understanding of the risks specific communities are facing, which in turn can allow for much more informed decision making when it comes to protecting the lives of Providence residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recommends the Rhode Island Department of Education to commit to utilizing disaggregated data, rather than municipal level data, when making decisions regarding school operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District, and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Rhode Island.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

*Sabrina Mats*  
PRES.

*Shawn Selleck*  
CLERK JLM

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

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City Clerk JLM