UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF COGNATE CASES PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 3.32(c)

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Administrative Order No. 21-CA-063

WHEREAS, the Court currently has pending two civil lawsuits challenging orders mandating the wearing of masks in school; and

WHEREAS, Case No. 1:20-cv-1016, *Resurrection School, et al. v. Gordon, et al.* was assigned by random draw to Honorable Paul L. Maloney; and

WHEREAS, Case No. 1:21-cv-788, *Barnard v. Holton Public Schools, et al.* was assigned by random draw to the undersigned;

WHEREAS, Local Rule 3.3.2(c) calls for all cognate cases to be assigned to the judge with the pending case bearing the lowest number; and;

WHEREAS, all District Judges currently on the assignment wheel concur:

IT IS ORDERED that Case Nos. 1:21-cv-788, *Barnard v. Holton Public* Schools, shall be reassigned to the Honorable Paul L Maloney.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any new cases filed that include a challenge to mandatory mask wearing in schools shall be assigned to the Honorable Paul L. Maloney pursuant to the approved procedure. See W.D. Mich LCivR 3.3.2(c).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Berens shall be the Magistrate Judge assigned to these cases.

A copy of this Administrative Order shall be filed in each of these cases.

Dated: September 22, 2021

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE