

# Appendix B

August 11, 2021  
Sent Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Matt Davidson  
Superintendent, Timothy Christian Schools davidson@timothychristian.com  
Re: Nonpublic Recognition Status of:  
Timothy Christian High School (19-022-042Y-03)  
1061 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126-5263  
Timothy Christian Elem Middle Sch (19-022-065X-03)  
188 W Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126-5073

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Pursuant to ISBE's authority under 23 Illinois Administrative Code 425.60, ISBE is removing your school's status as a recognized nonpublic school, effective immediately. As a result of being non-recognized, your school is now subject to at least the following consequences:

1. Seniors who graduate from a non-recognized school will receive a diploma that is not recognized by ISBE. This action is irreversible should the school later regain its recognition status, and these students will forever have a degree from a non-recognized school.
2. Your school, families, and students will be unable to participate in the Invest in Kids Act tax scholarship program subject to the regulations set by the Illinois Department of Revenue.
3. Your school will become ineligible to participate in Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) sanctioned sports subject to the regulations set by IHSA/IESA.

Per our discussion on August 11, 2021, you declined to affirm that your schools will comply with the universal masking requirements set forth in Executive Order 2021-18. In a publicly disseminated video you also stated that your school will not comply with the requirements in the Order. These requirements apply to all public and nonpublic schools serving students in any of the grades preK through 12, without exception.

We do not take this action lightly. The purpose of the universal indoor masking requirement is to ensure that all students can safely attend school in-person this fall. We know that consistent and correct mask use is the simplest, most effective way to keep students safely in school, where they can learn and grow to their fullest potential. And masks work best when everyone wears one. Therefore, ISBE must take every action possible under its authority to ensure compliance in all schools with the Executive Order.

Should you have questions about this letter, please contact Derreck Langwith at xxx@isbe.net.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Carmen I. Ayala  
State Superintendent of Education