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Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:50 PM
To: DOERegulations comment
Subject: [External] Fwd: FYI for parents and students

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I am in support of this proposed masking legislation. Please let me know if you need additional information from me.

Thanks you.
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From: Carter, Lane <lane.carter@capital.k12.de.us>
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Subject: FYI for parents and students
To: Janine Beatty <janinebeatty@gmail.com>

Did you know that Delaware has made public a [proposal to mask](#) indefinitely in our pre-K and public school (entering guardians, students, all staff and busing)?

You only have until November 1st to present your view about this proposed law!

See 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention at this link:

<https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/october2021/proposed/25%20DE%20Reg%20363%2010-01-21.htm>

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by the close of business on or before November 1, 2021 to Department of Education, Office of the Secretary, Attn: Regulation

Review, 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, Delaware 19901 or email to DOEregulations.comment@doe.k12.de.us. A copy of this regulation may be viewed online at the Registrar of Regulation's website, http://regulations.delaware.gov/services/current_issue.shtml, or obtained at the Department of Education, located at the address listed above.

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From: Qi Lu <lqiclemson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:25 PM
To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: [External] Attn: Regulation Review 14 DE Admin. Code 815 Health Examinations and Screening

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To whom this may concern:

I am a parent of the Smyrna School District and I am sending my opinions regarding the proposed amendment to 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examinations and Screening.

(1) The Section 6.0 on COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention is a response to an emergent outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 virus. The nature of the emergent order should be stated on the proposed amendment. It should also be stated in Section 6.0 that this section shall be reevaluated periodically (e.g. every week, every month, every 60 days) contingent upon the severity of morbidity and mortality rates in each school district or across the state.

(2) The mask-wearing requirement inside the school buildings should be changed to mask-wearing recommendation. The current risk of Covid-19 is lower than the historic average of influenza. The radical decision at the Office of the Secretary of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) of masking every school child in the state through statutory authority is irrational and irresponsible, given the current Covid infection rate in the State of Delaware. Instead, this decision should be left in the hands of parents and children as a result of personal evaluation of the risk.

(3) The current CDC guide on masks has no legal authority in the K12 classrooms in the State of Delaware. The efficacy of masks in the mitigation of Covid-19 is a debatable medical question far from conclusive. Most studies prior to Covid-19 outbreak suggest that masks CANNOT effectively prevent the spread of airborne influenza viruses. For this reason, masks have never been adopted widely during the flu season in the past decades. The Office of the Secretary of DDOE should demand Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) to provide district-specific daily case data for each school district to make daily or weekly recommendation on mask wearing (high, medium, low).

(4) If the Secretary of DDOE uses the statutory authority to perpetuate the universal mask mandate in the State of Delaware, she should be solely responsible for the adverse physical and mental effects (including but not limited to deficiency of oxygen, elevation of CO2, nausea, vomiting, obstructed brain development, obstructed social and psychological development, bacteria pneumonia) currently being suffered by many children in Delaware.

(5) The grave impacts of the universal mask mandate on children in Delaware school systems call for the public scrutiny of the proposed amendment. It should not be rushed into regulation without a wide hearing from the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Qi Lu

Shockley Tina

From: Angie Townsend <angietownsend@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:27 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Comments RE: DE Admin Code 815, 25 DE Reg. 363 Proposal, 6.0 Covid-19 Mitigation and Prevention

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Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2) (14 Del.C. §122(b)(2))
14 DE Admin. Code 815

25 DE Reg. 363 (10/01/21) (Prop.)
6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention

2021 State Assessment for the State of Delaware, Dept. of Education:

For those students who did participate, 41 percent scored at the proficiency level on the 3-8 ELA test while 26 percent did so in mathematics. On the SAT, 49 percent scored at proficient on evidenced-based reading and writing with 28 percent doing so on the math portion of the test and 44 percent on the essay section. Proficiency on the science assessment was 24 percent and 30 percent on the social studies assessment. For the alt assessment, the proficiency rates were 26 percent for ELA, 21 percent for math and 13 percent for science.

To whom this may concern:

I am writing concerning your proposed regulation (25 DE Reg 363) for REQUIRING all students, K-12, to where masks. I am appalled that the Delaware School System is failing, per the 2021 State Assessment and yet, your primary concern is forcing masks on our children. The Department of Education is for education of our youth in manner that puts them on a path to a successful life, NOT mandating masks.

Masking will soon come to an end, but the effects of the last two years of educational time missed, the value of lesson plans, and social interaction WITHOUT masks, will be a major disadvantage for our children in the long term. These kids and educators need their hands untied, to be free for an optimum learning environment. A learning environment that allows everyone to breathe abundant oxygen, see facial expressions, hear and see articulation, and read and learn body language.

There will always be sickness in the world and forced mask mandates will not change that fact.

I ask that you take the task of education back as the Secretary of Education (not health). You are the front person in curriculum, personnel, and overall state scores in education.

The focus should be on advocacy of learning for the students you and I are responsible for in our great state. In other words, PLEASE do your job! (Not the Health Departments job.) I would never expect my doctor to write speeding tickets . I expect him to work on his profession and excel in it. We need to get back to working towards educational excellence. Leave the politics out of school.

I look forward to a removal and disapproval of this proposal.

Thank you.

Angela Townsend

Indian River School District Parent

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Good Evening,

I would like to add comment on the proposed regulation updates for masking in Delaware K-12 schools. I understand from speaking with my state legislator that these DOE regulation updates do not add much to the current mandate set forth from the Governor, however, in light of the open comment opportunity, I would like to share some data regarding masking and why I think this data supports a "mask-optional" learning environment.

We have been in this pandemic for over 18 months. And yet, in that time, there has been only 1 attempt at a randomized control trial of if and which masks work. (1). The results showed no benefit from cloth masks, the type of mask most of our school children are using, and only 11.2% reduction in COVID prevalence with proper use of surgical masking. We have had plenty of time to complete adequate trials on masking and yet they have not been done. The one good trial we have shows very little benefit to masking, especially in the way it is primarily being implemented in schools.

Additional correlation data shows little effect w/ masking intervention. (2). In late October 2020, 93% of US adults reported that they sometimes, often or always wore masks when leaving home (3). 72% stated they always do. And yet, New York Times COVID tracking data shows that the end of October 2020 was the beginning of the biggest spike in COVID cases. Sweden never mandated masks: in January of 2021 only 12% of Swedes said they wore a mask all the time (4) and their death rate is lower than many European countries who do have mask mandates. Israel reimplemented their mask mandate this past June after dropping it through the spring and their cases continued to rise through the summer.

The medical world, which uses masks in many defined high risk medical procedures, understands the limitations of masks. The New England Journal of Medicine stated in May 2020, "we know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection...the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic (5)."

Other organizations and countries seem to understand this more than the United States. UNICEF recommends against masks for children under 5 and recommends masks in children age 6-11 in only certain settings (6). The UK removed mask mandates for school children in May (7) acknowledging that "removing masks will hugely improve interactions between teachers and students." We are well behind our peer nations in acknowledging that a mask free environment is the optimal environment for our students' learning.

Even if masks had some effect, children are at very low risk for COVID and complications of COVID. We currently have very skewed data around pediatric COVID infections and hospitalizations. Children admitted to the hospital and screened for COVID are documented as being admitted "with COVID" regardless of whether the reason for the hospitalization is related to COVID infection or something entirely unrelated. An American Academy of Pediatrics paper published earlier this year found that in two studies, nearly 50% of children admitted "with" COVID were actually hospitalized due to a range of other illnesses and procedures. (8). Thus far, in over 18 months of the pandemic, there have been approximately 650 pediatric deaths "with COVID.(9)" This is nearly on par with the estimated 640 children who died of flu during the 6 month 2017-2018 flu season. During that same 6 month flu season, 11 million children tested positive for flu. This compares to the 6 million children who have tested positive for COVID in over 18 months. And yet we never mandated masks for flu season. (10,11)

In addition to the low risk that COVID poses to kids themselves, kids pose low risk to the adults around them. Studies in Sweden, France, Wales and China show that transmission from a child to an adult, mask or not, is extremely rare. (12)

Lastly, masks are not a benign intervention. Masks force many kids to mouth breath and prolonged mouth breathing can alter facial development with well documented changes in mouth and facial shape in children who mouth breath for extended periods of time. (13) There are also issues of attachment, connection, emotional development, language development and social learning that are significantly limited by preventing young children from observing facial expression and oral movement.

In summary, kids are at extremely low risk of severe COVID illness. They are not driving the spread of COVID to adults. And anyone 12 and over has had the opportunity to get vaccinated. There is no reason to treat kids as if they are a threat to public health. There continues to be no solid evidence to prove masking kids is an effective strategy in mitigating COVID, and, in fact, there is plenty of evidence to the contrary. Parents can protect their children as they see fit but they should not be forced to wear masks.

Thank you for your time,

Amanda L Porter, PA-C

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Shockley Tina

From: Sally Lloyd <sally@emeraldc21.com>
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To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Health Examinations Views

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Attn: Regulation Review

Impact Criteria

1. In my view the amended regulation would NOT assist in any standard of achievement. The oxygen level required for best and safest performance is 19.5% per OSHA standards. Masks only allow approximately (keyword) 17.5%. I hope you are capable of understanding the importance of receiving enough oxygen and how it affects the brain, I do not think I need to explain that. As for the screening, I am unsure how this could be in any way effective in improving achievement? This potential for "screening and examination" seems to be a major distraction and waste of time for all students and staff involved.
2. Not equitable at all, the taxpaying constituents do not agree with silly health screenings, mandates and masks. In my opinion, this difference in viewpoints would just create chaos and suppress social activities young people are supposed to engage in. Social skills are imperative in society, as Secretary, I am sure you are informed of their importance.
3. No, no, and no. Factually, we are all now more informed that herd immunity is the best means of defense in combatting this virus. Contracting the virus builds up more antibodies than the vaccine ever can. The DOE would be putting so many at risk with the demand everyone conforms to their policies. There are many young disabled children that would be no match to a vaccine or a cloth covering over their face. The survival rate for COVID-19 is 98.6, this is not probability, this is a fact. So you have to understand why this seems silly to administer all of these precautions.
4. NOPE, this is absolutely against everyone's legal rights and disrespects those rights by impeding the constitution. The fourteenth amendment places a limit on those powers to protect all civil liberties, even those of young people. Not to forget vaccines possess aborted fetal cells, this can be vile to many and just simply against their religious beliefs.
5. Unnecessary authority and too much flexibility, the medical history of students/all Americans is a private and personal matter. I do believe this will change the decision-making, making decisions for all of us just seems like tyranny. These choices should only be made by families and their medical professionals, not the Secretary of Education or anyone on a school board. Each member of your society should maintain their own families how they deem fit not demand their preferences to others. This country was founded on freedom, it is so sad to me I am still typing these words after all this time, this is not news.

At this point, I am just tired of answering the questions in Del.C. Section 122 (d).

The more I type/read the angrier I become. Not entertaining the terms you think I should use, if you can read the English language you will get along just fine. The whole action that is claiming to promote "student safety" is actually that of the opposite. Seems like: fear installment, segregation due to beliefs, the exemptions according to Section 6.0 will cause havoc, and a lack of oxygen altering the safety of the children. Frankly, these regulations are feeling pretty demanding, inappropriate, and fear-based. Setting a date and knowledge of status by your timeslot is just not feasible for the people in this community. You see Secretary, this is a tricky situation proposing. The effects could be detrimental to the school board,

some may even go as far as lawsuits. These "regulations and requirements" are going to make lots of upstanding members of this society not happy.

Oh, yea, here's a nice bit of information for you passed in 1996:

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a federal law that **required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information from being disclosed** without the patient's consent or knowledge.

I don't even have my own children, I am simply emailing to stand up for future generations. Unfortunately, for you all this will never stick, parents will rise up and let their voices be heard. God Speed.

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Regards,

Sally J. Lloyd

Shockley Tina

From: Margaret C Tracy <pegtracy123@aol.com>
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To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: [External] Comment - DE DOE Regulations

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Citizens wishing to offer an opinion on the proposed regulations have until the close of business on November 1st.

Written comments can be emailed to DOeregulations.comment@doe.k12.de.us.

In [this month's Register of Regulations](#), the DOE is proposing a new regulation for mandatory school masking that would have no expiration date.

In re: Confusion, Disagreement Over Mask Mandate Regulations -- House District Maps Finalized

The Governor and entire legislature need to stop regulating this issue of masks, and other Covid-related medical issues. Americans' constitutional rights and liberties have been severely eroded by this corrupt, self-seeking Delaware Democratic government who is destroying our state, our country, our lives.

I resent the hell out of you people interfering in our personal lives to this degree. All you have done is cause pain, anxiety, financial stress, on and on and on, in peoples' lives, with absolutely no success or proof that you have helped in any way. In fact, you have enraged the populace with your incompetence and gross constitutional violations (as has the federal government).

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Leave medical matters up to the people and their doctors. Additionally the federal medical conglomerate (i.e., CDC, FDA, etc.) are completely corrupt, lie through their teeth, and cannot be trusted. This has been proven over and over again by truthful media sources (NOT THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA). They are mandating vaccines and causing deaths, adverse events, job loss, and sheer mayhem in our country by this horrible, corrupt, criminal President, his inept Administration, and all these despicable progressive Democrats. Your days are numbered. The American people are FED UP with all of you stealing our money, allowing illegal immigrants into our country, failing to protect our people, etc.

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"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."
Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."
HAILE SELASSIE I

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers: None goes his way alone: All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."
EDWIN MARKHAM

Shockley Tina

From: Robert Bell <rabel3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:14 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Re: 815 health exams and screens

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Greetings,

I am writing today to voice my opinion regarding 815 health examinations and screenings, specifically section 6.0 re: covid mitigation and prevention.

For perspective lets understand that covid, in Delaware, has a TOTAL case-mortality rate of .0145, 1%, less if I stick to just the confirmed covid deaths. Minors account for not even 1% of mortality. This and all references are below.

My primary concern is the psychological damage being done to children with respect to masking. You must understand that masks cause problems; they -do- interfere with normal breathing; they -do- reduce social interaction; they prevent deaf and hard-of-hearing students from having the full spectrum of communication available. These are not inconsequential. By demanding students wear masks all the time (acknowledging the exceptions you have proposed), students are learning that compliance with a policy that causes some "harm" is required, never mind their or parents concerns. There -are- studies on this, and more being conducted, and you should be tracking them. Also consider, the additional requirement you will heap on teachers to become mask police; there -will- be problems, and it -will- interfere with education, which frankly is what you should be focused on.

That being said, the department of education, and the schools themselves should take a permissive stance with-respect-to how students, staff, and parents wish to conduct themselves on school property in this manner; if a student desires, let them wear a mask. But it should not be an imposition. It would instead be wise to work to address shortcomings in the education processes because of covid, rather than waste time and energy figuring out how to keep students in the building "safely;" you will never and should not expect that children will never get sick, at school or otherwise. Respiratory illnesses will come and go, whether covid 19, covid X (the next big thing?), the flu or cold. Why not put effort to making remote learning more effective for students, and giving students and their families more options?

With respect to the entire section, I do not believe it appropriate to create permanent regulations governing covid without appropriate legislative due-process. Attempts to "regulate" the public via executive actions without the benefit of legislative (and potentially judicial) review is anathema to the American way of life. This public health emergency is no-longer an emergency; it is a way of being. Like I said before, respiratory illnesses have always been a concern for mankind. It is not your concern to protect my children from them, but instead to support me in ensuring my child's education, in spite of all the things going on in the world.

Thank you for your time,

Robert Bell

Dover, DE

references:

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<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2055217/>

Shockley Tina

From: Jonathan Watts <jon.e.watts@gmail.com>
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To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Masking the Children

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Department of Education
Office of the Secretary
Attn: Regulation Review
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear DOE-

The masks already are more than unnecessary. It is clearly driven by agenda or monetary incentives ... or worse.

1. There are numerous real-world examples that people in close contact (without masks) do not excite explosive outbreaks. Think stores, transportation, and college football games. The CEO of Waffle House was on tv last year (Nov-2020) explaining that not a single one of his restaurants were ever a center for outbreaks. It is a favorite of truckers and transients. Ironic, no?
2. It has already been opined (in publication) that children mingle at home and thereby spread germs at the same rate regardless. They socialize outside of school. Kids don't know about contact awareness.
3. It is well known that the science for masking is weak at best, and is a practice intended for a somewhat narrow, specialized application. Otherwise, its use would ENHANCE chances for illness. That is, improper use of masks actually increases infection of various kinds. Simple ventilation mitigation has been shown to be far superior to even the best masking protocols. Citations available.
5. If we were to believe anything about the original data coming out of China, we have all been repeatedly exposed dozens of times already. The published R0 rate (case rate) leapt higher and higher day by day until China "ran out of tests" and stopped giving numbers. They used masks,

too. They described an Extremely transmissible airborne virus. We were told "novel", i.e. no natural response thereby very fast transmission.

6. You really should stop and think about what all is going on. It's big. Look abroad. Open up to new sources. See for yourself. There are various educational groups that would be more than willing to speak with you or anyone else.

Instead of bolstering to "make masks permanent", you should be opening the conversation up to establish criteria to get out of masking. There are professionals out there that are more than willing to help in this regard.

Ask the parents for input. Encourage Growth & Health rather than fear and compliance.

May God have mercy on us all,
-Jonathan Watts

Shockley Tina

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Subject: [External] Mask Mandates

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Whatever happened to follow the science. To date there has been no peer reviewed studies to indicate that children are readily susceptible to Covid or that they seems as spreaders. All day masking exposes children to more dangerous pathogens than the very slim chance they might contract Covid and die

Studies however have shown that we are causing severe emotional and psychological damage by forcing this issue

We are also causing economic damage by not allowing children to test instead of masks. Working parents need someone to be responsible for their child while they work. If a parent has to leave their job to watch a child. The family income is greatly reduce. This adds tremendous stress at home and may cause the loss of a home,or the ability to provide necessities such as food, housing, heat, healthcare.

Mask Mandates are not medically necessary for any section of our society.

Covid19 has become endemic and is no longer a pandemic

Just like the flu we will spend the rest of our lives dealing with this on a yearly basis.

The real issue is control of our lives

Stop all mandates now. Masking and vaccination. The Democratic government have gone too far. They have also violated the constitution many times, and health emergencies does not give them the ability too.

Shockley Tina

From: Trout Celia Giovanna
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:09 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: Mask mandate

Hi! I am extremely distraught at the idea of mandatory masks forever. Have you ever taught preschool? Have you ever taught preschool to students with special needs? Do you realize 3 and 4 year olds learn social skills and emotional regulation through play? How can they see our faces and emotions through a mask? Have you tried teaching someone letter sounds without showing your mouth and how to place your tongue lips and mouth? It's absolutely absurd to think that masks are a good idea for us to teach and them to learn. They're miserable, the children beg to not wear them, break the masks on purpose so they can't wear one, and dread it all day long.

Yes I am an unvaccinated preschool teacher and I've had COVID. Do I like getting sick? No. But I MUCH rather be sick than wear a mask any day. You're going to lose a lot of passionate teachers for such a ridiculous rule. And it'll be a shame since we already have a teacher shortage. Do NOT make masks mandatory for here on out. It'll be a huge mistake on your part. People are going to get sick. It's life. Our mental health is just as important and wearing a mask all day makes me miserable and that's not fair either.

Thank you,
Celia Trout

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Subject: [External] No to Mask Mandate in Schools

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I am disheartened to learn that the mask mandate is being included in this proposed regulation on a permanent basis. The requirement of a student to wear a mask does not have irrefutable evidence to prevent the transmission of COVID 19. Our elected officials and Dr. Fauci have been hypocritical with wearing a mask and changed or flip flopped guidance on such a frequent basis that there is so much confusion about what the right thing to do is. The mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational.

This proposed regulation appears to be a permanent requirement for our schools with no end in sight. I believe this COVID situation to progress to a point that we would not need such extreme measures as we learn how to treat this virus and develop medications and other preventive measures. We are supposedly coming out of this pandemic.

The CDC, the state of DE and the DE DOE sternly mandate that millions of children and adolescents, vaccinated or not, must cover up with a mask regardless of the prevalence of infection in their school or community. Sadly, many authorities, like the DOE, imposed mandates on the theory that masks can't do any harm...that isn't true! A growing number of doctors and a body of research suggests that masking has serious negative effects on children physically, developmentally, socially and academically.

There are unintended consequences associated with continual wearing of masks. My own children have grown frustrated with the requirement to wear them and have had difficulty breathing. This is putting unnecessary physical, psychological, social, and emotional burden on our young people. I do not believe that these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children being extremely low. Based on statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. As stated earlier, research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is not conclusive.

Masking of students should be a decision made by parents and guardians in conjunction with their healthcare provider, not the DOE. The money, time and effort devoted to mask policy and enforcement should instead be going to loving and caring for the emotional and academic well-being of students who have suffered tremendous set-backs in their life as a result of this pandemic.

A Concerned Parent,

John Caruano

Shockley Tina

From: Dutton Eric <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks do more harm than good

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I have 5 children that go to public schools in the state of Delaware. The mask mandate for school kids is ridiculous. These kids are around each other everyday they constantly pull on the mask take them off and many many other things. There sporting events they don't have to wear them which they shouldn't at all. The masks have these children breathing there own carbon monoxide back it constantly all day. Not Good!! For that matter the masks allow particles flow through them so they do nothing. In closing I think it is completely wrong for people who themselves do not wear masks constantly are making our children wear them all day everyday while in school.

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Shockley Tina

From: Carolyn Petrowsky <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO MASK

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

There is no need for children to wear mask in school indefinitely. It is not healthy for the children & has negative effects on them in several ways. The data shows that the mask are really not effective at preventing the spread of disease. This covid-19 has over a 99% survival rate & is not a seriously dangerous disease for children. I am strongly opposed to any & all mask mandates. Please do not pass this mandate. The mandate is not needed or wanted. Thank you for your time.

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Shockley Tina

From: Tim Wills <iskiswim2@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:03 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask

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No mask, there r studies showing they don't work. !! Stop the BS & let the people b free, our fore fathers would b disgusted 2 c the way our government is trying 2 run our lives. !!!!

Shockley Tina

From: Jane Perillo <janeperillo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:06 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Education Impact Analysis Pursuant to 14 Del.C. Section 122(d)

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Absolutely oppose section 6. This is insane and I hope we can ban together to vote out anyone in favor of this

Jane Perillo

Shockley Tina

From: Michael Adams <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:12 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No masks no vaccines

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Masks and vaccines should be a personal choice

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Shockley Tina

From: Carolyn Gibb <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:13 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Makers are Child Abuse!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Stop making kids wear filthy germ ridden pieces of cloth on their face that do NOTHING to stop a virus. You are permanently harming them....SHAME!!!

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Shockley Tina

From: JAMES D'AMATO <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:16 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks are Worthless and do not work

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS IN SCHOOL OR EVEN ON BUSES. THEY ALSO SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE VACINATED. MASKS CUT OFF AIR FLOW, KEEP IN BAD BACTERIA AND DISEASE. CHILDREN ARE NOT SPREADERS AND DO NOT DIE FRM THIS MADE UP IN CHINA DISEASE. OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR LEGACY AND NEED TO BE ABLE TO BREATH UNRESTRICTED. WE ARE TIRED OF YOU PLAYING POLITICS WITH OUR CHILDREN. PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY HOW THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE RAISED. DO NOT INDOCTRINATE THEM TO BE RACISTS. we pay taxes for a great education not indoctrination and foolish IDEAS CONCERNING THE COVID BS. GOD HAS ELIMINATED THE EFFECTIVRNESS OF THIS DISEASE. LET OUR CHILDREN ALONE!!!!!!

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Shockley Tina

From: Michael Saunders <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:18 PM
To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: [External] Proposed Regulation to Title 14 in DE Code

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please help me understand what is truly driving this open-ended proposal. It's definitely not science. What is it? I'm serious. Please stop putting up walls (i.e., masks) that are destroying our children in multiple ways...health, emotional, social, educational, etc. Based on the statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers. Whether it's thousands at DE's Firefly festivities, chanting sports fans that fill stadiums, or hundreds of thousands of Covid positive people pouring into this country monthly at the southern border, mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational. Students are more and more aware of these contradictions as the school year wears on. Enforcement is extremely difficult and the mandate is impossible to defend. The time and effort devoted to mask enforcement should instead be going to caring for the emotional and academic well-being of our students, who have suffered tremendous set-backs in their education and emotional development since March of 2020.

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Shockley Tina

From: IONA DOUGHERTY <idougherty@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:29 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks

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It is tyrannical and against all human decency. You must not pass a permanent mask mandate for children. It is cruel and medically wrong. I am 100 percent against this and will never vote Democrat again if this even possibly passes. How cruel can you be

Iona Dougherty
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Shockley Tina

From: Cindy Loring <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:30 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No More Masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am writing today regarding the masking of our children in schools and I highly OPPOSE the Proposed Regulation to Title 14 in the Delaware Code. To begin, the Warning on the box for the blue masks states: This product is not a respirator and will not provide any protection against Covid-19 (Coronavirus) or other viruses or contaminants. The masking of children saddens me daily when I see masks on children. It is not healthy on so many levels and does not provide the protection that is propagated by the media. Masking the extremely young children may affect them in learning language, understanding social cues and expressing themselves. How can a teacher detect a speech problem while a child is masked? It's difficult enough to understand someone with good language skills, let alone a child with a speech problem. We've all been through a lot in the past 18 months and we need to remember that viruses will always be a part of our lives. We had viruses in the past and we will have them in the future. More emphasis should be on a healthy life style to fight any sickness that one is faced with. It may include exercise, healthy eating & drinking, good sleeping habits and vitamins. One last thought. If we are truly in a Pandemic, why is our Southern Border wide open? More than 1.7 million people have illegally crossed our border and we have no idea of their medical background, vaccination status on all diseases, etc. Please stop masking our children and I pray that everyone can stop living in fear. Thank you and God Bless, Cindy Loring

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Shockley Tina

From: Suzanne LoRusso <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:35 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] No to Permanent Masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am writing in regard to the new proposal to the mask mandate that leaves the date for children wearing masks in school open ended. It does away with the emergency extensions that were put in place. These children do not need to be wearing masks longer than absolutely needed. Masks haven't even been proven effective. As a matter of fact scientifically they have been proven not to work and on many mask boxes it says such. It is not good for these children socially and for many medically. to be wearing them for such long periods of time. I believe the wording needs to be clear in this proposal that masks will be dismissed as soon as it is deemed safe and should only be extended to a certain date on an as needed basis. Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

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Shockley Tina

From: Angela Breasure <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:42 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Permanent Masking

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Our family feels that permanent masking of children while in school would be very detrimental to their health and overall well-being. We also feel that it should be an individual decision made by parents.

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Shockley Tina

From: ToniAnn O'Leary <otoniann@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:48 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Student masking amend

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We are now entering month 30 of the Covid pandemic. We now have 30 months of tracked data. As you can clearly see in the attached, this data shows that children are not at risk of covid no more than the flu and pneumonia, combined. Early precautions were taken but now that the SCIENCE and DATA confirms the absence of risk, we can breathe relief that our children are 99.98% SAFE.

There is no reason for children to be mandated to wear a mask. This should solely be the choice of each parent. The mask mandate needs to be removed and furthermore the DOE has no right to add this. Parents have full control of what their children are subjected to in school, both educationally and medically. As a parent, I object to this overreach, in charter, private and public schools. Enough!!

Toni Ann O'Leary

Shockley Tina

From: Tyler Willis <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:51 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Stop masking our children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Our schools are failing teaching reading and math. Why would I send my children when learning social skills and facial expressions are hindered? We have enough data from the past year to know that children are least effected by covid and least likely to die or have serious complications. You are a fool. If this is put in place permanently you will see mass exit from public schooling.

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Shockley Tina

From: Wendy Simek <wendy.simek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:59 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Permanently masking in school

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ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!

Please do NOT make staff and students wear masks permanently. While protection from COVID is important, so is the need for students to see faces for verbal/physical cues in language learning. This is especially true of the youngest of our students. This is not something that needs to be permanent and is detrimental to learning, mental health and overall damaging to all staff, students and the community as a whole. The DOE needs to support it's staff and communities, not fall in line to the political agendas and media propaganda. I am not saying that we do not have to wear masks this year, but to make it PERMANENTLY is straight up tyranny and socialism.

Wendy Simek
Pre Paraprofessional
Capital School District

Shockley Tina

From: Carter Lane
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:08 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: NO MORE MASKS

Mask wearing is not a solution, much less a permanent fix for an infectious virus. This is obviously an authoritarian power grab with no real outcome except for more inroads on American individual rights.

NO regulation should ever be passed that dehumanizes and diminishes human beings. I am appalled that a permanent mask mandate is proposed, when our leaders do their best to show us that rules are for "thee and not for me." (former Pres. Obama partying sans mask, the US Senate has no rules for mask wearing, masks don't matter when we're eating, masks don't matter when we're sleeping). Why? Because masks don't really protect us.


Americans use common sense. If masks work, we will wear them. COVID may be a more significant event for the elderly and those with comorbidities, so masks may be more appropriate for them.

COVID transmissions remain active through any person despite the "vaccine" mandate. Still, COVID deaths are down.

No masks. No mask laws. No additional regulation of our lives.

Please contact me for further comment.

Dr. Lane Carter 241-2400 ext. 1220

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Shockley Tina

From: Sara Kirby <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:11 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Opposition of Proposed Regulation to Title 14

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Based on the statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers. Whether it's thousands at DE's Firefly festivities, chanting sports fans that fill stadiums, or hundreds of thousands of Covid positive people pouring into this country monthly at the southern border, mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational. Students are more and more aware of these contradictions as the school year wears on. Enforcement is extremely difficult and the mandate is impossible to defend. The time and effort devoted to mask enforcement should instead be going to caring for the emotional and academic well-being of our students, who have suffered tremendous set-backs in their education and emotional development since March of 2020.

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Shockley Tina

From: Joe Godfrey <bigsexytitan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:14 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Do NOT support

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As a parent of children in public school it is disheartening to hear that you guys are making the mask mandate indefinite, It's not healthy for them or their mental health to continue to wear masks.

Shockley Tina

From: Kathryn Dunworth <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:16 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks gotta go!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Masking students in school for eight hours a day is a violation of the Parents' rights to decide what is best for their children. What will happen next? Giving vaccines to children ages 5 to 12 to be able to attend school? Oh, that's already being proposed. Parents authority is being trampled upon by this Administration. If the School Board and government officials don't recognize the authority of the parents, they should resign and let those positions be filled with parents who want the best for their children.

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Shockley Tina

From: Catrina Kauffman <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:19 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No Masks!!!!!!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

The craziness has to stop!! Mask wearing is harmful to children in many ways!! Only parents have the right to decide if their child should wear a mask or not. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Look at the numbers and the data regarding COVID and the risk to children and you will clearly see that mask wearing is not necessary. If there are parents who are worried about their children, let THEM decide to mask- it's not up to the DOE to decide for everyone.

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Shockley Tina

From: Connie Bryner <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:27 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No permanent masks in DE schools!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Whether it's thousands at festivities, chanting sports fans that fill stadiums, or hundreds of thousands of Covid positive people pouring into this country monthly at the southern border, mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational. Students are more and more aware of these contradictions as the school year wears on. Enforcement is extremely difficult and the mandate is impossible to defend.

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Shockley Tina

From: Janet Spray <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:38 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Based on statistics, Covid 19 is NOT a dangerous disease for children. Research on the efficacy of wearing a mask to prevent the spread of COVID 19 among children is not conclusive. The time and effort being devoted and wasted on mask mandate should be spent on the academic and emotional needs of our children (students).

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Shockley Tina

From: Courtney Clark <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:43 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No Permanent Masks in schools!! Let our children BREATHE!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Whether it's thousands at DE's Firefly festivities, chanting sports fans that fill stadiums, families going out to eat at restaurants or hundreds of thousands of Covid positive people pouring into this country monthly at the southern border, mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers. LET THEM BREATHE!!!!

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Shockley Tina

From: S Erickson <seanjerickson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:43 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE Education Impact Analysis Pursuant to 14 Del.C. Section 122(d) 815 Health Examinations and Screening

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I am writing to object to certain proposed amendments to 14 DE Admin C.815 "Health Examinations and Screenings."

I am requesting that proposed section 6.0 *COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention*, parts 6.1 through 6.2.4 be struck and not included as part of 14 DE Admin C.815. This proposed amendment is unnecessary given the extremely low risk of student contraction, spread, and death from COVID-19 in grades K-12, versus the likely psychological and physical damage to students as a result of wearing masks, as proposed.

Sean J. Erickson
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October 28, 2021

Shockley Tina

From: Donna Purcell <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:57 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] No to masks for children in school

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

This has gone on long enough. Stop forcing masks on our school age children. It is doing more harm than good. Let PARENTS decide what is best for their children.

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Shockley Tina

From: Patricia Hammerstrom <phammerstrom@fsmilitary.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:01 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask

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Hello,

Please remove any mask mandate regarding school. It's horrible for teachers and staff to try to teach or assist the students. It's horrible for students. They cannot breath or concentrate and confidence is low. The students need to go back to normal. It should be the choice of the parents of the students if they want their child to wear a mask, not the government, not the school board, not the school district, not the DOE, not me, the PARENTS. If a teacher or staff member wants to choose to wear a mask, they should have that choice. If they don't want to wear a mask, they should have that choice. No one else is needed to assist in these personal choices. Same goes with the vaccine -- a choice and no explanation is necessary.

Thank you and enjoy your evening.

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Sincerely,

Patricia O. Hammerstrom

Shockley Tina

From: sharonurban <sharonurban@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:04 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Public comment on new proposal

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Good Evening

I saw the new proposal to require all students in public and private schools to wear masks indefinitely. I wish to express my disapproval of this recommendation.

Healthcare literature and epidemiologists have repeatedly said children have heightened immune systems by constant exposure to a variety of germs. Thus was the basis of our kids not getting COVID during the first wave. Any recommended keeping kids in school and unmasked during this time. Our government made the decision to shut down and isolate our children weakening their defenses. Now are children are getting COVID and are more susceptible to other virus that normally would not contribute to major illnesses and hospitalization. Why would we continue a practice that is causing so many challenges for our children? Look at the data. Any children hospitalized are not COVID related admissions. Follow the true science and not the political agenda of our government. Our kids and their health depend on it!

Sincerely

Sharon Urban

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Shockley Tina

From: Doug <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:05 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] I'm opposed to mask mandates

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Based on the statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children

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Shockley Tina

From: Deborah Stayton <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:09 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Unscientifically supported mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I cannot understand the rationale behind a mask mandate for all school children, vaccinated or not. As Dr. Fauci himself stated last year, wearing a mask offers poor protection against the spread of the covid virus because the size of the virus can penetrate most masks, rendering them ineffective. The only mask of value, he asserted, was an N95. Dr. Fauci also stated touching the mask to adjust it, or move it (after a sneeze, for example,) would allow potential virus germs to bypass the mask itself. Touching the face or the mask is certainly not permitted in a medical setting. Most people I observe are NOT wearing N95 masks but CLOTH masks, which don't prevent the spread of a tiny covid virus. It seems to me those who mandate a mask, without specifying the one type which WOULD be effective, actually just want a physical sign to say, " We are doing something worthwhile at preventing the spread," when in reality the outcome may actually be the opposite. Meanwhile, The President is allowing widespread spread of this disease due to unmasked, untested, unvaccinated and infected illegal persons entering our country and being transported to many states, and yes, entering our hospitals. Where are your statistics, your proof that wearing ANY MASK is effective????? You are not mandating the wearing of N95 masks. Wearing a mask is a decision best left to parents and one's doctor.

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Shockley Tina

From: Rosemarie Jacob <rnjacob@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:11 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No Masks for Our Children

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PLEASE stop this. PLEASE realize parents know how to keep their children safe.

Wearing masks for children is UNNECESSARY, UNHEALTHY and DOES NOT DO ANYTHING to stop the spread of viruses.
In addition, children have a very low risk if infected with COVID. Check the data from other countries and states without these mandates.
Low infection and no deaths in children.

You cannot choose which science you want to believe. Science is not opinion. It is proven facts.

Thank-you.

Rosemarie Jacob
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Lewes, DE

Shockley Tina

From: Linda Shaffer <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:22 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] No masks mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Thank you for receiving my email with much concern over this issue % As a past teacher of preschool children my heart aches for the damage this is doing to generations of children. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Parents along with their health care providers should have the final decision as for what is best for each individual child. Thank you for hearing my concern

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Shockley Tina

From: Patricia Dorofee <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:27 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No permanent masks in Delaware schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

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Shockley Tina

From: Lori Brown <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:29 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Title 14 Delaware Code

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am emphatically opposed to the proposed regulation to title 14 in Delaware Code. From January 4, 2020 to October 27, 2021, less than 700 Americans under the age of 18 have died from Covid. The majority of those individuals had pre-existing conditions. This population of Americans under the age of 18 is somewhere around 72,000,000. If the government/school was interested in truly obtaining the un-accomplishable task of stopping the spread of Covid, they would not allow anyone to take off masks and would have ALL individuals in the school wearing full face respirators, with proper filters, to cover their eyes also, and guarantee no child or teacher can spread the virus. Fun Fact :OSHA could fine establishments (pre-pandemic) for using non-approved masks in specified work settings. Check out OSHA's PPE section some time and take note of how precise the standards are set. There was extensive research done to determine what type of mask to wear in which setting. I can assure you that many people in the school, adults included, do not wear approved masks for virus protection. Surely the department can see that what these kids are being forced to do is fluffy nonsense that is completely unnecessary. In addition to the above, parents should have control over whether to put a mask on their children. Since kids are at a little to no risk for covid, and especially if they had it, a parent should not be forced to make their offspring wear a mask just to make others feel emotionally secure. An entire school filled with students should not be forced to wear the masks to appease a few uninformed people who are afraid. This mandate takes away a parents right to determine and control the well being of their children and should be completely removed, not updated.Regards Lori BrownMilton

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Shockley Tina

From: Linda Huss <lbhuss3@yahoo.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] MASK MANDATE

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Dept of Education

This mandate you are trying to enforce and sneak under the door is HORRIBLE!!! You need to realize the damage you are doing to our children, especially the younger ones. I know so many kids starting with my little 3 year old grandson that cries the minute he realizes his mother is getting him ready for school and through this tears is crying "no mask mommy, no mask" then his mother leaves the bus stop on tears. I can not even imagine what autistic children, asthmatic children and any child with special needs must be going through.☹ They are sure to feel like they are being tortured by their parents and the teachers that are suppose to nurture and help them grow. This is a horrible situation that needs to stop!

We are told to vaccinate and still need to wear masks. This doesn't make sense anymore.

We are being run by dictators!!!
Please consider our children?!?!
STOP THIS INSANITY!!

A concerned, disgusted grandmother!!
Linda Huss

Shockley Tina

From: Ellen Forbes <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Government Overreach

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I vehemently oppose the proposed regulation to Title 14 in the Delaware Code to mandate without end face masks for school children. This proposed regulation is government overreach. Parents along with the family's health care provider are the ones to be making decisions about the health of their children. Science tells us wearing masks is very little if any protection against the virus. However, there are many health reasons why children should not wear masks. It does not benefit the children. Do not proceed with this proposed regulation.

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To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] NO MORE MASKS!!!!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children.

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From: Dan Mitchell <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Hell NO! To permanent mask on our kids!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Hell No! To permanent mask on our kids! Our kids have been put through enough these last two years! Time to remove the mask! Do not make them permanent! If I feel my child needs to wear a mask, that will be my decision! Not yours!,,, Drop the mask! Thank you

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From: Lederer Jessica <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] No permanent masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please OPPOSE the Proposed Regulation to Title 14 in Delaware Code. The choice to mask children or not is a parental choice. COVID propose virtually no risk to children and has a over 98% survival rate according to the recent statistics. Children need to see faces for development. The need to learn to read people's moods and emotions. They need to see love and that they're cared for by teachers and peers. Masks aren't required anywhere else beside school and aren't required except for our children. I pray for wisdom and discernment as we navigate these unprecedented times.

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From: Carri Herring <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO MASKING

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I strongly oppose permanent masking in schools. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers.

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Shockley Tina

From: Shawn Kee <Laurelfire@hotmail.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask

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Get rid of the mask mandate in schools my children not your you should not be making any mandates that should be the parents not the state or anybody

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From: Dwight Derby <response@mandatemadness.com>
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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Masks in school are child abuse. There are too many studies that show masks in general are not that effective in stopping the spread of covid. Where masks are not worn has not shown to significantly increase the spread more than where they are worn. Where are the studies that show the long term effects on children's physical and mental health?

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