

Shockley Tina

From: B. Sala <stangquest88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:18 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Cc: Ben Sala
Subject: [External] Masks in Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have two children that attend school here in Sussex County, a junior at Sussex Academy and a 1st grader at Love Creek Elementary School. They have endured the mask mandates since this all started because they want to go to school and learn in person. Our sons are tired of the masks and so are all of their friends. 7 hours in a mask even with breaks is too much. I have been thinking nonstop of trying to word the perfect letter here. I researched tons of statistics that back up my argument that kids are not a risk or a threat for whatever virus may present itself; however I feel like presenting all of them would get lost in the shuffle. People were not meant to wear masks all the time and the thought of making this permanent for our children is insane. We're all tired of this nonsense! The kids pose no threat and we all know this to be true despite what is told to us on the news. They do not wear them at any other time other than school so having to be in such a lockdown state while at school does not make any sense. This is hurting their development socially and academically. The masks make things hard to hear and harder to understand and present an unnecessary distraction. Parents of Sussex County are fed up and angry about this! There are enough of us here that plan to make Delaware the next Loudoun County if this is rammed through! Enough is enough! Remove the masks now! The "science" we've been told to follow supports this!

Thank you.

A concerned parent,

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Shockley Tina

From: Karen Smiga <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:28 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Please do NOT impose mask mandates, esp. those that may become permanent

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I entreat you, as a parent, grandparent, and retired librarian who has read a lot about COVID19, to please NOT mandate masks for children at school....I have read about the HARM from children wearing those masks.....and I have read how children are not likely to get seriously sick with COVID19 anyway.....Please let PARENTS decide what is best for their own children, NOT the STATE deciding and forcing its decision on parents and children.And please do NOT force ANYONE to take those experimental gene therapy drugs, and stop any employer from forcing people to take those drugs against their will...it is ILLEGAL to force those experimental drugs on people. And what about HEPA privacy? Thank you for respecting the health privacy of people and their freedom to choose for themselves.SincerelyKaren Smiga, Frederica

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Shockley Tina

From: Dionne Baker <dionnebaker89@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:31 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Permanent Mask

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Dear Department of Education,

I am writing to you in great distress & concern about the proposed permanent mask mandate being considered to impose on our children in the State of Delaware.

This is not needed, children have God given immunities & are able to survive many illnesses including covid.

It has been proven that Mask do not work, they are dirty & cause anxiety & fear.

All children & especially children with special needs need to see faces, expression, read lips & distinctly hear words spoken.

Mask will cause more harm.

I beg & pray for your support in NOT mandating & enforcing this on children. They are our Future.

Kind regards,

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Shockley Tina

From: Sheree green <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:32 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] School mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Children need to see facial expression. They need to breath and feel free. This is child abuse at its worse

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Shockley Tina

From: Joanie Kosinski <joanieskosinski@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:32 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks

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The mask is useless and does not protect against the virus. We breathe in carbon dioxide and not LIFE giving oxygen.
Give us LIFE!!!

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Shockley Tina

From: Marlee Lee <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:37 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Please no permanent masks.

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I have two little boys and I want to be able to send them to public school but I am not comfortable with the social interaction with masks. I fear they will not learn proper social skills. Thank you for your time.

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Shockley Tina

From: Meghan Tharp <mrasdall@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:50 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Regulations Proposal Section 6

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Hello,

I am writing for a second time to ask when will you change this proposal and eliminate mask mandates in all Delaware schools? Why is there no end date to the mask proposal? I would like to know the answer to that. Where is the data to support the need for this? I want to see hard core scientific data that shows the need for children to wear masks in school. I expect a answer to that as well. No child should have to wear a mask in school if they themselves or their parent chooses them not to.

Staff should not have to wear a mask if they choose not to wear one. If someone chooses to wear a mask, they should of course still be able to do that, not one parent will say they should be forced not to be able to wear one. It needs to work both ways. Masks need to be **OPTIONAL!!!** It does not matter the vaccination status of the person. Everyone knows a Covid shot is available and if they want one they can get one and if they don't, they know the risks.

Children are at the lowest risk for Covid. Most children do not even show symptoms and if they do they are mild. The hospitalization and death rate in children is so low it is unmeasurable and most that die from Covid had underlying conditions such as cancer or heart problems etc.

Stop punishing our children and school staff and get mask mandates out of schools. If you are confident the shots work, what is the issue? The ones who got the shot should be protected, right? What about those who have already had Covid and have natural antibodies? Why should they be forced to wear a mask? Our family has had Covid already and I still believe in ending mask mandates for all in schools.

Change that proposal and end the mask mandate! It's time to go back to normal in schools. Kids deserve to be kids!

Enough is enough! I look forward to hearing back from you with answers to the questions I have asked.

Thank you
Meghan Tharp

Shockley Tina

From: Joan Kosinski <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:53 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] We need to see faces and smiles

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Children need to see expressions and verbal cues. They need to breathe FRESH air! We all do! It helps the mind.

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Shockley Tina

From: Michele Wenz <mmules43@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:56 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] New proposed regulations

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Good Evening,

I am submitting my dissent on the new Covid-19 regulations proposed by the Department of Education. This regulation has no end date and no logical reasoning supporting this arbitrary decision. Masking our children poses a psychological and social detriment to our children's ability to learn and grow. It is dehumanizing and distracting. The administration expects our children to thrive in an environment where all they see are the eyes of their peers and teachers. They cannot see any emotion, including happiness. Children are social creatures that use social queues to learn and grow. Schools allow children to sit shoulder to shoulder in the cafeteria eating without masks; however, they cannot sit at their desks without one. That defies logic. Dr. Fauci and the CDC have publicly acknowledged that masks are ineffective. There has to be an end in sight and continuing to punish our youth to further political agendas is cruel and evil. Our children deserve normalcy. Take a stand and honor the freedoms left in this country and preserve the innocence of our youth.

Respectfully,
Michele Wenz

Sent from my iPhone

Shockley Tina

From: Elaine Jester <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:59 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

As a citizen of Delaware , may I make a suggestion about the children wearing masks at school True you may be thinking of the citizenry BUT it sure does not feel or look that way. We have lived with federal and state mandates (without any great backtalk etc I might add) but now parents are concerned that the state is taking advantage of this covid only to get more control. Believe it or not, we are not stupid. So, here is my suggestion. Let the districts decide if masks are necessary by the number of cases and deaths due directly from covid in the area. The state health dept. could easily do that. It is stupid to have every school district wearing g masks WHEN the rate of disease is low. And it is stupid for children not to wear masks when the incidence rate is high. So let the incidence rate be a determining factor. Don't let this be a mass mandate. Thank You, Elaine Jester

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Shockley Tina

From: Franklin Victory <franklinvictory@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:02 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask mandate while playing indoor sports

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Good Evening,

I would like to make a proposal to have indoor masks removed from the student athletes that play indoor sports. I can completely understand the logic and rationale behind the mask mandate, but my boys have been able to play at least 40 games this summer and fall with no masks on and we have had absolutely no issues in regards to COVID-19.

I am not suggesting that everyone in the school not have a mask on, but please just allow the 10 players on the court to not wear a mask while playing. I am willing to support having everyone else in the building where them, including the players and coaches on the bench. Please just let the kids play without a mask. It was extremely difficult for them to breathe while exerting so much energy.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Franklin Victory

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Shockley Tina

From: Penny Frye <fryepenn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:06 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] School board Rule 815

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I respectfully request the proposed regulation 815 be withdrawn from the register of regulations and section 6.0 be removed in its entirety, or qualifying language be added to limit the application of mask wearing requirement only during public health emergencies.

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Shockley Tina

From: Linda Smith <springchicken41@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:26 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mandatory Masks

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Why? I want to know Why you would require children to wear masks all day in school. If I could understand, I might support it.
Until there is an acceptable reason, I'll object publicly, vocally!

Sent from my iPhone

Shockley Tina

From: Theresa MacKale <macktree@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:55 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks in Schools

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Dear DOE:

As a mother of two young children, I am recommending that the DOE end the mask mandate on our children. There is no current scientific research that state that masks work, especially in children. Children need the socialization, they need to see faces, and some need to be able to read lips to understand each other. What the DOE is doing is harming our children by controlling their childhood and I will not tolerate this unlawful desire to push a political agenda. The DOE is not following TRUE science but unfortunately they are following Political Science.

The World Health Organization and several other well known epidemiologist have stated that masks are not a true defense against COVID-19. There is not one study that has been done to prove that masks work. The news media, CDC and FDA have not been truthful to the American People. There is a lack of trust in these organizations and unfortunately have caused a great deal of harm. The American people are seeing thousands of illegal immigrants coming across our borders with no masks, no isolation, and no COVID testing. Then the CDC places these mandates on us, the American people. It is hypocritical and this is the reason why so many parents are rising up against in the US.

The NIH and Dr. Fauci finally admitted that they were funding gain of function research in the Wuhan Lab. After a whole year and millions of lives lost, the NIH and Dr. Fauci knew what this virus could actually do and they let it happen. With Dr. Fauci's advice the CDC withheld therapeutics, ignored the effects of herd immunity and let people die. Science is **NEVER** one sided nor should it ever be political. These public health officials and organizations should be ashamed of themselves for trying to control people instead of using true science and look at all avenues of therapeutics.

So as a parent, I recommend that the DOE respectfully listen. My children are tired emotionally, physically and psychologically wearing these masks. Stop these mandates, stop having our kids masked and let them be FREE to be kids. I will not stop fighting for my children's freedom!

Respectfully,

Theresa

Shockley Tina

From: dsp7512 <dsp7512@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:56 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks

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Please UNMASK our children! The masks are creating low oxygen levels and their little bodies are struggling to breathe over 8 hours a day, in the classrooms and on buses. The boxes of masks that the schools pass out say "not for medical use" right on the boxes. This is insane!

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Shockley Tina

From: Christina Caldwell <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:01 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No More Mask Mandates in Schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please no more mask mandates on our children! I'm requesting to see the data that you are basing your decision on!

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Shockley Tina

From: Michelle Risper <puffyluv01@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:30 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO to keeping our kids masked

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NO DO NOT KEEP THE KIDS MASKED

Please remove masks. Unmask the children of America. End this masking madness and let's bring back some sort of normalcy. Stop allowing the Democrats control and ruin everything we have worked so hard for. Stop allowing our nation to be controlled by other countries and a man who isn't even competent.

Michelle [Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Shockley Tina

From: Julianne Cruser <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:36 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] I oppose the new proposal

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am opposed to kids wearing mask in school for much longer. 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. 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. Please take this into consideration.

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Shockley Tina

From: oleg md <olegh_md@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:41 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] School masks regulations

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Good evening dear colleagues,

I am Delaware resident.

I learned that you are going to mandate face masks in school.

I believe this measure is unnecessary and harmful to our children.

I'd like to keep my kids in public school vs home school them, but if it continues like that I will have to take them out of your education system. I know quite few people that would do just that.

Please use common sense and be sympathetic humans for once.

Thanks.

Oleg.

Shockley Tina

From: bayazet2001@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:44 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Face mask regulation

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Please use common sense and be sympathetic humans for once.

Thanks.

Bayazet.

Shockley Tina

From: bayazet2001 <bayazet2001@protonmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:46 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Face mask regulation

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I'd like to keep my kids in public school vs home school them, but if it continues like that I will have to take them out of your education system. I know quite few people that would do just that.

Please use common sense and be sympathetic humans for once.

Ali.

Thanks.

Ali.

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Shockley Tina

From: Nebox <nebuxadnezzar@aim.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:48 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Face mask school regulation

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Hello there,

I am Delaware resident.

I learned that you are going to mandate face masks in school.

I believe this measure is unnecessary and harmful to our children.

I'd like to keep my kids in public school vs home school them, but if it continues like that I will have to take them out of your education system. I know quite few people that would do just that.

Please use common sense and be sympathetic humans for once.

Thanks.

Nebo.

Shockley Tina

From: Justin@collettandsons.com <justin@collettandsonswelding.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:51 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] I want a voice in this.

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I do not want my family forced to be faceless due to a mask to protect from a virus that has 98% survival rate. This and forcing (I call it forcing due to the fact that this government is taking money from businesses who do not mandate it, so if you're against it you'll go poor or be forced to get the vaccine) any vaccine which doesn't stop anyone from carrying or spreading the virus is wrong.

I do not want my kids wearing a mask daily, it restricts visual learning and causes other potential safety hazards. It's a proven fact that even a surgical mask brings the intake oxygen level down below OSHA standards. I have been fit tested and understand that oxygen levels below 19.5% is not safe, I have tested myself wearing a surgical mask and witnessed the level drop below 19.5% with a meter.

Please consider the issue with masks doesn't stop with oxygen levels, if a person does have covid and does not have symptoms, breathing in a wet mask with covid will introduce bacteria into their lungs causing covid pneumonia - THIS IS ALSO FACT!

I propose schools take a different route and instead of masks let's teach personal hygiene on a daily and hourly basis.

In closing do not mandate my children to wear masks and suffer their childhood to be faceless. I will strongly consider moving my children from public school to better opportunities- this will not be easy either as I am a big supporter of public school and think it subjects kids to a diverse population of individuals.

Justin Collett - Smyrna, Delaware.

Shockley Tina

From: John Sisso <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:54 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Mandatory mask mandates are arbitrary and don't follow science or trends. These decisions need to be left to the local district or private school.

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Shockley Tina

From: Kristin Tana <kristinpb123@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:03 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask mandate

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I want to express my concerns for the mask mandate that is trying to be passed by DOE. If Delaware puts this into effect my children will not be going to school in Delaware. I don't care how far I have to drive but I will not be subjecting my child to wear a mask the rest of there childhood in school while us adults are in the same close contact in Walmart and at bars. That is completely asinine and hurts my heart for our children. I am a frontline covid medical worker and even I think that our children should be allowed to go back to normal school days with no masks. All the states out there that have zero mask mandates have the same covid numbers than anyone else. You're hurting the children more mentally then you are saving anyone physically. I pray this does not pass. Thank you for your time.

Kristin Tana

Shockley Tina

From: Jennifer Morgan <jlovemorgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:03 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Vote No to the proposed mask regulation

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As a parent of two children in the Delaware public school system, I urge you to vote NO to the proposed mask refutation and extension.

Thank you,
Jennifer Morgan
Houston, Delaware

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Shockley Tina

From: Albert Carroll <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:09 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masking Rule

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

The State's new masking proposal is an unnecessary, likely unproductive, and potentially harmful intervention. Particularly when applied to private schools, it unjustifiably intrudes on the free choice of parents to control their children's education and to act in their children's best interests in circumstances where their choice does not meaningfully threaten the well-being of individual students, their families, or their larger communities. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians, advised by their family's healthcare providers. The proposed rule should be reconsidered, minimally to exclude private schools and modified for children under twelve (see the WHO recommendations on masking).

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Shockley Tina

From: Louis Tomczak <iambuyingoncraigslist@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:41 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks in schools

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DOE Staff,

I am sure you are aware of the new regulations/procedures
(https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/october2021/proposed/25%20DE%20Reg%20363%2010-01-21.htm?fbclid=IwAR1QLVDhqQ_oDYI1xLB3fgpe5CZu-t1X4282c_RExpY3LiZEFC0V6_63wo) being proposed and have seen the uproar about this mask requirement becoming permanent. I humbly ask that you omit this mask requirement from this text.

I'm not anti-mask, I'm not anti-vaccine, but I'm pro-medical freedom. Allowing this to exist will destroy the public school system. Parents who temporarily removed their kids from public schools won't return, while those who are trying to wait it out will figure out a more permanent path forward outside of them. I understand (and I know you do too) the funding each school gets per student and how dependent they are on that money. Let it be known that this will BANKRUPT the schools and it would be the fault of this new regulation and those who choose to implement it that have no foresight. With all of the kids leaving the public school system, schools won't have the funding they need to continue normal operations. This will only make matters worse, as resources will be stretched thinner than they already are, driving away more students, families, and teachers. Soon you won't have much more than an admin team and a bunch of high-need kids with no teachers as they are all Charter or Home school instructors.

Take me as an example. My son is diagnosed special needs and is low on the autism spectrum. He is mostly non-verbal, has sensory issues with things on his body, and constantly drools. As much as anyone would want him to wear a mask, he won't. He will rip it off his face. Also it would be a wet, dripping rag if he were to wear it. So what is the solution? Tying it to his face? Sounds like a lawsuit to me. Banning him from public schools? Prevents his IEP needs from being met. Possible lawsuit as well. There are thousands of kids like this in Delaware with various needs and cannot wear masks. But the point is that they shouldn't have to make that choice! Also I urge you to look for data that actually proves that masks help in schools. The data I have seen shows the opposite or no conclusion. Bottom line is that kids don't wear the masks correctly and this can actually make it worse by doing so. Don't trust me. Look it up yourself. Stop this tyrannical regulation from proceeding. Look at the bigger picture here and make the right choice, really the only choice, to remove the mask requirement from this text.

Thank you.

Louis Tomczak

Shockley Tina

From: Richard McCain <mccaincontractingllc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:08 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Important!! ASAP!!

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a parent of a student in the Delaware school system. I adamantly discourage the change in regulations that would call for permanent masking of students in Delaware public schools. Clearly, "the science" is not being followed and your office is making a political move as opposed to one which would be made in the best interest of our children.

This proposal is disgraceful & I strongly encourage you to reconsider the effort.

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:34 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Attn: Regulation Review 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2) (14 Del.C. ?122(b)(2))

From: Blair Negron <blair.negron@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:47 PM
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Cc: DOEregulations comment <DOEregulations.comment@doe.k12.de.us>
Subject: [External] Attn: Regulation Review 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2) (14 Del.C. ?122(b)(2))

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed regulation 815. More specifically, I oppose the addition of section 6.0 which requires mask wearing by all students and staff in K-12 schools. As currently worded, the proposed Regulation 815 is not limited only to public health emergencies, nor does it provide the authority to require masks to the Secretary of Education or to the school district administration/Board. The proposed regulation 815 supersedes the doctrine of local school board authority and requires mask wearing with no end date or qualification.

I respectfully request the proposed regulation 815 be withdrawn from the register of regulations and section 6.0 be removed in its entirety, or qualifying language be added to limit the application of mask wearing requirement only during public health emergencies.

I also request that school children and parents be given the choice to wear masks at school or not. The length of time that children are masked is detrimental to their physical and mental health. I understand that only a parent of children going through this pandemic would understand this, so I ask that you consider those children who are struggling with the current system of masks for all. Thank you.

Blair Negron
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Magnolia, DE 19962

Shockley Tina

From: Tj Given <timjolehan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:29 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] The Masking of Schoolchildren

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Dear Policymakers:

I write today regarding the changes that are currently being considered to existing regulations that would make the wearing of facemasks in schools a permanent policy in Delaware.

As a concerned citizen, I do not support regulations and/or policies or laws that are crafted without the valuable input of local school staff, students, parents, and school boards. In speaking with parents of masked schoolchildren in Sussex County where I live, I find them patiently waiting for the day when the face coverings can come off altogether.

It saddens me to see young children from the age of two years old and upward being forced to wear a cloth barrier over their faces each and every day, day in, day out, with no end in sight.

Research from 2020 and 2021 shows that mask usage does not really mitigate Covid-19. I have attached a recent medRxiv preprint study in which the biologist authors conclude "Our findings do not support the hypothesis that greater public mask use decreases COVID-19 spread. As masks have been required in many settings, it is prudent to weigh potential benefits with harms." That study is here: <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.05.18.21257385v2.full-text>

There are many other studies on the matter that deserve investigation. Pandata.org has a database on updated findings concerning effectiveness of mask-wearing to mitigate Covid-19 as well as to flu viruses in general. You may find that wealth of information at this link: [PANDA InfoBank: Masks](#)



PANDA InfoBank: Masks

There is very limited research on the effectiveness of masks or the potential harms of their prolonged use in th...

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Timmy Jo Given

Shockley Tina

From: Jessica Hudson <jesshudson21@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:10 PM
To: DOE regulations comment
Subject: [External] Proposed Modification to 14 DE Admin

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This email is to express my strong disagreement with the proposed modification to 14 DE Admin. C 815 Health Examinations and Screening.

Ignoring for a moment the debate on mask effectiveness at stopping aerosolized virus particles from penetrating a cloth mask from Old Navy...and ignoring for the moment the fact that I'm quite sure none of you has seen (or smelled) the inside of a face mask after a 9 year old boy has worn it all day at school, let's talk about the gross overreach of power and control the DOE is seeking to wield over public and private schools' HEALTH policies via this amendment.

- 1) The DOE as a centralized power, should not be making decisions that dictate policies and procedures in individual schools. This overreach can easily expand to curriculum choices, vaccination mandates, behavioral discipline methods, school openings and closures, teacher trainings, etc. within private schools. As a parent and taxpayer, I have every right to decide the educational environment and academic goals that best suit my children and do not appreciate the DOE inserting themselves as false administrators in the private school space to which I pay tuition. If I wanted the public school offering, I'd utilize it.
- 2) There is no off ramp for the mask mandates being proposed in this amendment. There are no metrics, no goal posts, no definition of criteria on masking requirements. The DOE needs to put the work in and define the off ramp and/or metrics prior to a broad and sweeping control grab of children's health. Or better yet – hand back the power to parents and school administrators.
- 3) Schools administrators who have a keen and specific knowledge of their school, their students, their staff will do a more effective job making these decisions – especially in the private school space.
- 4) Children are not and have not been at risk for serious illness from Covid. All teachers & staff members who wish to receive the vaccine have had ample opportunity to protect themselves from risk of serious illness or death. If they can't get the shot and feel at risk, find another job. Its not about THEM, it's about our KIDS.
- 5) DOE has a recent track record for not reacting to changing information in a timely fashion in a manner that benefits our children. For example, last spring, Delaware public education was one of the few school systems that was NOT in person at least 4 days a week for elementary. DOE continues to prove via these decisions they serve teachers unions and politicians, NOT children.

Please, at a minimum, step away from private schools. Your overreach is abhorrent.

Sincerely,
Jessica Hudson

Shockley Tina

From: Osborne, Erin (DeIDOT) <Erin.Osborne@delaware.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:00 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: FW: Regulation Review - 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2), 14 DE Admin Code 815

Hi All,

This email is being sent as a response to the proposed regulation for 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2), 14 DE Admin. Code 815.

In review of the proposed regulations, I have the following comments and concerns.

- 815 Health Examinations and Screening, C. Impact Criteria Question 2.
 - The proposed regulation is providing equality not equity. It proposes to mask all faculty, staff, and students without consideration for the individual student's educational, emotional and social needs for long-term development. The masks obstruct communication in the learning environment because the movement of the mouth is not visible and the voice/sounds are muffled. Children learn speech through seeing the mouth movement and hearing the enunciation. Children, especially, have sacrificed greatly during this pandemic, and this proposed regulations seems like a step in the wrong direction to getting children back to a classroom environment where they can flourish. My niece and nephew started kindergarten last year as virtual, transitioned to hybrid, and in person this year as first graders. They attend different schools, but this situation has created resentment towards school in both of them. They complain frequently about having to go to school. This is the most undesirable result / consequence of the current situation for these young students. Early education must be engaging and prompt the desire for lifelong learning. Don't you remember how excited you were to go to school as a young child? With the positive cases currently trending downward, we need to start focusing on the balance between COVID-19 protection and the student's overall well-being, including educational, social, and emotional development. This proposed regulation is not moving towards striking that balance. Children are the future of our community and we need to promote their long term development and ability to be competitive in this ever changing economy.
- 815 Health Examinations and Screening, C. Impact Criteria Question 5.
 - The proposed regulation is not preserving the authority and flexibility of decision making at the local board and school level. The balance between COVID-19 protection and the students' well-being is going to change throughout the state. These decisions should be made at the local level to ensure all students in the State of Delaware receive an equitable education based on their specific needs.
- 815 Health Examinations and Screening, C. Impact Criteria Question 9.
 - This criteria and response is unclear about who this will burden. It seems that this regulation will create an undo burden on the students and their ability to focus, communicate, and learn as efficiently and effectively as they can. What process was used to generate this regulation? Is there other reasonable solutions that can be discussed that don't pass as much burden onto the students? It seems like we can do better for our students.
- 815 Health Examinations and Screening, 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention
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procedures. This proposed section of regulation is not an examination or screening and should not be located in this Section of DE Code.

The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and we need to prioritize their long term development. We have to find a better long term solution that fosters the students' growth, keeps them engaged, and prompts the desire for lifelong learning.

Thanks,

Erin Osborne

Townsend, DE

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:56 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Important: Mask Mandate

From: Amber Hauser <bumberjoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>
Subject: [External] Important: Mask Mandate

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Dear Ms Bunting,

I am the mother of a child in 7th grade at Newark Charter School. I see that you are the secretary of education. I hope that means that you are strongly invested in the mental health of our children. Their mental health greatly impacts their learning and education.

Please take the steps to protecting our children's mental health. My 12 year old son, who has never struggled with anxiety before Covid, has become increasingly anxious and depressed about wearing a mask each day. This is not a proper future for our children. This heavily impacts their lives. Please read the information below and please show me the data that supports your continued support of masks in schools.

As our healthcare system battled the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, we supported the implementation of multiple mitigation strategies, including masks for children, in an effort to lessen disease burden. Over the past year, and even in the past month, the burden of disease on the community has evolved, and our approach must reflect this knowledge. The U.S. 7-day COVID-19 death average has fallen by nearly 90% from its peak in January, and the average 7-day hospitalization has plummeted. As of June 2, total hospitalizations fell [below 20,000](#) for the first time since June 24, 2020. Recent [data](#) from more than 1.5 million students and staff at K-12 schools- before adult vaccination- found that mask mandates were NOT associated with student or teacher infection rates when adjusted for spread within the community. A study compiling data from Nov-Dec 2020, prior to vaccine availability and during higher case prevalence, found "lower incidence in schools that required mask use among students was [NOT statistically significant](#) compared with schools where mask use was optional." For children, at our current vaccination, prevalence, hospitalization and death rates, there is insufficient evidence that continued mask mandates for children would provide a benefit that outweighs the potential harm. It is PAST time to prudently adjust course and **LIFT** mask mandates for our children.

Please choose Empathy for our children.

Empathy is when adults acknowledge and **act** on knowledge rather than looking the other way... that losing 2 years of normalcy in your 30s and 40s is in no way even close to being comparable to losing 2 years of your childhood, high school, or college experience. (Actually, we are the 3rd school year in). These are highly formative, brain-developing years. Particularly early childhood and adolescence. Those are the two time periods that see the most rapid and profound physiological brain changes.

Please make the right choice for our children,

Amber Hauser

Parent in Newark, Delaware

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:46 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Mask Mandate

From: Michelle McDowell <mlhudson.mh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Sweeney Whitney <Whitney.Sweeney@sbe.k12.de.us>; Fifer Candice <Candice.Fifer@sbe.k12.de.us>; Lofink Vincent <vincent.lofink@sbe.k12.de.us>; Brittingham Shawn <Shawn.Brittingham@sbe.k12.de.us>; Noble Audrey <Audrey.Noble@sbe.k12.de.us>; Powell Provey <provey.powell@sbe.k12.de.us>; Rushdan Wali <Wali.rushdan@sbe.k12.de.us>; Turner Wendy <Wendy.Turner@sbe.k12.de.us>; Sampson Elise <Elise.Sampson@sbe.k12.de.us>; Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>; Ahner Jenna <Jenna.Ahner@sbe.k12.de.us>; Layfield Rodney <Rodney.Layfield@IRSD.k12.de.us>; Wright Leolga <leolga.wright@irsd.k12.de.us>; Cathell Derek <derek.cathell@irsd.k12.de.us>; Collins Scott <Scott.Collins@IRSD.k12.de.us>; Fritz James <james.fritz@irsd.k12.de.us>; Donald Hattier <donald.hattier@irsd.k12.de.us>; Moses Madeline <madeline.moses@irsd.k12.de.us>; Peden Gerald <gerald.peden@irsd.k12.de.us>; Pryor Constance <Constance.Pryor@IRSD.k12.de.us>; Statler Heather <heather.statler@irsd.k12.de.us>; Hocker, Gerald <gerald.hocker@delaware.gov>; Gray, Ronald <ronald.gray@delaware.gov>
Subject: [External] Mask Mandate

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Good morning,

I am imploring upon you today to not extend the mask mandate past the December expiration date. I wholeheartedly feel that IF any such issue arises where they are needed after that, then our local school boards and officials are fully capable of making that decision. There is NO data backing the forced mask wearing and it is time for our children to have the ability to breathe and learn while in school as opposed to the masks creating anxiety, loss of focus, mental health issues, the inability to fully learn and understand what is being taught. It is unfair to both the teachers and the children to have the priority in the classroom be whether a child is wearing their mask correctly rather than actually teaching a full lesson, which we all know the children need since they are so far behind in their learning already. Again, we the parents want to see the data behind the decision to force the mask mandate to be extended. Thank you for your time and attention and I hope you make the best decision in the interest of the children and their future based on DATA and not political pressures.

Michelle McDowell

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:45 PM
To: DOERegulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Permanent Masking of Kids

From: Melissa Davis <getmeoutahere@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:52 AM
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Hello! I am writing to ask for a copy of the science and data that you are using to make your decision to permanently put a face diaper on my child while at school. This abuse needs to stop and the focus needs to be shifted from politics to educating our children. From where I'm sitting, our education system here in Delaware needs a lot of improvements and instead of working on those improvements this DOE is focusing on politics. Make masking permanent and I'm sure you will be seeing more children being moved to homeschooling and an even larger teacher shortage. So again, show us the data, facts and science because we sure as heck can show you a ton that state masks are harmful to our children.

Melissa Davis
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Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:45 PM
To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Re: DOE Proposed Regulation 815 Health Examinations and Screenings

From: Lara Jennings <lara.allison@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Postles, Charles <charles.postles@delaware.gov>; Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>
Subject: [External] Re: DOE Proposed Regulation 815 Health Examinations and Screenings

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I'm still waiting for a response.

On Oct 27, 2021, at 9:16 PM, Lara Jennings <lara.allison@gmail.com> wrote:

Good evening,

I do not agree with the proposed regulation outlined in Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2) (14 Del.C. §122(b)(2))

14 DE Admin. Code 815 that's listed both on the DOE website as well Delaware.gov. It is unclear to me the purpose of this new regulation and there is no timeframe listed to indicate this is a temporary treatment to a temporary problem.

I also don't appreciate being lied to by Javier Hortsman, policy advisor to the Governor. When I called him on the phone (302-540-0000) today 10/27 and asked for clarification on the proposed regulation from DOE, he told me "it is fake and we don't know who made it, but it's not true." If it's true that this is fake, why is it listed on two different state websites as a *proposed* regulation? Will there be public meetings to discuss the proposed regulation?

Please reconsider the proposed regulation by adding additional language that clarifies a purpose for the regulation and a specific timeframe supported by scientific data.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,
Lara Jennings

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Shockley Tina

From: Osborne, Erin (DelDOT) <Erin.Osborne@delaware.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:40 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Cc: Ennis, Bruce; Spiegelman, Jeff
Subject: Regulation Review - 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2), 14 DE Admin Code 815

Hi All,

This email is being sent as a response to the proposed regulation for 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b)(2), 14 DE Admin. Code 815.

In review of the proposed regulations, I have the following comments and concerns.

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Thanks,

Erin Osborne

Townsend, DE

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:40 PM
To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Opposition to proposed regulation to Title 14

-----Original Message-----

From: Cassandra Rogerson <c.rogerson126@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]whitney.sweeney@sbe.k12.de.us; Fifer Candice <Candice.Fifer@sbe.k12.de.us>; Lofink Vincent <vincent.lofink@sbe.k12.de.us>; Brittingham Shawn <Shawn.Brittingham@sbe.k12.de.us>; Noble Audrey <Audrey.Noble@sbe.k12.de.us>; Powell Provey <provey.powell@sbe.k12.de.us>; Rushdan Wali <Wali.rushdan@sbe.k12.de.us>; Turner Wendy <Wendy.Turner@sbe.k12.de.us>; Sampson Elise <Elise.Sampson@sbe.k12.de.us>; Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>; Ahner Jenna <Jenna.Ahner@sbe.k12.de.us>
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All,

I am a concerned parent and PTO officer at Rehoboth Elementary and I am writing today to ask that I oppose the proposed regulation to title 14 in the Delaware Code.

I have read the DOE's public statement which insinuated that somehow we have misinterpreted the intent of the updated language under the Covid 19 Mitigation and Prevention. It is clear that DOE is in fact misrepresenting what this section is intending to permit. The absence of the word permanent does not change the meaning and intention of the verbiage. Without metrics and an end date then this proposed change is in effect, permanent.

But I am not writing today asking for a modification to that language to include any metrics or end dates. The point of my email is to say that the proposed language and ANY Covid 19 related language should be removed from Title 14. Period. It has no place in regulatory documents for our schools.

To take the decision of a mask mandate and place it in the DOE's hands is a clear overreach and will not be tolerated. Limits to emergency orders imposed by our Government body were put in place for a reason. That reason is to avoid exactly what the proposed language DOE has inserted hopes to achieve, which is unchecked control and decision making with no limits or boundaries. I do not co parent with the Department of Education nor the Government.

Delaware parents are pulling their children out of school daily to opt for homeschool because they are fed up with the lack of support for our children, the clear disregard to the negative implications that Covid school closures & restrictions have had on students and the idea that the school Boards and organizations in place shouldn't listen to parents concerns. Our August board meetings made it clear. The impression we were left with is that our legitimate concerns are

nor valid, and that Parents are to listen to the boards and the board members and allow DOE to do as they choose with our children. No more!

To date, there is no statistical data to support the mask mandate presently in place of any proof that reduced transmission in schools can be attributed to mask wearing. Further more, we have not been given any metrics that outline how and when such a mask mandate would be lifted. It is arbitrary decided and not based off of scientific data.

There are more of us then there are of you. We will not stand by and allow this to continue. Your jobs are to advocate for a fair education for students and to support the student body and their parents. You are supposed to be our allies. Do the right thing and end this now.

My child, my choice.

#ShowMeTheData #ParentsChoice

Thank you,
Cassie Rogerson

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:38 PM
To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] NO MORE MASKING OUR CHILDREN

From: Angie Townsend <angietownsend@live.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>
Subject: [External] NO MORE MASKING OUR CHILDREN

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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.

Susan,

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.

Lastly, please provide me the data this proposal is based upon as I searched for it online, and could not find anything to justify this proposal.

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

Thank you.

Angela Townsend

Indian River School District Parent

Shockley Tina

From: Zielen Patricia on behalf of Bunting Susan
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:36 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: FW: [External] Vote NO to Mask On our Children in Schools

From: Patricia Lester <blessed37@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Sweeney Whitney <Whitney.Sweeney@sbe.k12.de.us>; Fifer Candice <Candice.Fifer@sbe.k12.de.us>; Lofink Vincent <vincent.lofink@sbe.k12.de.us>; Brittingham Shawn <Shawn.Brittingham@sbe.k12.de.us>; Noble Audrey <Audrey.Noble@sbe.k12.de.us>; Powell Provey <provey.powell@sbe.k12.de.us>; Rushdan Wali <Wali.rushdan@sbe.k12.de.us>; Turner Wendy <Wendy.Turner@sbe.k12.de.us>; Sampson Elise <Elise.Sampson@sbe.k12.de.us>; Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>; Ahner Jenna <Jenna.Ahner@sbe.k12.de.us>
Subject: [External] Vote NO to Mask On our Children in Schools

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The science does not support wearing masks (see detail below). Please vote no to mask mandates and save our children's healthy, productive lives including brain development without the horrendous side effects from hypoxia and other serious effects conditionally contributed to and caused by wearing masks
Patricia Lester

<https://ratical.org/PandemicParallaxView/MasksAreHarmful-Meehan2020.html>

1. Medical masks adversely affect respiratory physiology and function.

- **Masks inhibit air flow into and out of the lungs.**
 - For people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and many other chronic lung diseases, face masks are intolerable to wear as they worsen breathlessness.[R]
- Medical masks lower blood oxygen and raise carbon dioxide such that respiratory rate and depth of breaths are increased.[R]
 - Decreasing oxygen and increasing carbon dioxide in the bloodstream stimulates a compensatory response in the respiratory centers of the brain. These changes in blood gases result in **increases in both frequency and depth of breaths.**

- As masks Increase both the frequency and depth of respirations (breaths), they increase the likelihood that each respiration will contain a larger amount of infectious viral particles. This may worsen the community transmission of CoVID-19 as infected people wearing masks exhale respiratory plumes loaded with greater levels of infectious viral particles. These infectious plumes readily move around the sides, bottom, and top of masks.
- This may also increase the severity of CoVID-19 as the **increased tidal volume delivers the viral particles deeper into the lungs.**
- These effects are amplified if face masks are contaminated with the viruses, bacteria, or fungi that find their way or opportunistically grow in the warm, moist environment that medical masks quickly become.

2. Medical masks lower oxygen levels in the blood.[R]

Wearing a mask for more than a few minutes causes a significant reduction in a person's blood oxygen level.

- Beder, A., U. Büyükoçak, H. Sabuncuoğlu, Z. A. Keskil, and S. Keskil. 2008. "Preliminary Report on Surgical Mask Induced Deoxygenation during Major Surgery." *Neurocirugia* 19 (2): 121-26. DOI: 10.1016/s1130-1473(08)70235-5
 - This study of 53 surgeons evaluated the effect of surgical masks on oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in surgeons performing surgery.
 - The study revealed the surgeons experienced a significant decrease in the oxygen saturation of arterial pulsations (SpO2) and a slight increase in pulse rates after one hour. The decrease was more prominent in the surgeons over the age of 35.
 - Given that a **small decrease in SpO2 reflects a large decrease in partial pressure of oxygen in the arterial blood (PaO2)[R]**, the findings of this study suggests that surgical masks worn more than one hour may lower arterial oxygen enough to induce physiologically detrimental effects.
- Here are two cases of the tragic consequences of forcing children to wear masks: Two Chinese boys drop dead while wearing face masks during physical exercise classes.[R][R]

Two boys from two Chinese cities died of sudden cardiac arrest within a week. The first boy, 15, collapsed after jogging in PE class while wearing a face mask on April 24. The other boy, 14, reportedly died during a running exam while wearing a mask.

Why would healthy boys drop dead while wearing masks and running in gym class?! To answer this question, we must consider how mask induced deoxygenation and increased oxygen demands of heart muscle during

exercise could have precipitated heart attacks in otherwise healthy teenagers:

- **Point #1:** Heart muscle needs oxygen to survive. And the harder the heart works, the more oxygen it requires. The American Heart Association says this about heart attacks:
- "Your **heart muscle needs oxygen to survive**. A heart attack occurs when the blood flow that brings **oxygen to the heart muscle is severely reduced** or cut off completely." [R]
- **Point #2:** Masks block air intake and decrease arterial oxygen.

Studies of masked individuals have shown that mask wear decreases arterial oxygen. For example, the effects of surgical masks worn by surgeons in the operating room (an environment in which the oxygen blocking effects of masks are minimized by the high air flow, increased oxygen levels, and cool temperature of the operating suite) during major surgery showed a significant decrease in arterial oxygen. [R]

The lesson here is that medical masks should not be worn during intense exercise. As described above and shown in the study of surgeons wearing surgical masks, medical masks block oxygen intake. Depriving the heart of oxygen while exercising, especially intense exercise, could precipitate an acute heart attack.

Any questions? Wait...there's more...

- Jogger's lung collapses after he ran for 2.5 miles while wearing a face mask [R]

Mr Zhang's left lung was punctured due to high pressure caused by running. The 26-year-old became breathless whiling jogging with a mask on in China. Doctors said his punctured lung was caused by jogging with a face covering. He is now in stable condition after undergoing an operation, the hospital said.

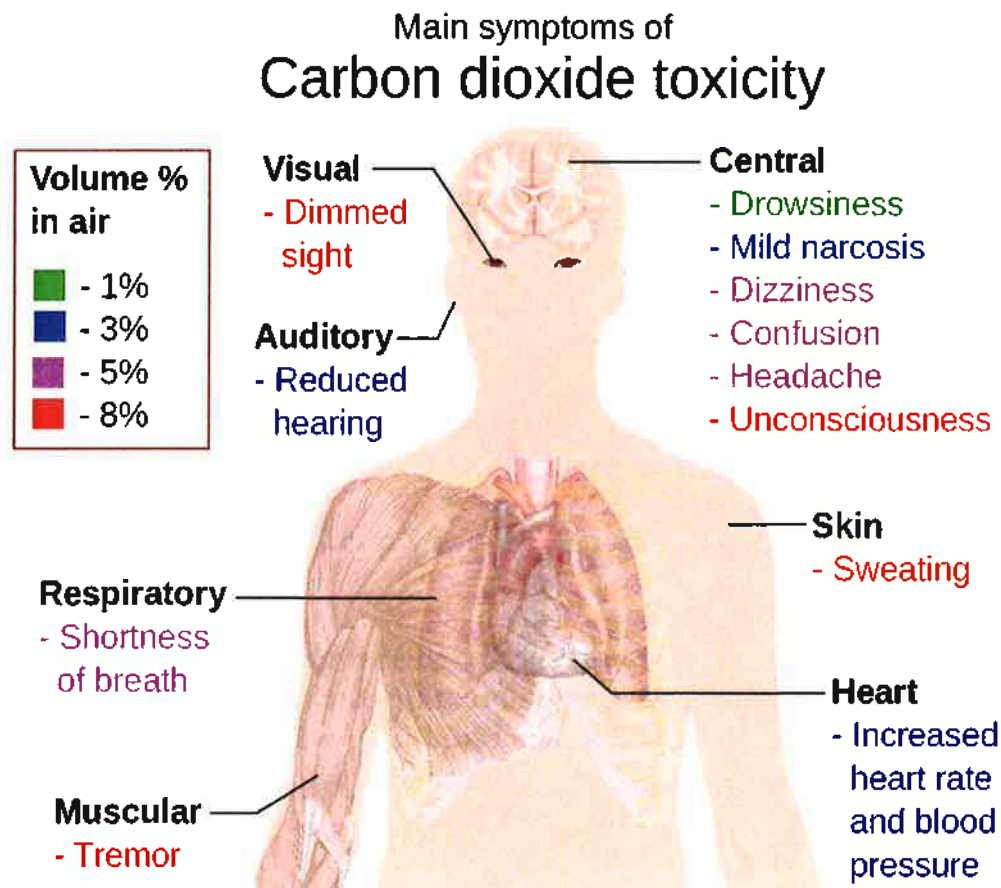
- Hypoxia increases the risk of blood clot formation. [R]
- Lowering arterial oxygen suppresses the immune system, thus increasing the susceptibility of mask wearers to infectious disease.

3. Medical masks raise carbon dioxide levels in the blood.

Although the body has robust mechanisms for mitigating transient and minor elevations of CO₂ in the air we breathe, these mechanisms can easily be overwhelmed by chronic exposure to significant elevations in CO₂, such as occurs with prolonged wearing of a medical mask.

- The science clearly demonstrates that **face masks cause carbon dioxide rebreathing and hypercapnia** [R]

- o Fletcher, S. J., M. Clark, and P. J. Stanley. 2006. "Carbon Dioxide Re-Breathing with Close Fitting Face Respirator Masks." *Anaesthesia* 61 (9): 910. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365-2044.2006.04767.x>
- Exhaled air is rich in **carbon dioxide**, a waste product of **cellular respiration**.
- A portion of carbon dioxide previously exhaled is inspired (breathed) at each respiratory cycle.
- **Masks trap CO₂ rich respiratory exhalations at the mask-mouth interface, force re-breathing of CO₂ rich exhalations, raise carbon dioxide blood (CO₂) levels. [R]**



- Objective evidence demonstrating how masks increase blood carbon dioxide levels and negatively impact health and function.
 - o **Transcranial Ultrasound Doppler (TCUD)** is a noninvasive means of assessing blood flow in the cerebral vasculature. The increase in carbon dioxide partial pressures (PCO₂) caused by medical masks can be assessed by TCUD.[R]
 - o Elevation of PCO₂ causes vasodilation of the arteriolar channels leading to a decrease in peripheral vascular resistance. The decrease in peripheral vascular resistance is responsible for the changes in cerebrovascular circulation time, CBF, and the velocity of flow (V) in cerebral arteries.

- Medical masks force the wearer to inspire (re-breathe) air that is a mix of air from the local environment and the respiratory waste products from the mask wearer's previous exhalations.
 - Respiratory exhalations contain significantly higher levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂), one of the waste products of respiration.
 - The pulmonary system is designed to collect oxygen and remove CO₂ from the body. Masks trap CO₂ rich exhalations at the mask-mouth interface.
 - Changes in arterial PCO₂ considerably influence cranial blood flow (CBF).[R]
- Transcranial Ultrasound Doppler (TCUD) studies on masked and unmasked individuals demonstrate the changes in blood flow in the brain the result from the arterial CO₂ elevation that occurs within seconds of donning a mask.

This video demonstrates the use of TCUD and heart rate variability to measure the adverse effects of masking a healthy nine year old child: <https://bit.ly/2GGQWiZ>

4. SARS CoV-2 is armed with a “furin cleavage site” that makes it more pathogenic.

- The furin cleavage site makes the virus more capable of invading human cells.
- The furin cleavage site makes the virus even more capable of invading cells when arterial oxygen levels decline.[R]
- Therefore, wearing a medical mask may increase the severity of CoVID-19.

5. Medical masks trap exhaled viral (and other) pathogens in the mouth/mask interspace, increase viral/infectious load, and increase the severity of disease.

- Face masks trap exhaled viral particles in the mouth/mask interspace. The trapped viral particles are prevented from removal from the airways. The mask wearer is then forced to re-breathe the viral particles, thus increasing infectious viral particles in the airways and lungs.
- In this way, surgical masks cause self-inoculation, increase viral load, and increase the severity of disease.
- Neurosurgeon, Russell Blaylock, MD, raises additional concerns:

“By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the lungs, olfactory nerves, and travel into the brain.”[R]

- Face masks **trap exhaled viral particles** in the mouth/mask interspace.[R] The trapped viral particles are prevented from removal from the airways. The mask wearer is thus forced to **re-breathe** the viral particles, increasing infectious viral particles in the airways and lungs. In this way, Medical masks cause self-inoculation, increase viral load, and increase the severity of disease.
- Asymptomatic or mild cases of CoVID-19 become more severe when the infected is masked, oxygen lowers, viral load increases from particle re-breathing, and the disease **overwhelms the innate immune system**.
 - The main purpose of the innate immune response is to immediately prevent the spread and movement of foreign pathogens throughout the body.[R]
 - The innate immune system plays a crucial role in destroying the virus, preventing infection, or decreasing the viral load to decrease the severity of infection.
 - The innate immunity's effectiveness is highly dependent on the viral load. If face masks increase viral particle re-breathing at the same time they create a humid habitat where SARS-CoV-2 remains actively infectious, the mask increases the viral load and can overwhelm the innate immune system.
- This trapping, re-breathing, and increasing pathogen load delivered to the lungs becomes dramatically more dangerous when the medical mask becomes contaminated with the opportunistic viruses, bacteria, and fungi that can grow in the warm, moist environment of the mask.
- "By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain." - Russell Blaylock, MD

6. SARS CoV-2 Becomes More Dangerous When Blood Oxygen Levels Decline

- Arterial oxygen desaturation is a critical issue in CoVID-19. The virus' ability to infect cells is markedly enhanced by oxygen desaturation, which has been shown to occur even in the ideal operating room environment in which surgeons operate: high air flow/exchange systems, cool temperature, and higher room oxygen levels. when wearing a surgical mask.[R]
- One of the features that make SARS CoV-2 uniquely infectious is the "furin" sequence in the virus that activates increased ACE2 receptor attack and cellular invasion in low oxygen environments.[R]

7. The furin cleavage site of SARS CoV-2 increases cellular invasion, especially during hypoxia (low blood oxygen levels)[R]

- The furin cleavage site found in SARS CoV-2 is the likely result of the bioengineering "gain of function" (which means increasing the virulence of a pathogen) research conducted at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. This unethical, dangerous, and illegal-in-most-countries research is alleged to

have been funded by Dr. Anthony Fauci (with \$7.4 million taxpayer dollars) and Bill Gates.

- Furin cleavage sites are found in some of the most pathogenic forms of influenza, which can be acted upon by furin and other cellular proteases. The ubiquitous expression of cellular proteases across cell types increases the potential for the virus to successfully infiltrate the host.
- Furin is a membrane-bound protease that is expressed in multiple tissues throughout the human body. Furin is expressed in significant concentrations in the lungs. Thus, viruses in the respiratory tract can make use of this enzyme to convert and activate their own surface glycoproteins. This makes their role in viral protein processing noteworthy.[R]
- Some of the most pathogenic forms of influenza and HIV have similar furin cleavage sites. It is not present in other bat beta coronaviruses. (By the way, Fauci built his career researching and failing to create a vaccine for HIV). The furin cleavage site is NOT present in SARS CoV-1 or MERS, or any of the other known “bat coronaviruses.”
- Let me say it again, the SARS-CoV (aka, SARS-CoV-1), which is closely related to the newest SARS-CoV-2 strain, does not bear the furin cleavage site.

So, the question we should all be asking is how did the genetic sequence that codes for this serious gain of function that increases the potential for the virus to successfully infiltrate the host find its way into SARS-CoV-2?

That’s the trillion dollar question; it demands a real and honest answer.

8. Cloth masks may increase the risk of contracting Covid-19 and other respiratory infections.

See MacIntyre CR, Seale H, Dung TC, et al., A cluster randomised trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers, *BMJ Open* 2015; 5: e006577, US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2014-006577, April 22, 2015. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971/pdf/bmjopen-2014-006577.pdf>

- “This study is the first [Randomly Controlled Trial] of cloth masks, and the results caution against the use of cloth masks.
- This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection.”

9. Wearing a face mask may give a false sense of security

- People adopt a reduction in compliance with other infection control measures, including social distancing and hands washing.[R]

10. Masks compromise communications and reduce social distancing

- The quality and volume of speech between two people wearing masks is considerably compromised and they may unconsciously move closer to improve communications
- This increases the likelihood of becoming exposed to the infectious viral particles in the respiratory plumes of aerosolized droplet nuclei that escape the top, bottom, and sides of the masks.

11. Untrained and inappropriate management of face masks:

- The public is untrained and inadequately educated in the proper selection of masks (most are wrongly wearing cloth masks), proper wear, sterility management, and importance of not reusing single use masks.
- People must not touch their masks, must change their single-use masks frequently or wash them regularly, dispose of them correctly and adopt other management measures, otherwise their risks and those of others may increase.[R][R]
- We can all observe the countless ways in which people in communities are mis-wearing, mishandling, and increasing their own and the communities risk of contracting infectious disease, including CoVID-19.

12. Masks Worn Imperfectly Are Dangerous

To fully appreciate the danger of improper wear and handling of face masks, all you have to do is observe how the public is managing them. Take a trip to Walmart or your local school and observe how mask wearers pull masks from their pocket or purse, drop the masks on the floor, cough and sneeze in them, move them below the nose, on their heads, or under their chin. I see it every day. I also see their soiled and stained surgical face masks and know that these people are dangerously reusing a mask that should never be reused.

You don't need a clinical trial to determine that even when mask-wearers manage to don a fresh, sterile mask properly, keep them on for more than a few minutes at a time, they very quickly contaminate the mask, their environment, and increase their risk of infection as the mask induces them to compulsively touch their faces and their masks.

- The World Health Organization, which has repeatedly changed its position on universal masking, is adamant that **if face masks are not worn carefully, correctly, and kept sanitary, they are worse than ineffective.**
- In other words, masks worn imperfectly are dangerous.
 - See Linda Lacina, WHO updates guidance on masks for health workers and the public - here's what you need to know, World Economic Forum (June 5, 2020). <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/who-updates-guidance-on-masks-heres-what-to-know-now/>

People can infect themselves if they use contaminated hands to adjust a mask or repeatedly take it on or off,” explained WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “I cannot say this clearly enough. Masks alone will not protect you from COVID-19.”

Failing to follow strict medical standards for wearing protective equipment and specification of sterilizing and cleaning often leads to “skin and mucous membrane injury, which may cause acute and chronic dermatitis, secondary infection and aggravation of underlying skin diseases.”

- Yan, et al., Consensus of Chinese Experts on Protection of Skin and Mucous Membrane Barrier for Health-Care Workers Fighting against Coronavirus Disease 2019. *Dermatologic Therapy*, March 2020, e13310. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7228211/pdf/DTH-9999-e13310.pdf>

13. Masks collect and colonize viruses, bacteria, and mold.

In Germany, where schools are open and masks are mostly optional, the association of “Kinder f. Weltfrieden eV” commissioned a laboratory analysis to investigate the level of microbial contamination that results after a fresh mask is worn by a child for 6-8 hours in school. What they found was alarming to all those recommending we mask our children for several hours every day. The masks were found to be contaminated with **82 bacterial colonies and 4 mold colonies**. Where do you think the bacteria, molds, and viruses progressively colonizing and growing on the warm moist mask-mouth interface end up?

Many of the microbes get transferred to surfaces the child (or adult) touches after they touch, fiddle, and mishandle their mask. This is one of the many reasons that masks are almost certainly **INCREASING** the transmission of infectious disease. More dangerously, these microbes are being inhaled and delivered deep into the lungs where respiratory disease far worse than CoVID-19 can result.

The oxygen lowering effects of masks forces the body to compensate by increasing heart rate and deepening inspirations (increasing tidal volumes). Increased tidal volumes drives the mask pathogens deep into the lungs where they can cause serious pneumonia, inflammation, and tissue damage.

Furthermore, these risks are compounded by the immune suppression (CD4+ T-cell suppression) that results from diminished arterial oxygenation. **Thus, the mask-wearing child is at imminent risk for harm caused by lung infections that are far more dangerous than a CoVID-19 infection.**

In fact, based on reports from my colleagues in emergency medicine, pulmonology, and infectious disease, an **alarming explosion in bacterial pneumonias** is being reported at ERs and urgent care centers across the country.

Evidence that supports the points above:

- Zhiqing, Liu, Chang Yongyun, Chu Wenxiang, Yan Mengning, Mao Yuanqing, Zhu Zhenan, Wu Haishan, et al. 2018. "Surgical Masks as Source of Bacterial Contamination during Operative Procedures." *Journal of Orthopaedic Translation* 14 (July): 57-62.
 - This study investigated whether surgical masks (SMs) could be a potential source of bacterial shedding leading to an increased risk of surgical site infection.
 - Results: **The longer the operating time the more bacterial colonization occurred.** A significant increase [in bacterial counts] was noted in the 2-hour group.
- Colleen Huber, NMD, "Masks Are Neither Effective nor Safe," *PrimaryDoctor.Org*, July 6, 2020. <https://www.primarydoctor.org/masks-not-effect>
 - "The foregoing data show that masks serve more as instruments of obstruction of normal breathing, rather than as effective barriers to pathogens. Therefore, masks should not be used by the general public, either by adults or children, and their limitations as prophylaxis against pathogens should also be considered in medical settings."
 - Dr. Huber's article cites 42 supporting scientific studies.
- "Dr. Jenny Harries, England's deputy chief medical officer, has warned that it was not a good idea for the public to wear face masks as **the virus can get trapped in the material and causes infection when the wearer breathes in.**"
 - Angela Betsaida B. Laguipo, BSN, "Reusing Masks May Increase Your Risk of Coronavirus Infection, Expert Says," *News, Medical, Life Sciences*, March 15, 2020. <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200315/Reusing-masks-may-increase-your-risk-of-coronavirus-infection-expert-says.aspx>
- See also, Melkorka Licea, "Mask Mouth" Is a Seriously Stinky Side Effect of Wearing Masks. *New York Post*, August 5, 2020. <https://nypost.com/2020/08/05/mask-mouth-is-a-seriously-stinky-side-effect-of-wearing-masks/>
- Consider this: [Health department investigating after high number of strep throat cases reported at Shepherd schools.](#)

The Central Michigan District Health Department is investigating after more than **a dozen cases of strep throat** were reported within Shepherd Public Schools **despite COVID-19 protocols.**

14. Wearing a face mask makes the exhaled air (respiratory plumes) go into the eyes.

- Masks may capture respiratory jets and large respiratory droplets, but they cannot prevent the respiratory plumes composed of aerosolizable

respiratory droplet nuclei to escape the top, bottom, and sides of the masks.

- The respiratory plume wafts into the eyes and generates an uncomfortable feeling and compulsion to touch and rub the eyes. If your hands are contaminated and you touch or rub your eyes, you are transmitting and infecting yourself through the ocular mucosa.[R]

15. Contact tracing studies show that asymptomatic carrier transmission is very rare.

- Asymptomatic carriers are not a major driver of the disease.[R]
- Therefore, one of the key reasons the public was told to wear masks, asymptomatic spreaders, should not be used as a reason for community wearing of masks.

16. Face masks and stay at home orders prevent the development of herd immunity.

- Only herd immunity can prevent pandemics; it is the only thing that ever has.
- Only herd immunity will protect the vulnerable members of society.
- Sweden's example continues to prove this point.

17. Face masks are dangerous and contraindicated for a large number of people with pre-existing medical conditions and disabilities.

- Large percentages of the population have medical conditions that make wearing a mask dangerous. Individuals should be examined by a medical professional to ensure that mask wear will not further compromise their medical condition.
 - Children with asthma (7.5% of American children) and other respiratory disabilities are being harmed by mask mandates, they are being discriminated against by businesses, schools, and public spaces that require masks.
 - Children with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders are extremely prone to agitation and severe anxiety that results from the adverse effects, e.g., oxygen lowering effects, of masks.
 - An ever increasing number of children and young adults with autism are sensitive to touch and texture.[R] Covering the nose and mouth with fabric can cause sensory overload, feelings of panic, and extreme anxiety.
- If a person with a disability is not able to wear a face mask, state and local government agencies and private businesses must consider reasonable modifications to a face mask policy so that the person with the disability can participate in, or benefit from, the programs offered or goods and services that are provided. A reasonable modification means changing policies, practices, and procedures, if needed, to provide goods, services,

facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to an individual with a disability.

- Examples of a person with a disability who might not be able to wear a face mask include individuals with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other respiratory disabilities may not be able to wear a face mask because of difficulty in or impaired breathing. People with respiratory disabilities should consult their own medical professional for advice about using face masks.
- **The CDC also states that anyone who has trouble breathing should not wear a face mask.[R]**
- People with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), severe anxiety, or claustrophobia (an abnormal fear of being in enclosed or narrow places), may feel afraid or terrified when wearing a face mask. These individuals may not be able to stay calm or function when wearing a face mask.
- A person who has cerebral palsy may have difficulty moving the small muscles in the hands, wrists, or fingers. Due to their limited mobility, they may not be able to tie the strings or put the elastic loops of a face mask over the ears. This means that the individual may not be able to put on or remove a face mask without assistance.
- A person who uses mouth control devices such as a sip and puff to operate a wheelchair or assistive technology, or uses their mouth or tongue to use assistive ventilators will be unable to wear a mask.

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To whom it may concern,

I write to you with the greatest outrage. You see, my daughter started school in the 2019-2020 school year, with excitement and fierce determination for her new journey in education. For her to only be cheated out of what true education is designed to be. She has YET to experience a NORMAL school year. How can you allow this? How can you allow the continuation of the mask mandates? **Show me the data.** Show ALL of us the data that this is scientifically needed and working.

I know that you read story after story like the one I am writing, yet there is still no action from you all in protecting our rights and the education system. How can you honestly say that you are proud of making children wear a mask? *You are thieves of joy, stealing away the smiling faces of kids who love to learn.* It is psychologically proven that humans thrive in environments where they can freely express emotions.

"Positive emotions balance out negative ones, but they have other powerful benefits, too.

Instead of narrowing our focus like negative emotions do, positive emotions affect our brains in ways that increase our awareness, attention, and memory. They help us take in more information, hold several ideas in mind at once, and understand how different ideas relate to each other.

When positive emotions open us up to new possibilities, we are more able to learn and build on our skills. That leads to doing better on tasks and tests." - www.kidshealth.org

Wouldn't you say that showing emotions and **facial expressions** would result in a more prosperous learning environment? How can you continue to proudly prevent this type of learning atmosphere? **Do NOT let wearing a mask become a permanent decision for our children.** Let them show the world how happy they are to learn. Let them breathe FRESH air. Let them live a normal life.

My daughter comes home from school each day with complaints of wearing a mask. One day she came home from school wearing TWO masks on her face, I bet you can imagine the OUTRAGE that I felt. How can another adult within our education system encourage my daughter to wear TWO masks? On other occasions, she would come home with a disposable mask on her face even though I send her to school with a cloth mask and plenty of replacements in her bookbag. When I questioned her why she wasn't wearing her own mask, she informed me that the school nurse was giving her a disposable mask for her to wear properly. Again, I bet you can imagine my outrage. How can SOMEONE else make a decision for my daughters health and well being that is outside the scope of their boundaries.

I am pleading to you, **do NOT make this mask mandate permanent.** I challenge you to look back within your years of service and think of all the smiling faces of the student body and faculty and ask yourself "why are we really doing this?" "Why are we masking our students and faculty for a virus that has a survival rate of 99%" Call me stupid, but if I had a 99% chance of winning the lottery - I would play. I will leave you with this final statement, I urge you to think about the long term psychological effects that you are forcefully inflicting on everyone. Unmask our kids. Unmask the faculty. Do NOT make this a permanent requirement.

Sincerely,
Melissa

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The DOE of Delaware is rushing into a mandatory mask rule even as more and more evidence is mounting that wearing mask do not protect people from getting the virus and as prior studies, see below links, have shown that wearing masks can cause or accelerate bacterial pneumonia. This action, forcing children to comply with non-scientific studies on the use of mask is placing children in danger.

As such this makes the DOE both financially and personally responsible for all medical problems children will face from a forced mask mandate.

Your actions will force parents who realize these dangers to obtain lawyers to fight this mandate and cause substantial financial burden on the education system and cause doubt as to whose benefit the DOE's action is taken.

The questions that must be asked, and most likely will have to be answered in a courtroom are:

- 1) Where are the scientific and double blind studies that shows masks are effective?
- 2) Is this mandate a political strategy and not a medical one?
- 3) How much did DOE know and ignore about these issues before ordering this mandate?

It is time the DOE place the welfare of the children above these very political and non-scientific document solutions to Covid -19. Just because political entities wants you to do this does not mean it should be done. We should be following the real science and not political science.

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/bacterial-pneumonia-caused-most-deaths-1918-influenza-pandemic>

<https://academic.oup.com/jid/article/198/7/962/2192118>

God bless you,

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this change. Should anyone have questions/comments regarding the below comments, feel free to contact us.

#1 - "...masking that would have no expiration date."

Response: New rules that state there is no expiration date for masking is authoritative and ridiculous. Everything especially directives issue by governments have an expiration date. All regulations need a periodic review by responsible parties whether they need new guidelines or not.

#2 - "...the administration can repeal a rule at any time."

Response: So what's the point of issuing this new regulation? If the administration can change the ruling this is a waste of time and taxpayer money. We have too many regulations now. You need to back off rewriting this reg as its OK as it stands. If there is a new requirement, like masks are banned then rewrite it.

#3 - "5.3.3.2. When asleep..."

Response: Are you stating children don't breathe, cough, sneeze and drool when asleep? That is not accurate. Do the ppl that write these regs have any children? Of course children do all of the above when they sleep. I guess sleeping germs are more sanitary than awake germs. This statement needs to be reconsidered, needs rewording.

#4 - "5.3.4. All child care facilities that provide bus service to and from the ...facility **shall recommend mask use** by children 2 through pre-kindergarten and **shall require mask use** by children in kindergarten through twelfth grade..."

Response: Children can wear a Hijabniqab veil or Ayyufe unisex full cover face veil or duotanyi which will cover the nose/mouth and hair so not only does the mask prevent breathing germs but keep lice bugs from invading the hair!

Will buses have extra child and adult size masks on the buses available for the children? Are you banning any child from the bus and leaving them standing on a curb with no adult supervision? Who notifies the parent/guardian if a child is leave by the bus? Within a specific time? Explain

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