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**Subject: Support of Mask Mandates in our schools**

Good Afternoon LVJUSD Board Members,

I just wanted to pass on my thanks and appreciation to each of you for your service and dedication to the children and families of the Livermore School District. As a past LVJUSD student, parent of past LVJUSD students, and grandmother of current (and upcoming) LVJUSD student(s), it makes me sad to hear from others of the strife and negativity that you've had to endure from a minority of people regarding mask mandates and Covid vaccine requirements for students and staff.

I believe the guidance from the CDPH, the CDC, Alameda County DPH, and other entities is firmly based in science and has been a critical part in the safe return to this school year's in-person learning. Our local schools have not experienced large outbreaks of Covid, especially in the midst of the Delta variant transmission, and I believe that this has been a great confirmation that mask wearing is imperative to keep all students and staff as safe as possible.

A Sept. 7. 2021 article from Parents ( [Most Parents Support Mask Mandates in Schools, New Poll Suggests](#) ) showed results (from a poll of 38+K adults) that 59% of parents support mask mandates for students & staff – nearly 2x those that opposed. From other articles I've read, I'm convinced the majority supports mandates but we tend to hear, unfortunately, through news media sensationalism more of the noisy and outspoken minority.

I also support the state's COVID-19 Vaccination mandate for all students (esp. after students aged 5-11 years old are able to receive vaccines). This measure will go a long way to continue to protect our children and school staff, and be able to continue with in-person learning. Many studies have shown that the vaccines work.

Thank you for your time, and continued commitment to the children, families and staff of LVJUSD.

Warm regards,  
Cathy Brabec