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## Formal Written Correspondence to the Board [#597]

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Subject \*

Masks must be worn at school!

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Dear Board members,

I am a teacher at Livermore High School and it's come to my attention that a small but very vocal group is determined to voice opposition to masking in classrooms to the Board this evening. This is upsetting and disappointing. I'm sure if these folks were better informed they would never advocate for such recklessness with the lives of children and school staff.

I want to add my voice to those who are calling for a renewed commitment from the board and district as a whole to continue to enforce masks for all persons on campus at all times for the foreseeable future.

As the Delta variant rages through our nation, we must be realistic about the situation and not stick our heads in the sand. The number of people infected with COVID rises every day, and hospitals are already starting to run out of beds and resources.

If we do not continue to mask indoors at the very least, the results will be disastrous. We need only look to other states where mask mandates were "optional" at the start of their school years to see what would be in store for us. Children being put on ventilators, becoming disabled by long term effects of COVID, or (god forbid) dying is not what any educator wants.

I appreciate all the ways that the district and Board have shown their commitment to the health and safety of our kids and staff so far during this pandemic. I ask that you stay strong for us and keep protecting us by following national and state health department guidelines and the best available scientific research.

Thank you for your time and careful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lydia Sarraille