
Formal Written Correspondence to the Board [#450]

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Mask Mandates for Elementary School Students

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To the Members of the Board of Education of Livermore,
Please mandate the use of masks in our schools for the 2021-2022 school year. The mere mention of not mandating masks is wildly irresponsible and completely not in the best interest of our students. We need to remain diligent in our fight to stop the spread of COVID and more specifically the highly contagious Delta variant that is gaining momentum across the country. A classroom with 25+ students sitting in close proximity, not wearing masks is ludicrous at this time. Our younger children cannot yet be vaccinated against this virus - a virus we still do not know or understand the long term effects. I do not understand why we would take chances with the health of students, teachers and caregivers at home. As fully vaccinated adults, we understand the chances of myself and my husband getting severely sick are unlikely - but this is still not a chance anyone should want to take when the simple gesture of wearing a mask could hugely reduce this risk. It would also minimize the risks of our teachers and students contracting the virus, forcing them to quarantine and completely disrupt the in person learning that we all fought so hard for last year. This year, we will not have teachers on stand by to teach these children remotely should they need to quarantine, which would force the children to do packet work on their own while in quarantine - two huge thumbs down to that option. The number one priority this year should be to get and KEEP our children in school, in person for as long as possible, as smoothly as possible with minimal disruptions. We all look forward to a time where we can be back at school mask free - but clearly this is not that time. The responsible, logical and right course of action is to mandate masks for all students capable of wearing one. Please give our children a fighting chance to attend and stay in school - safely - by mandating masks. Our children deserve this.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Heather and Philip Wasson
