
Fwd: SCSBA's response to Governor's remarks on masks in schools

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Jan and Ken, I would like an agenda item on 5/10 on our membership in the SCSBA. I have felt for some time that the SCSBA, despite its name, is NOT an advocate for school boards. First, we have their policy person advocating against board committees in a public forum, even though they have a model board committee policy, and now, we have them advocating against a school board's right to make their own decisions. That is NOT advocacy and I wonder if our district should be funding this organization. Not all school boards are members of the SCSBA. It is time we discussed the value (or lack of value) of this membership.

Thank-you,
Cathy

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From: **Becky Bean** <scsba@embrams-mail.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 11:05 AM

Subject: SCSBA's response to Governor's remarks on masks in schools

To: <chuddle@lexrich5.org>

Good morning,

SCSBA sent the following statement to the media in response to Governor McMaster's remarks regarding masks in schools.

Columbia, S.C. — "Working with their superintendent and school personnel, local school boards have been very careful to ensure that schools adhere to frequently changing health and safety guidance issued by federal and state authorities. In addition to the continued safety of students and staff, the adherence to these guidelines is imperative to maintaining immunity from COVID liability, according to SCSBA-supported legislation that was recently enacted and signed by the Governor.

As we approach the next school year, we acknowledge that guidelines may change and masks may not be required in the classroom, but until then, we must follow the recommendations of health experts regarding the safety of students and staff."

- Scott Price, Executive Director of the South Carolina School Boards Association

The legislation referenced in our statement is [Senate Bill 147](#).

Thank you for all you do!

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