

Board Meeting 4/14/2022

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Parent

Address/Affiliation:

Elementary School

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What is the agenda item(s) you would like to discuss?(To comment during the meeting, you must first register to gain access to the meeting.)

Keep Masks On

Do you want to provide your comment when the agenda item comes up or during the public comment section?(To comment during the meeting please provide your Name above)

- When agenda item comes up
- During the public comment section

Comments:

Masks have been proven effective to keep kids in school and cases low. It is the first point you made in your presentation on masking. Why strip this only protection we have now and risk ourselves to a possible outbreak in schools and surge in the community? With the new BA.2 variant surging in parts of the U.S., it is not a good idea to ease protocols. Knowing how the community outside of school have been behaving with "strongly recommended" guideline on masking, these people do not wear masks at all. In fact, some will scrutinize mask-wearers for keeping theirs on. Keeping masks on will also prevent the spread of other viruses in the community. For example, my son had unfortunately caught a cold recently, and that had put him out of school and other activities for at least 3 days. Please let's finish the school year with masks on with a mandate. Students will have a better chance of being part of year-end activities as well as graduation ceremonies.

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Community Member

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Masking Policy

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Comments:

Shortly after outdoor masking policy has dropped to "strongly recommended," another student had hovered his unmasked face to my son's masked face, encouraging my son to take his off. Luckily, my son is stubborn in nature and understands covid is still among us, so he ignored the other student and kept his mask on. This is just an example of child behavior, and I get it—kids will be kids. However, after recent public masking changed, the entire pandemic for that matter, it's proven to me that human behavior and individual choices—among adults, and especially adults—are unreliable and unreasonable. There is no such thing as an honor system. Just recently at my son's youth baseball event, his teammate was violently coughing open-mouth and unmasked and at other unmasked teammates. I suggested him to cover his mouth when coughing, and another parent asked him to pull up the mask that was already around his neck. An adult audience shouted "It's okay! No need to wear your face diaper! It's okay to cough!" "Strongly recommended" is not strongly considered. With BA.2 already surging in the US, most indoor masking mandates lifted, large gatherings and mega events happening, it really makes us feel more vulnerable and extremely stressful. Furthermore, cases are under-reported with home test kits available. Public data of case counts is unreliable. If you do not have a backup plan if an outbreak happens, teachers calling sick, students being absent, please do not change your masking policy. This is our only layer of protection with its proven efficacy. Please do not make pre-mature and naive choices.

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Ipads/ Chromebooks

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Comments:

Hello Board, I would like you all to be aware that iPads have been sitting at school sites and not passed out to students, meaning students are not using them at home. Please support students by following up on this matter. Thank you!

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Matt Allen

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Individual Affiliated with Myself

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End the mask requirement ASAP

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Comments:

End the mask requirement effective immediately. Do not wait another day. The state of California declared that it is safe to do so, two months ago. Many schools in San Mateo County have been mask-free since February 15. We have seen no evidence that this places people in any greater risk. The UK Department of Education released the results from a recent study. Researchers examined 123 UK schools who enforced mask mandates and compared them to 1,200 schools that did not, and the results were statistically insignificant.

I urge you to move to suspend mask requirements in the district.

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Kimberly

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Masking

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Comments:

With 2 Omicron variants that appear to be more transmissible than BA 2 emerging, I strongly feel that we should just finish the school year with masks on. To have to change what we are doing now can really disrupt the students and staff. Right now, they need to be focusing on State Testing and all that comes with the end of the year. NOT focusing on the fact that someone sitting next to them isn't wearing a mask. There are only 6 weeks of school left and it is important that we stay vigilant and continue to protect our family members that are at risk. The District can continue to follow the case counts over the summer and set up a good plan for returning to school in the fall.

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