

Dear School Board Members,

I'd like to express my enthusiastic support for the district's decision to make masks optional beginning March 12 as allowed by the state. I appreciate your care and consideration for everyone's health early on in the pandemic when things were so uncertain, and I appreciate your acknowledgement now that masking should be a personal decision. I know my children are among the many that will benefit physically from not having to wear a mask during exercise. Hopefully the social aspects of school will also continue their slow, but steady comeback. Being able to socialize openly with peers is such an integral part of growing up. I urge the staff and teachers to continue their hard work in helping kids feel comfortable showing their faces again.

Respectfully,

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