

**Special Called Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb**

August 12, 2021

In Attendance

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Javier Montemayor, Jr., President, - PRESENT (Via Videoconference)

Aliza Flores-Oliveros, Vice-President – PRESENT (Via Videoconference)

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Member – PRESENT

Francisco "Frank" Castillo, Parliamentarian – PRESENT

Juan Roberto Ramirez, Secretary – ABSENT

Ramiro Veliz, III, Member – PRESENT (Via Videoconference)

Ricardo Molina, Sr., Member – PRESENT

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD will be held Wednesday, August 12, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the UISD Boardroom, 201 Lindenwood Drive, Laredo, Texas 78045.

BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE DUE TO THE COVID-19

Based on Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-23 and the City of Laredo Amended Covid-19 Public Health Emergency Health Orders, the District will ensure social distancing protocols are practiced to the greatest extent possible thus limiting the number of persons physically present in the UISD Boardroom. Therefore, in an effort to conduct public business in a transparent manner, the District will live stream this Board meeting.

Two way communication to the Board meeting can be accessed by clicking on the following zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86490743837?pwd=NkN4eFVsOWgwbzVkVFh0Ty9vRGhtQT09>

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<https://youtu.be/X1YI0zCWD6I>

Public Comments may be submitted to: Gloria Rendon at grendon@uisd.net prior to the Board Meeting. Public comments must pertain to agenda items only.

The subject to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed by the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

Mr. Javier Montemayor calls this meeting to order and establishes quorum at 6:01 PM.

III. Announcement by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to Order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551

IV. Public Comments

Comments shall be limited to current Board agenda items, student recognitions, or charitable causes. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker, except Non-English speakers who require a translator are limited to six (6) minutes. The presiding officer may waive or modify these time limits as appropriated. The speaker will be informed when he or she has one (1) minute remaining. Public comment shall not be used for personal attacks by the speaker against District employees, or students. Speakers who engage in personal attacks, or use insulting, profane, threatening, or abusive language during any Board meeting shall be ruled out of order by the presiding officer and may be escorted from the

Board meeting room by District peace officers or security staff. Any concerns or complaints regarding employees, public officials, students, or parents must be resolved via the appropriate complaint process, as stated in BED (LOCAL). Pursuant to 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, no Board Member or Administrator may respond to a member of the public, unless such response is a recitation of District policy or a statement of specific factual information.

Gloria Rendon: (After greeting the audience and board) We have some people present. Right now we are looking at those speaking against the mask mandate, we have Ms. Erika Herrera Dunn.

Erika Herrera-Dunn: Good evening, my name is Erika Herrera Dunn, I am a mother of children that attend the district, I have nieces and nephews of course that as well. Since when does a schoolboard entity public and local supersede our right of choice as what we have here that you are trying to mandate. Can anybody answer that please, since when?

Jaime Garcia (Legal Council) -The board policy is not to respond to public comments. Only factual recitations of what policy may be given.

Erika Herrera-Dunn -Ok, that is fine. So, within that I am here for also many parents that have been ridiculed, bullied that within their own colleagues that are afraid to speak out, because of the fact that they are exercising their rights. Now, we are not for to you to ban them, you want to wear them fine so be that. But for us as a choice that our children should have to be mandated to wear them, that is against our rights and that is what we are against. That is what we are trying to voice, of these many parents that are very passionate about this. Many of them wanted to speak but could not because they fear that within their colleagues as many of them are educators, health professionals within the local community, they fear the backlash they are getting. Is that something that we should be feeling, as parents. By our local community. We should not be. You should be ashamed of yourselves for actually trying to impose that and maybe even giving your employees virtual or anything that you have to do to make them not have the other person that does not fear or does not feel that their choice should be heard. This is tyrannical and this is against our law and the state law. That flag that you just pledged to, that's the one that it is against. That is all I have to say.

Michelle Winteroff -I sent each of you an email with the exception of Mr. Juan Ramirez (due to technology issue). I am here to speak to you about mandatory masks for our children. Even though my child and myself opt to wear one, it does not mean every child should. I believe this to be every body's individual right. It is important for you to know that I am not against masks, vaccines or any of that, I just believe again, that parents should have the right to do what is best for their children. My question to you guys is, why are we allowing our rights to be violated by these draconian mask mandates or ordinances, why are you guys doing this. Would it be better for you to fight for something like maybe opt for on-line learning verses your mask mandate. I mean you are still going against the governor either way. So anyway, you guys are here to do a job that we pay you to do.

You guys work for us, not the other way around. And we expect you to do what is right for everyone, not just for a select few, but for everyone. And I see a lot more room in here to come in here and speak. What you guys are doing to those people out there, is illegal because there is no mandate that says that they can't be in here. There is no covid mandate. So what all of you sitting up there are doing is illegal. You are not supposed to be doing it, all of you.

Jaime Garcia -Just to clarify for the record, for the people in attendance, there is a youtube link for the meeting to be viewed live, for reasons of safety that in-person attendance in this room has been restricted.

Michelle Winteroff -By who's order, where did you get this from?

Jaime Garcia -I really cannot respond.

Michelle Winteroff -Oh! Exactly you can't respond.

Javier Montemayor -Can we let Ms. Winteroff finish. Go ahead Ms. Winteroff.

Michelle Winteroff -Thank you sir. So, anyway what you guys are doing is wrong, there are people out there that need to be in here listening to what I am saying, and you are saying, and you are saying, and he's saying. And you are holding them out there. When they shouldn't be, they should be in here listening. I see seats next Ms. Bruni, between Mr. Garner. Why aren't they in here. I don't want to see pointing of fingers because this is all I see from our district. The people, "we" pay you guys to do a job. And what you guys are doing you are just picking and choosing like picking at straws. Don't nod your head at me sir because you are being disrespectful. You do not have to agree. I am telling you what it is. Because if you get up, you can see those people standing out there. They should not be. They should be here listening to what I am saying. So that they can have a voice as well. And that is silencing that voice. And that is their first amendment right. You are silencing it.

Jaime Garcia -Just to reiterate, the board can place reasonable manner restrictions on the in-person attendance here, due to health and safety. There is a youtube link for the public to view this meeting live. And all members who are here that wish to speak, will be able to speak.

Aliza Oliveros -Can I just add for the record that we, do not get paid. No one pays me to be a board member. It is totally voluntary for free.

Sylvia Bruni -I just have one question, will we all be able to go over the two minutes as that you lady was?

Javier Montemayor -If you need more time Ms. Bruni I will aloe more time as I see fit. We do have a lot of public comments and we need to move. We need to give everybody equal opportunity.

Sandra Whitten -My name is Sandra Whitten I have two children in UISD. An 11th grader at United high school and an 8th grader at Washington Middle School. As you all know the governor has put out a G38A executive order stating that you may not limit the number of people in a room. You may not mandate people to wear a mask or get the vaccine. The governor's office has been very clear about this. Now, although I might be the only republican in the room, I am no fan of the governor's. Yet, this is something about our children. I have held the hand of mothers who have told me and showed me the pictures of their children who have scars and have bruises and cuts on their faces for having to wear masks all day. I have been a pre-school teacher. I have been inside of classrooms. Tell me teachers, how many of you can keep a classroom of second graders without picking their nose? You can't. How are you going to enforce them wearing masks properly, when we see pictures of adults not wearing them properly all day long. This is not about spreading a disease or not. This is about the freedom to choose and you are about taking parent's rights away. My son is supposed to be in physics class and calculus classes coming next week. That is not something that I can properly homeschool him over. But I am willing to take that risk with my child's future because you are robbing him the ability to be able to be in a class freely. All over the state of Texas we have not been having these problems yet here in these democrat controlled cities we are trying to play God. How about we talk about how these diseases are preventable without tying a mask around a child's face. Let's talk about how they are treatable when we use medications that are outside of the box thinking. I personally know multiple front line doctors who are willing to come to Laredo and help us with this pandemic, but our city council refuses to listen to them. Our doctors are refusing to listen to anything that doesn't come from Fauci's (referring to Dr. Anthony Fauci). It is being shown all over the country and all over the world that the mask are not preventing the spread. If they were, they would be working and we would not be 18 months into this pandemic. Stop torturing our children. Think of them. Think of a kindergartener who is walking into a classroom for the very first time only to see a set of eye balls instead of seeing a teacher's loving face. Think about the nightmares that they are going to have. Thank you.

Mrs. Gloria Rendon makes the board aware there were a total of 16 comments against the mandate.

SEE PUBLIC COMMENTS ATTACHED.

Alexandra Solis -To those people, who submitted their comments against the mask mandate, and are watching, be it the comfort of their own home and the safety of their own home on zoom, your hypocrisy speaks volumes. It is very easy to be brave behind a computer screen. But, thank you for not coming since you do not want to mask up. Thank you for protecting us. To the board members, good evening. Each of you sits here because we chose you to do what is in the best interest of our children. All of our children. Society can and should be judged, by how we care for and protect the most vulnerable among us. I am here to ask you, to challenge the governor. I am here to ask you to represent our most vulnerable children. Our local students with underlying health issues that need and deserve by law under the ADA, a mask mandate, which is a reasonable method of protection, so that they too can enjoy school. With a modicum of protection. A minimal amount of

protection, so that they can see their peers and learn in the classroom, like all the other ones. I am here to ask you to protect our teachers, our janitors, our school librarians, administrators, our support staff who are in it, day in, day out and they will be for months. Governor Abbot's logic is that each student can exercise good judgment and personal responsibility, completely flawed. It ignores decades of neuroscience child development psychology and our own personal anecdotal histories where we all made bad choices as kids but for the grace of God we sit here today. Children lack impulse control, their brain is not fully developed. We have a separate legal system to deal with juvenile justice because the law knows, kids do not make good choices. Kids frequently make very bad decisions and personal responsibility is something you learn with time. We also do not allow children to vote for the exact same reason. Their brains are not developed, they do not make good choices and, ladies and gentlemen, our city, our community is at a breaking point. If you talk to our EMT and our firefighters, they will tell you ambulances are waiting in the hospital parking lots. So, God help anyone that has a devastating car accident, a heart attack or a stroke. Because they may find themselves in the back of an ambulance in a parking lot. And school has not even begun yet to become an additional vector for spread of this infection. This ladies and gentlemen (showing a face mask in her hand), is not a political statement. This is proof that you are a common sense-loving, caring, God-fearing decent human who cares for others and loves others as we love our selves. I thank you for my time.

Silvia Bruni -Good evening, I had intended a 3 minute presentation so, I am going to have to rush. I come representing the Webb County democratic party as chair, but I will tell you for those of you who do not know, that I am still part of your family. I was the very first English teacher of United high school many years ago. And I will tell you that those 17 years in the classroom shaped much of who I am today. You and me both know, that there are 3 tools that will mitigate this horrendous pandemic. The mask, social distancing and the vaccine. None of which will be absolutely, automatically guaranteed for our children. So, on behalf of the 43K children, my grandchildren included, I have 4 in your schools going in on Monday. On behalf of all of them, I want you to consider the realities that Laredo is facing right now. Right now, our hospitals are in continuous diversion. Right now there are 31 patients in emergency rooms and or being moved to outlying emergency centers because our hospitals have no more room. We are a medically underserved community, desperately short of medical professionals. And, our governor continues to refuse his latest dictate recommendation, is that we begin to postpone elective surgery. That is the answer to the fact that we are desperately short. We have seen, a dramatic increase in pediatric cases. As of yesterday, 8 of our children had been moved to out of town pediatric ICU's because Laredo has no pediatric ICU's, non. Right now we have, from what I understand. We have zero ICU's for adults available in the city were 10 days into zero ICU's. From one week to the other, we went from 46 cases of infection to 94. That is the present and I can guarantee you the numbers will rise. Ten days without an ICU, absolutely no resources. To take care of the migrant children, no resources. An increase in our local schools, the last we heard last night was that two children from the non-public schools that had enrolled recently, two children have already been infected. We are considered right now the fifth highest in Texas. With a hospitalization rate of 22%. Way, way over what should have been normal. Our hospitals, we learned a couple of days ago, we learned that

Doctor's Hospital was completely out of remdesivir, that is the medication used for our covid patients. In spite of everything we know, from the CDC, from the academy of pediatric, from the CDC the world health association, from everything we know, we are doing the exact opposite, no mandates. And so, there is another point, that I think all of us needs to understand, the CDC pandemic data tells us that Hispanic children are 8 times more likely to be infected than a child that is not Hispanic. We are predominantly a Hispanic community. And so, I would plead with you as a member of the family I still consider myself a United person, I know it is a difficult dilemma, but you and I know that we were pledged to assure that the children were safe when they came into our schools. And I plead with you to be courageous and to follow the same lead that many of our other school districts are following. Stand up to the mandate and do everything you can to protect our children. Thank you so much.

Gloria Jackson -I just want to thank you all first of all for being here, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for having a passion for teaching our children, my grandchildren who I now have. And, I just ask and let you know that I am always praying for you all, for all our teachers, our substitute teachers, our bus drivers, our janitors, our security. Just, thank you and I ask you to do the right thing, to continue doing the best that you can to protect our children. And know that you are all in my prayers.

Genesis Brits -Good afternoon, I am 16 years old, the youngest person here I can see. I am an incoming junior at United South high school, I also happen to be a head chair of the Laredo City Youth Council. I am here to speak not only as a student but as a human who has seen the parents of her friends die, due to covid and has heard doctors and nurses begging for us to wear masks. The masks that people who were just in this room for lack of better words, are throwing tantrums over not wearing. There are over 3 million cases in Texas and a little over 50,000 cases in Laredo, but only 866 deaths. How much more will we allow. How much more will you allow as the UISD board. According to Harvard medical school, 13 additional variants of covid are being traced, that originated in the U.S., as well as different countries. One of the most variants being the most dangerous being the delta variant. It is twice as more infectious as the original covid and twice as more infectious as chickenpox. Nadia Rhone, a PHD associate professor at U.S. San Francisco claims, it is replicating more, faster and will spread more efficiently. As the UISD board, it is your job to protect your students and your employees. Me, and my father who works for you. And you are here, at this meeting, in your position because I know and we know you care about your students and about your employees. Masks make people sick, at least those are not the words of Dr. Sheen, a board-certified internal medicine physician. Our hospitals are filling up, our people are dying -"nuestra gente se esta muriendo", and they will continue to die and get sick, unless we mandate that everybody wears a mask. Getting vaccinated, wearing a mask and social distancing are the three things that CDC claims can save lives. Not everyone is old enough for a vaccine and our schools are not big enough to social distance thousands of students. But, everyone is able to wear a mask. Nobody wants to be stuck behind a computer screen. That comes from someone who was stuck behind a computer screen for an entire year. It is hard for our small children to learn, it is declining them of their capacity to socialize and that is exactly what happened this past

year. So I do not see why people here are debating whether we or we should not wear a mask. When we clearly know, science has proven that it saves our lives. It is your job to provide a students education but most importantly it is your job to prioritize our safety. Thank you.

Maria Caballero -Mi nombre es Maria Caballero, y estoy aqui porque tengo preocupacion. Ya el regreso a clases ya esta qui, el lunes. Y no quiero mandar a mis hijos. El motive es porque no quiero experimentar para nada con mis hijos. Ya hay niños que estan experimentando las vacunas y ahorita yo no quiero experimentar con mis niños. Ni siquiera quiero experimentar que si la vacuna que yo me puse, sirve o no sirve. Quiero protegerme en todo momento y quiero proteger a mis hijos, a mi familia. En mi caso solamente hay una niña de 8 años que no tiene vacuna, pero tiene un nivel bajo de autism. Pero no quiero mandarla. Aunque le haga mal estar encerrada, prefiero que tenga consecuencias a eso, a que vaya a parar al hospital que sea muy grave y va a dar alla. Estoy en desacuerdo totalmente de que los niños regresen a clases. Claro que nos vemos en la necesidad de que ya regresen los niños, yo que mas quisiera. Quisiera que los niños regresaran a clases , pero creo que no es el momento de que todos los niños regresen a clases. Y yo quiero de que por favor que vea el superintendente, que vea la oportunidad que den las clases virtuales. Yo se que es muy dificil y se que no es orden de ustedes. Es orden de mas arriba, pero use todos los recursos, tiene ya los fondos que es para todo el año. Use todos los fondos para que nos den oportunidad de que los niños pequeños tomen la vacuna. Yo se lo pido porque, todos los maestros, asi como los papas, tenemos el derecho de proteger a nuestros hijos, ustedes como maestros tienen el derecho de proteger a los niños de la escuela. Esto no esta bien ahorita, tener a todos los niños en un salon de clases. La calse complete y a la hora de la cafeteria tampoco. Por favor, yo le pido que por favor use los recursos de modo de que haga algo porque estan muchos padres que estamos en desacuerdo. Porque unos niños quieren ir a clases (los papas) sin cubre bocas y otros no. Como es que ustedes van a llegar a un acuerdo con es verdad. Entonces las clases, en linea por favor. Use recursos por favor. Yo se que el president le va a mandar mas, mas recursos. Pero, sea un heroe. Sea un heroe en su escuela y para el distrito por favor. Gracias.

Mireya Filio -Buenas tardes mi nombre es Mireya Filio y estoy principalmente aqui en total desacuerdo e inconformidad, en lo que estan mandando ahora la escuela. Tengo una familia. Tengo una bebe en casa, tengo un niño especial. Tengo un esposo que se ha cuidado bastante. Nos lo hemos tomado muy en serio. Ya vamos para casi dos años cuidandonos extremadamente. Y es que siento que mi trabajo como padre es cuidar la salud de los niños. No importa que tenga que lidiar con alguna alergia por la mascara una alergia segura y una cremita. El trauma que dicen algunos padres que pueden pasar los niños en casa. Pero si les dedicamos tiempo y atencion no hay porque pasar esas cosas. Ahora como decia la otra señora, que quieren llevar a sus hijos a la escuela, ok adelante. No necesitan tantos niños en clase. Hagan lo que hicieron el año pasado. Todos esos padres que quieren mandar a los niños, adelante. Experimenten con esos niños, con los mios no. Respeten mi trabajo como padre que es cuidar su salud. Hemos hecho todo, todo este tiempo para que hechen a la basura. Nosotros nos hemos cuidado mucho en casa, repeten. Respeten en cuidado que hemos tenido en mi familia. Es mi opinion, estoy en total desacuerdo. Si

pueden hacer algo, haganlo. No es justo. Yo no critic a esos padres pero, ayuden a ellos y ayudenos a nosotros. Por favor se los pedimos.

Dr. Ricardo Cigarroa -Good evening, thank you very much for your time and for your service. I am sure it has been an incredibly difficult year and a half for all of you, as it has been for us. I would just like to make a few comments and I will reserve them really for the issue of face masks in schools. I would like us to follow reason, to follow science but much, much more important common sense. The one silver lining we have since covid-19, is the sense that it does not affect children so much. The age group 0-17. I think what we have seen in the last month in Laredo, is that the delta variant acts a bit different. What we have seen with this current spike, is that it went to the unvaccinated group, our youngsters. Right now in the hospital, almost everyone is age 20 to 45. I suspect that the delta variant came through town through the immigrants that were left downtown. Our children Friday and Saturday 2,000 of them on Iturbide street, where they should be but they became infected. So, with the children in the last week 94,000 kids have been infected. The hospital rate, 216 children a day that are being hospitalized in our country. A very important point in Laredo. We do not have any hospital beds, pediatric intensive care beds, intensive pediatric beds, none. All of our children that have been getting sick from covid, are transferred out. So use common sense. We have a virus, we cannot treat, a little bit of distancing, and face masks go a long way, Thank you.

Francisco Tamez -Board, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am a parent of a United high school sophomore and I am here to speak in favor of the mask mandate. I am also a lawyer in our community, and as a lawyer, I did what lawyers do. I looked at this from a legal perspective. A case that offer some guidance and some perspective. I am going to read from the U. S. Supreme Court case *Jacobson vs. Massachusetts*. It is a 1905 supreme court case/ The issue in Jacobson was the constitutionality of a Massachusetts State Law that required small pox vaccinations of citizens in a city where smallpox was rampant, prevalent and increasing. Stated differently, Jacobson is a personal liberty case versus a state law or a mandate to have the citizens back vaccinated because it was for the public health and safety.

Mr. Tamez reads in a portion of the Jacobson vs. Massachusetts case (pgs. 25, 26 & 27), regarding the supreme court's rationale and why it upheld the state law requiring vaccination. "The defendant insists that his liberty is invaded when the state subjects him to fine or imprisonment for neglecting or refusing to submit to vaccination. The compulsory vaccination law is unreasonable arbitrary and oppressive. And therefore, hostile to the interest right of every human of every freeman to care for his own body and health, in such a way as to him seems best. And that the execution of such a law against one who objects to vaccination no matter for what reason is nothing short of an assault upon his person. But the liberty secured by the constitution of the united states to every person within the government (Mr. Molina calls time: 1 minute) does not import an absolute right in each person to be at all times and in all circumstances, wholly freed from restraint. There are manifold restraints to which every person is necessarily subject for the common good. On any other basis, organized society could not exist with safety to it's members.

Society based on the rule that each one is law unto himself, would soon be confronted with disorder and anarchy. Real liberty for all could not exist under the operation of a principle which recognizes the right of each individual person to use his own. Whether in respect to his person or his property. Regardless of the injury that may be done to others. This court has more than one once recognized that it is the fundamental principle that persons and property are subjected to all kinds of restraints and burdens in order to secure the general comfort, health and prosperity of the state. The possession and the enjoyment of all rights are subject to such reasonable conditions as may be deemed by the government authority of a country essential to the safety, health, peace, good order, and morals of the community. Even liberty itself, the greatest of all rights, is not a restricted license to act according to one's own will. It is only freedom from restraining conditions essential to the equal and the same right by others". Thank you very much.

Derly Uribe -Hello board, I am here to speak in favor of the mask mandate, and I want to talk a bit about liberty. There is a lot of talk from the other side, that they want the liberty to do what they want and not wear a mask. But, we are in a national and in a global pandemic. And all our liberties are restricted because of that. And so, we need to do whatever...as a community, collectively in order to crush this virus. And, the only way out of this is to get vaccinated. But we have children that are under 12 that are not yet eligible, and they are extremely vulnerable. So, we as a collective have to do the next best thing. And what is that? Mitigation! Part of mitigation, is mask wearing This is established, this is not something that was just discovered yesterday. And if we just leave it to everybody if they want to wear a mask or not want to wear a mask, it is not going to work. It may not even work with a mask policy. Because you are going to have unruly situations, unruly kids that are not going to comply. But, if we had that rule where everyone has to comply with it, we can bring those people in line, those children in line. But, if this is, this thing where everybody can just do whatever we want, we are not going to get through this. And that affects everybody's liberty. And so when we talk about liberty we have to also talk about responsibility. And when we have a national, a global pandemic like we have right now, we need to hunker down. We need to get together as a community and figure out what we need to do collectively to crush this virus. Our children are vulnerable. We need the board really come together and do what's best for everybody. And it is not just UISD, it is the whole city, it is the whole state. Because our hospitals are maxed out. It's not only the pandemic. People are getting heart attacks. People have cancer, people have other ailments that need to be addressed. And if we are not going to be able to address, if we are going to have children going to the hospital, if we are not people, we are going to have outbreaks. And what we need to do is stand together. And the only thing we can do is mitigate. Social justification. And the more (time is being called) people that we can get to do that.. Thank you very much.

Hon. Judge Victor Villarreal -Yes, good afternoon. I am here however, not as a Judge but as a father of Sofia and Andrea, they attend UISD both are under the age of 12, both of whom are ineligible for the vaccine. If the question is legal whether you have any authority to ask, your counsel has or will advise you. However, know that trail courts around the state have upheld the ability of local governments to protect the persons under their care and jurisdiction. Look, this virus

doesn't care about the person's political views. Covid-19 is not going to pay attention to mandate orders, courts or even people's personal thoughts on liberty and personal freedoms. It is infecting, injuring and killing the vulnerable and now, the unvaccinated. Adults have a choice. We can get vaccinated or not, we can wear a mask or not. We can go to movies, concerts, restaurants or not. Children under the age of 12 like my daughter's, they do not have a choice. Board members, you have a choice. Requiring masks may prevent the spread, may prevent infections and may prevent injury and death. What I want for my daughters is what I want for all students at UISD and all children everywhere. That they may be given the best possible chance of success in the best environment to thrive, learn and grow. Reducing any possible threat to their health or safety. Because of preservation of health and life is in the interest of justice. Respectfully and unapologetically request as a father that you require masks mandates. I pray that you choose this and if you are inspired to choose common sense. Choose science and do everything possible to keep our children safe and healthy. For the love of humanity and the love of our children require masks.

Claudia Lanese-Garcia - I just want to say as I no longer have children at UISD as my youngest graduated from Alexander high school last year. I have a ten year old nephew at Borchers elementary who is immunocompromised and I have friends who are teachers and administrators that are around dozens of people each day at UISD. I have friends and neighbors and young children not eligible for vaccination just as judge Villarreal's children, and I care about my kids former teachers and administrators. I chose to be at home by zoom, by the same reasons that many who gave statements against the mask mandate, stayed home safely. And why is the subject of the mask mandate is even up for debate by the district is just beyond me. What authority, they ask, under what authority does the board have to go against the governors mandate, well, as my colleague, Francisco Tamez, very succinctly put, the U.S. constitution and case law precedent interpreting it since 1905. The Jacobson case has been upheld that a person's individual rights are not absolute. Governments such as the board, can curtail individual rights when it is in the interest of public safety and security. So, that was a little constitutional and history lessons for those anti-masters who keep taunting tyranny. The masks mandates protect everyone, just as judge Villarreal said. It is for the entire community. The entire idea that anti-masks rights are being infringed upon, is ludicrous. Their argument is unreasonable, irresponsible and reckless. The anti-maskers are making this a political hot potato when in reality, it is a global health crisis that our community has never expected or even considered. We are in a different position today than we were last year because today, we have more information and knowledge about how to handle this pandemic And you need to rely on true health professionals such as Dr. Cigarroa with real credentials. And all these so-called doctors that all the... and anti-maskers have referred to, they are on the fringes of the medical community and they did not even identify them. But, who can we go to for credible sources. The centers for disease control, the health organization, the American medical association, the American academy of pediatrics all say the masks should be used globally in schools. On August 4th, 2021, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) updated our guidance for fully vaccinated people where it said, and I quote "CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors from K – 12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Children should return to in-person learning in the fall with their prevention strategies in place.” They do take states and key takeaways to alleviate any other parents concerns that students benefit from in-person learning, last year. And safely returning to instruction in the fall of 2021 is a priority. I ask that you instill the mask mandate and I ask that you also require vaccination, thank you.

Eduardo Romero -Good afternoon, thank you for this opportunity. I am Eduardo Romero, I am a husband, father and attorney in our community. However, I am here on behalf of my two sons, Eduardo and Arturo, students at UISD elementary school at Col. Santos. Because they are under 12, they are also ineligible to receive the Covid vaccine and thus make them more vulnerable to the virus. As their father I am here on their behalf, to respectfully request that the board issue a mask mandate. We have all followed the news, we have all heard from other speakers. The numbers are on the rise, our hospitals are at capacity and as people.... As was even stated by Ms. Bruni (Sylvia Bruni), we have no ICU for our children. They are to be taken out of town when they get sick however, this board has the knowledge, tools, ability and the authority to prevent the spread of this deadly virus among young children. I ask this on behalf of my children and for all the UISD children. And I hope that this board makes the best choice and that is to implement a mask mandate. Thank you.

Joe Maldonado, Jr. -Thank you UISD board, teachers, staff and parents for this opportunity. I have a daughter that is in second grade at one of the UISD elementary schools and I do not have much time but, I will start by using a quote from one of my old basketball coaches which is, "it is not about me". I am here to show my support for the mask mandate. As you can see, I am wearing mine now. As I mentioned my daughter is in second grade and is ineligible for the vaccine, much like a lot of the students that are 12 and under, in UISD. But even if my daughter was eligible and vaccinated, I would still support the mask mandate. That is because masks provide yet another layer of protection against this virus. The vaccines are not a cure-all but they are very good. In fact a great layer of protection against this virus. Masks are also a very good, great protection against this virus. I am reminded of Galatians, when we are asked to carry each other's burdens. I know this situation is tough and I know it is a lot to ask to carry each other's verdicts. I also know that I cannot protect my daughters from every single danger that is out there. But we sure can try. If it rains, we can send our kids to school with umbrellas, or raincoats, or rain boots. If we do not, they might get wet. Well right now it is raining coronavirus in Laredo. And I think this board as has been told by many people here has not only the power and the authority but the ability to give our kids the proper protection against this virus so they do not get wet. Now these are extraordinary times and I will say, that the board does this stuff all the time. In fact, recently they amended their dress code to go from uniforms to casual dress. They set uniform clothing standards. This is just one more piece of clothing that they can implement. Now, I understand that there are people out there that do not want to be told how to handle their kids. We might ne talking about individual freedom and rights. Or, for whatever reason they do not want to have their kids wear masks. It might be loud, but I would ask this board to consider us, the silent majority. The reason I call the silent, is because, look at the vaccination numbers in Laredo. I am very proud to be in a community that has

such high vaccination numbers. All those people the 94% people over 65, the 76% that are fully, vaccinated. One last thing if I may. I will finish with what I am reminded in Philippians, which is protect, instead of watching out for our own good, we should watch out for what is the better of others. We are all a team here. We are doing the best to protect our kids and I, as I started in the beginning, it is not about me, it is about us and it is about them, our kids. Thank you.

Mrs. Gloria Rendon mentions Ms. Nicole Arias, unable to access the zoom link. She begins reading other public comments sent in.

Ms. Espinoza –Queridos board of directors, que nosotros como padres de familia, ponesmos para sobreguardar a nuestros hijos. Yo hice una peticion que fue firmada por mas de 4,000 padres. Porque compartimos la misma preocupacion. De que el distrito escolar de UISD no tiene un madato estricto de uso de mascarillas, ni un mandato de reporte de contagion de covid -19. Y esto nos preocupa demasiado ya que el nuevo variante Delta es mas fuerte que el anterior. Como escucharon al Dr, Cigarroa, los niños hispanos son aun mas propensos a contagiarse. No solamente eso pero, o sea en las escuelas se van a volver un epicentro de contagios sin uso de mascarillas. Eso lo aprendimos el año pasado. Yo le doy gracias a Dios que el año pasado si tuvimos clases virtuales. Por que el año pasado, yo y mis hijos nos protegiamos de covid. Y antes de que estuvieramos tomando las clases virtuales, creo que prevenimos que mucha gente mas se contagiara de covid. Ahora yo no le deseo a nadie que sus hijos se enfermen, porque las fiebres son muy altas, y las desveladas son muy pesadas. Ademas de eso, no hay nada mas feo que sentir, a lo major se me puede morir un hijo de covid. Cuanto mas ahorita con este delta strain que esta surgiendo y a estado saturando los hospitals. En Florida, ya no tienen cupo para los hospitals pediatricos. En San Antonio se estan llenando y las escuelas estan por empezar. Ahora, sin un mandato de mascarillas, yo quisiera que por favor nos dieran la opcion de clases virtuales o precenciales (inaudible). Ya que si nuestros hijos se contagion, tendríamos que salir fuera del pueblo, porque Laredo no cuenta con un hospital pediatrico. Ademas, ambos de nuestros hospitales ya estan al 100% de capacidad de pacientes de covid. Dijo el doctor Víctor Trevño, cabeza de nuestra salud local, cuando hablo en la entrevista de Mr. Amante en Telemundo y tambien se lo volvio a decir a buestro mayor en la entrevista que tuvo en el Facebook Live aller. Entonces dadoos los hecho, ya les hablaron, jueces, abogados, doctors, padres de familia, madres de familia verdad, a ellos que estan lidiando contra un gobierno. Pues, ya les hablaron todos y creo que estamos en la misma pagina, no podemos dejar que Greg Abbot, interfiera o infringa en nuestros derechos de vida. Todos tenemos el mismo derecho a la vida como dice el 14th amendment, y tambien tenemos el universal human rights de 1968 que protege el derecho de vida a todos nosotros. Y que los gobiernos y los estados no pueden impedir este hecho mas basico y absoluto para todas las naciones.

Mrs. Gloria Rendon makes the board and audience aware that there were a number of public comments sent after 6:00 pm. and the meeting had already started.

Priscilla Villarreal (AKA La Gordiloca) –Hello, this is Priscilla Villarreal one of the biggest influencers here in Laredo. I have something to say you know although I do not have kids in school, I have nieces and nephews who go attend USID and I am very, very concerned with their wellbeing. So, with this being said, I honestly do not think we need to be hearing what the parents have to say about mask mandates when we have the professionals which are doctors saying, you know what this is going to get really, really bad, really, really fast when school starts. Like the other lady who spoke earlier. We do not have pediatric care here. We do not have anymore beds. We are at 22% hospitalization rates. There is no rooms in any other hospital in Texas. Where are these kids going to be sent if they get sick. This is the concern of every parent right now. I get messaged by dozens and dozens of parents each and every day, asking what are they going to do to me if I do not send my kids to school. Am I going to be sent to court. At the end of the day, you all are parents as well. What are your thoughts on this. Are you going to send your kids to school and if so, I mean would you want your kid to wear a mask. I think that it is necessary. If you want all these kids to go back to school, masks are going to be very, very necessary. Social distancing is going to be very hard but masks is very necessary. I do not think that we want to be #1 in the state again like last year, with covid-19 positives.

Vanessa –I want to see if you all are going to do something with those kids that are asthmatic.

Aliza Oliveros – Mr. Montemayor, I know I am not responding to anyone because I know we can not legally. But I do feel that it is in the best public interest (and I don't know if legal counsel can advise me on this). If we can announce for the public what was announced on Tuesday, about immunocompromised children and virtual learning for purpose of general information for the public.

Legal Counsel agrees – Jaime Garcia.

Gloria Rendon: Last week the commissioner of education did issue a new public guidance for the school districts across the state and there was three areas that basically they provided, they call it virtual remote conferencing. The three areas that students would be eligible to be afforded the opportunity to have remote conferencing is:

- 1) Anybody who is Covid positive
- 2) Anyone who is exposed to a Covid positive
- 3) Anybody with a documented temporary disability (with certain criteria must be followed approved by a doctor/physician who is licensed to practice in the United States would sign off on a form).

Mrs. Rendon adds that the forms will be on the district website.

Mrs. Oliveros thanks the public for their participation for or against.

V. Closed Session

This meeting adjourns into Closed Session at 7:55 pm

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation With Board's Attorney; Closed Session

1. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Mandating Masks for Employees and Students for the 2021-2022 School Year

VI. Reconvened from Closed Session

The meeting is reconvened from closed session at 8:45 PM.

A. Action Regarding Adopting Resolution to Mandate Masks for Employees and Students for the 2021-2022 School Year

**Jaime Garcia – the recommendation is to take to adopt the action the following resolution:
To mandate masks, for employees and students for the first 30 days of the 2021-2022 school year.
This is a resolution of the UISD board of Trustees mandating the use of face masks in district facilities and buses.**

Attorney Jaime Garcia reads in the resolution.

Javier Motemayor – just for clarification this will be effective for 30 days as of Monday, August 16, 2021.

Jaime Garcia – correct, this resolution if passed will be effective Monday, August 16th, and will be in effect for 30 calendar days, at which point it may be revisited by the board or revisited at an earlier point.

Motion:	So Move
Moved By:	Ricardo Molina
Seconded By:	Francisco Castillo and Ramiro Veliz
Any Discussion:	NONE

All In-Favor:	Unanimous
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MOTION PASSES

VII. Adjournment

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Aliza Oliveros
Seconded By: Francisco Castillo
Any Discussion: NONE

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

There being no further business of the USD Board of Trustees, this Special Called meeting of August 12, 2021 is adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Javier Montemayor, Jr., President

Juan Roberto Ramirez, Secretary

These Minutes were completed by Griselda Rodriguez, and submitted for approval by the USD Board of Trustees at the April 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MANDATING THE USE OF FACE MASKS IN
DISTRICT FACILITIES AND BUSES.**

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District (“District”) is a public school district located in Laredo, Texas;

WHEREAS, since the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Washington State on January 21, 2020, more than 35,665,877 individuals across the United States have contracted the disease, resulting in more than 614,291 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, health officials have confirmed that in Texas more than 2,728,670 persons have tested positive for COVID-19, which has led to 52,463 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Texas public health officials have confirmed that in Texas 27,079,121 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and 12,871,377 persons have been fully vaccinated, amounting to 64% of Texas’ total population; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has not authorized COVID-19 vaccines for children under the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) have identified at least four variants of the COVID-19 virus, of which the Delta variant has been determined to be two times more contagious, and causes a greater percentage of hospitalizations, when compared to the original virus; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, given the new evidence on the Delta variant currently circulating in Texas and in the United States, the CDC updated their guidance for “COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools” to recommend universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021, the CDC issued an Order under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 70.2, 71.31(b), 71.32(b) entitled “*Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Public Conveyances and At Transportation Hubs*”, published in the federal register and effective February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services issued public health guidance requiring that vaccinated and unvaccinated persons are required to wear masks while traveling on public transportation, including buses; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the City of Laredo Health Department issued a written recommendation that the District require masks in all school settings; and

WHEREAS, based on the Board’s substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the District’s students, staff, and community, as well as its interest in accomplishing the District’s

educational purpose, the Board seeks to adopt this Resolution in an effort to control and mitigate the spreading of COVID-19 and its variants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. All the above recitals are adopted as findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this resolution for all purposes, and that the Board hereby determines that the public purposes served by this Resolution and any expenditures made pursuant to this Resolution include: (i) keeping the District's students, staff, and community as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic; and (ii) maintaining instructional continuity to the greatest extent possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. Face Mask Required in District Facilities.

Unless otherwise exempted as provided in Section 4, all students, staff, teachers, and visitors shall be required to wear a face mask when inside a District facility.

Section 3. Face Masks Required on District School Buses.

All passengers on public conveyances (e.g. school buses) traveling into, within, or out of the United States, all conveyance operators, including crew, drivers, conductors, and other workers involved in the operation of conveyances, all operators of transportation hubs, including the United Independent School District, shall comply with the CDC's Order on Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Public Conveyances and At Transportation Hubs, published in the federal register and effective February 1, 2021.

Unless otherwise exempted in Section 4, effective immediately, all persons shall be required to wear a face mask, covering their mouth and nose, while present at the District's designated school bus passenger pick-up and drop-off locations, including the District's bus terminals. All persons traveling on a District school bus shall wear a mask for the duration of their travel.

District bus drivers shall use their best efforts to ensure that all persons on the bus wear a mask when boarding, disembarking, and for the duration of the travel. Best efforts include:

- (a) Boarding only those student and persons who wear masks;
- (b) Instructing persons that Federal law requires wearing a mask on the bus and failure to comply constitutes a violation of Federal law;
- (c) Monitoring students and persons onboard the bus for anyone who is not wearing a mask and seeking compliance from such person; and
- (d) At the earliest opportunity, disembarking any person who refuses to comply.

Section 4. This Resolution exempts the following categories of persons:

- (a) A child under the age of 2 years;
- (b) A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42. U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) or any other disability law;
- (c) A person with a qualifying religious exemption as approved by the District; and
- (d) A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by solely by the District.

Section 5 The Superintendent of Schools is authorized by the Board to take such further actions necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution without further Board action.

FURTHER, it is the will of the Board that the requirements set forth in this Resolution shall remain in effect for 30 calendar days beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 16, 2021 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2021 unless the Board takes additional action to extend this Resolution. The Board also reserves the right to take additional action regarding this Resolution prior to the expiration of this 30-day period.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2021, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Javier Montemayor
Board President

ATTEST:

Juan Roberto Ramirez
Board Secretary



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: Stop Mask harassment!

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:41 PM

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From: Inna K <innak711@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Stop Mask harassment!
To: <grendon@uisd.net>

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From: Inna K <innak711@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021, 4:56 PM
Subject: Stop Mask harassment!
To: <grendon@uisd.net>

I am so frustrated about this new mandate that schools trying to implement again for our children. My daughter 8 years old social, loving school child with a great performance , last school year I was taking her off from learning in person for health reasons. She developed headaches after having mask on in few hours, specially when they had PE , she was lethargic and would not eat until headache was gone at home. Please who ever in charge to decide , think about your own child. If you want have a mask you can put 3 on your face and get vaccinated . Don't force my child!

Respectfully,

Inna Kalmykova

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Re: Masks

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>, Sandra Whitten <slwhitten@gmail.com>

Received . I will read your comments at bird meeting tomorrow

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 4:57 PM Sandra Whitten <slwhitten@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

This letter is to inform you that our children do NOT need to wear masks at school. If you insist on the abusive practices of mask mandates for over 8 hours a day f online instruction. I am not asking for anything other than respect of my wishes as a parent. Currently Students, Staff, Teachers, Volunteers and Visitors all have th chasing masks. BULLYING people into wearing masks is also not acceptable. Please be reasonable and know that you have a responsibility to protect our children proven to work. Do not make them mandatory. Temporary restraining orders on the governor's orders are no way to start our school year. Let our students go back making the best choices for themselves. COVID is treatable, lets talk about that for a change. Do not allow the controlling narrative of the local doctors who do not ' children. Remind parents and students if you are sick to stay home. Encourage good hygiene. Most people do not even wear the masks properly...even in your ow websites and social media we see it.

Immunologist explains why masks do not work...

<https://youtu.be/Esf2JLSbieA>

I understand there's a move afoot by leftists to push masks in the CISD school system.

There are so many things wrong with masks, including the following:

1. Do masks even work? The best (a Honeywell N95), is designed with >/.3 microns, whereby the China "Corona" Virus(Covid-19) is < .125 microns. It's like trying to keep mosquitos out of your yard with chicken wire;
2. Surgical masks are even less effective;
3. And dust & cloth masks are a joke, filtering even less than surgical masks(false sense of security);
4. Manufacturers recommendations are to change masks every four hours! Is anyone doing that, besides medical professionals?
5. Just like people who've gotten the flu after taking the experimental vaccine, so do people wearing a mask. It is not a reliable preventative.
6. It has a psychological effect on people; especially kids. There's nothing like seeing a smile on someone's face, which a mask covers up;
7. Mask manufacturers, just like the pharmaceuticals, are making a boatload of money off of a virus that has the same mortality rate as the flu;
8. The science really isn't settled on any of this, including the effectiveness of a variety of masks;
9. Wasn't it Fauci that said that more people died 100 years ago from bacterial infections and pneumonia than from the Spanish Flu itself?

Sandra Whitten, mother of 8th and 11th graders in UISD

956-220-9767

P.S. Listen to this doctor and citizens protesting vaccines and masks.

<https://twitter.com/SebGorka/status/1424603849952829442?s=20>

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Concerned parent

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:49 PM

To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>, Nicole Arias <ariasni@hotmail.com>

Received. I will read your comments at tomorrow's board meeting

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:02 PM Nicole Arias <ariasni@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mrs. Rendon,

I am a concerned parent in UISD. I have three children in the district. I hear there is a possibility of the city trying to mandate masks for the children in UISD. I ask that you please not allow this, as it is against the governor's orders and it is not for the city to change that. This should also be a choice for each family to make for their children. Although I believe that there is no need for masks and they are actually more harmful than helpful, I am not against allowing other parents to make that choice for their children. But this medical choice should be a choice.

Thank you,
Nicole Arias

Sent from my iPhone

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:50 PM

To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>, Thelma Paola Alcázar <thelmamedina697@gmail.com>

Received. I will read your comments at tomorrow's board meeting

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:03 PM Thelma Paola Alcázar <thelmamedina697@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Rendon:

Good afternoon.

Please allow the parents and tax payers to decide if our children wear a mask or not to school. Masks have not been scientifically proven to prevent illness.

Governor Abbott has not mandated the use of masks. Ms. Rendon, please consider the emotional and psychological being of our students.

Sincerely yours,
Thelma Paola Alcazar

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: No Masks

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:43 PM

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From: **JENNIFER NORRIS** <jenna_marie2007@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:22 PM
Subject: No Masks
To: grendon@uisd.net <grendon@uisd.net>

Good Afternoon!

I'm writing to you in hopes that you will stop the madness with the masks! Last time I checked this was still a free country which gives EVERY American the right to choose. Masks being optional is the most constitutional thing that can be done. If a family feels that masks are the best option for them & their children that's great but that is not right for every family. My child for one has already been sick from wearing a mask & it is not right for another to make the decision for what is right for my child. Again I hope you seriously take into consideration the well being of EVERY child.

Thank You,

Jennifer

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Public Comment 8/11

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:44 PM

To: Lisa Becton <lisambecton@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received, I will read your comment at tomorrow's meeting

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:24 PM Lisa Becton <lisambecton@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing to express my frustration with the absurd mask mandate you are trying to impose on the children of our community. This is being suggested out of ignorance when one considers the fact that children have proven not to be large scale vectors of the transmission of the virus as well as the fact that they aren't at any great risk of death from the virus. Out of roughly 75 million kids in our country, less than 350 have died of/with Covid. For perspective, that is 0.00000467%. This is far from the plague it's made out to be as far as they're concerned. Allow families to make the choice for their children. It isn't healthy or developmentally appropriate for their faces to be covered all day and parents have the right to reject that their healthy child be treated as if they are infected with a virus day in and day out. If adults in the building are worried, they have every right to mask up and have had every opportunity to get a vaccine if they so choose. Stop being fearful yourselves and stand up for what's right for the children of this community. Normalcy! Look to other school districts who aren't cowering in terror and follow suit.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Becton,

a concerned tax payer and former Texas public school teacher

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:45 PM

To: Elsa Moreno <danzon21@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received, I will read your comments at tomorrow's board meeting

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:38 PM Elsa Moreno <danzon21@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am writing with frustrated and about this new mandate that schools trying to implement again for our children. My daughters are 8 and 5 (5 year old with special needs. They are both very loving school with a great performance, last school year I was taking them off from learning in person for health reasons. They developed headaches after having mask on in few hours, specially when they had PE, she was lethargic and would not eat until headache was gone at home. Please understand the physical and emotional trauma it is for our children to be in their masks for so long. To who ever is in charge please take into consideration that these are children and they can't decide for themselves. That's why as parents we are urging you to make a decision to not mandate our children to this outrageous situation.

Respectfully,

Elsa Moreno

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Against Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 7:01 PM

To: Jorge Tovar <jtovar@txvalues.org>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. I will read at tomorrow's meeting

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 6:22 PM Jorge Tovar <jtovar@txvalues.org> wrote:

Email to UISD Board

Please respect our constitutional right to choose.

I protest the mask Mandate and ask that you all abide by Governor's Executive Order GA38 July 29, 2021 which prohibits mask mandates.

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-38_continued_response_to_the_COVID-19_disaster_IMAGE_07-29-2021.pdf

Pastor Jorge Tovar

Church Outreach Coordinator South Texas

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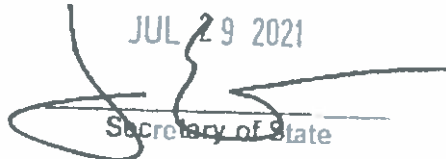
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Mr. Joe A. Esparza
Deputy Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701


Secretary of State

Dear Deputy Secretary Esparza:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-38 relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD gsd

Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
July 29, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 38

Relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the COVID-19 disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, from March 2020 through May 2021, I issued a series of executive orders aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans, ensuring uniformity throughout Texas, and achieving the least restrictive means of combatting the evolving threat to public health by adjusting social-distancing and other mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, combining into one executive order the requirements of several existing COVID-19 executive orders will further promote statewide uniformity and certainty; and

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Texans are strongly encouraged as a matter of personal responsibility to consistently follow good hygiene, social-distancing, and other mitigation practices; and

WHEREAS, receiving a COVID-19 vaccine under an emergency use authorization is always voluntary in Texas and will never be mandated by the government, but it is strongly encouraged for those eligible to receive one; and

WHEREAS, state and local officials should continue to use every reasonable means to make the COVID-19 vaccine available for any eligible person who chooses to receive one; and

WHEREAS, in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the legislature charged the governor with the responsibility "for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and expressly granted the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the "governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.016(a), the "governor may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business ... if strict compliance with the provisions ... would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.018(c), the "governor may control ingress and egress to

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and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.173, the legislature authorized as "an offense," punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, any "failure to comply with the [state emergency management plan] or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective immediately:

1. To ensure the continued availability of timely information about COVID-19 testing and hospital bed capacity that is crucial to efforts to cope with the COVID-19 disaster, the following requirements apply:
 - a. All hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and all Texas state-run hospitals, except for psychiatric hospitals, shall submit to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) daily reports of hospital bed capacity, in the manner prescribed by DSHS. DSHS shall promptly share this information with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 - b. Every public or private entity that is utilizing an FDA-approved test, including an emergency use authorization test, for human diagnostic purposes of COVID-19, shall submit to DSHS, as well as to the local health department, daily reports of all test results, both positive and negative. DSHS shall promptly share this information with the CDC.
2. To ensure that vaccines continue to be voluntary for all Texans and that Texans' private COVID-19-related health information continues to enjoy protection against compelled disclosure, in addition to new laws enacted by the legislature against so-called "vaccine passports," the following requirements apply:
 - a. No governmental entity can compel any individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization. I hereby suspend Section 81.082(f)(1) of the Texas Health and Safety Code to the extent necessary to ensure that no governmental entity can compel any individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization.
 - b. State agencies and political subdivisions shall not adopt or enforce any order, ordinance, policy, regulation, rule, or similar measure that requires an individual to provide, as a condition of receiving any service or entering any place, documentation regarding the individual's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization. I hereby suspend Section 81.085(i) of the Texas Health and Safety Code to the extent necessary to enforce this prohibition. This paragraph does not apply to any documentation requirements necessary for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - c. Any public or private entity that is receiving or will receive public funds through any means, including grants, contracts, loans, or other disbursements of taxpayer money, shall not require a consumer to provide, as a condition of receiving any service or entering any place, documentation regarding the consumer's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization. No consumer may be denied entry to a facility financed

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- in whole or in part by public funds for failure to provide documentation regarding the consumer's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization.
- d. Nothing in this executive order shall be construed to limit the ability of a nursing home, state supported living center, assisted living facility, or long-term care facility to require documentation of a resident's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine.
 - e. This paragraph number 2 shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster. I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order.
3. To ensure the ability of Texans to preserve livelihoods while protecting lives, the following requirements apply:
- a. There are no COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment.
 - b. In areas where the COVID-19 transmission rate is high, individuals are encouraged to follow the safe practices they have already mastered, such as wearing face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.
 - c. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) is strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health recommendations, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.
 - d. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities should follow guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding visitations, and should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible.
 - e. Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards.
 - f. County and municipal jails should follow guidance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards regarding visitations.
 - g. As stated above, business activities and legal proceedings are free to proceed without COVID-19-related limitations imposed by local governmental entities or officials. This paragraph number 3 supersedes any conflicting local order in response to the COVID-19 disaster, and all relevant laws are suspended to the extent necessary to preclude any such inconsistent local orders. Pursuant to the legislature's command in Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code and the State's emergency management plan, the imposition of any conflicting or inconsistent limitation by a local governmental entity or official constitutes a "failure to comply with" this executive order that is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

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4. To further ensure that no governmental entity can mandate masks, the following requirements shall continue to apply:

- a. No governmental entity, including a county, city, school district, and public health authority, and no governmental official may require any person to wear a face covering or to mandate that another person wear a face covering; *provided, however, that:*
 - i. state supported living centers, government-owned hospitals, and government-operated hospitals may continue to use appropriate policies regarding the wearing of face coverings; and
 - ii. the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and any county and municipal jails acting consistent with guidance by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards may continue to use appropriate policies regarding the wearing of face coverings.
- b. This paragraph number 4 shall supersede any face-covering requirement imposed by any local governmental entity or official, except as explicitly provided in subparagraph number 4.a. To the extent necessary to ensure that local governmental entities or officials do not impose any such face-covering requirements, I hereby suspend the following:
 - i. Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code;
 - ii. Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
 - iii. Chapters 121, 122, and 341 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
 - iv. Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code; and
 - v. Any other statute invoked by any local governmental entity or official in support of a face-covering requirement.

Pursuant to the legislature's command in Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code and the State's emergency management plan, the imposition of any such face-covering requirement by a local governmental entity or official constitutes a "failure to comply with" this executive order that is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

- c. Even though face coverings cannot be mandated by any governmental entity, that does not prevent individuals from wearing one if they choose.

5. To further ensure uniformity statewide:

- a. This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings restricted by this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the

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- COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.
- b. Confinement in jail is not an available penalty for violating this executive order. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes all pre-existing COVID-19-related executive orders and rescinds them in their entirety, except that it does not supersede or rescind Executive Orders GA-13 or GA-37. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 29th
day of July, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Joe A. Spazza in black ink.

JOE A. SPARZA
Deputy Secretary of State

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: MASK MANDATE

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 9:33 AM

To: **Esperanza Soler** <espie_3986@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

do you want me to read this at the board meeting?

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 9:31 AM Esperanza Soler <espie_3986@hotmail.com> wrote:

My son suffers from year round allergies, and a mask makes matters worse. He has a hard time breathing and the mask is a big no for us. We don't wear it when we go out and didn't plan on send our 4 kids to school if a mask were to be mandated especially against the governors orders.



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Vote against face mask!! No mask please!

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:48 PM

To: Mayra Lozano <mayralozano04@icloud.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

thank you. I will read your statement at the meeting

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:28 PM Mayra Lozano <mayralozano04@icloud.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes

Yo **NO** estoy de acuerdo que los niños tengan que usar cubrebocas en las escuelas, sobre todo los pequeños en elementary porque no saben usarla correctamente
La dejarían donde sea, contaminarían mas
y no es sano para nadie usarla tantas horas

Ojala no la vuelvan a obligar

Gracias !

Mayra Lozano



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:50 PM

To: Christy Gonzalez <christybare07@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:24 PM Christy Gonzalez <christybare07@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Mrs. Rendón,

I'm against face mask mandate, this should be up to the parents.

Respectfully,

Christy Gonzalez



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: UISD Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Yara Morris <yaratovilla@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:18 PM

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:13 PM Yara Morris <yaratovilla@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Mrs. Rendon,

Thank you for keeping our community informed.

This message is to express our household is against the mask mandate.

Thank you,
Yara Morris

Students: Eva Morris (Sophomore AHS) and Diego Morris (Junior AHS)



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Masks input

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Stephen Paulson <fissiksman@mac.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:26 PM

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:06 PM Stephen Paulson <fissiksman@mac.com> wrote:

Personally, I have issues with masks. I don't breathe well, and as an older, active teacher, it causes me much anxiety when I can't breathe.

The data also sadly shows no difference between areas with masks, without them and choice allowed. I understand that it calms some people to be in a mask, but I don't want to wear one simply to calm others.

My medical issues are mine, and I prefer to make informed decisions based on actual data, not just security blankets. If you can show actual scientific evidence that masks (not N-95) actually make a difference here, I'd listen.

I research a lot, from multiple sources, and look carefully at the actual data to make informed decisions for my body and my family.

One of the reasons I returned to teach this year was the fact that I could NOT wear a mask while teaching. If that changes, I will have to do some hard decision making.

Another related issue: vaccines vs immunity derived from actually surviving COVID. All the studies are showing, unsurprisingly, that the immune response from the actual disease confers a more robust immunity than a vaccination, yet no policy acknowledges this fact.

If you had it, you don't need to be vaccinated. If you had chickenpox, you don't get the vaccine for it, same with all other diseases.

The point of a vaccine is to simulate the immune response your body develops by surviving the disease. Actually surviving it is a stronger response. It would be nice if the district acknowledged this.

Steve Paulson



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:27 PM

To: Darrin Matthews <darrinmatthews66@aol.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:04 PM Darrin Matthews <darrinmatthews66@aol.com> wrote:

My name is Darrin Matthews and three of my daughters have graduated from the UISD school system. I have my youngest starting high school at the Alexandra 9th grade campus on Monday. I have complied with all the online curriculum the past year and a half due to COVID-19.

It has been very difficult for my youngest daughter because she has a very difficult time staying motivated and paying attention. I had her tested for ADHD and other learning disorders with the help of Trautman middle school. The principal and his staff were as helpful and supportive as they could be under the circumstances however, she still struggled. When it was announced that UISD was going back to in classroom learning she and I were both elated. My children and I have all been vaccinated and I fully respect others decisions in the area of their personal health.

I say this all to simplify assert my desire for masked to be optional and not mandatory. The research and science are very confusing and no answer can be deemed exact. With this in mind I reiterate my vote not to mandate masks because after the struggles that my daughter and I have strived to overcome this last year and a half we want to eliminate any and all obstacles and distractions moving forward to ensure the highest level of education that she can achieve with the UISD school system

Respectfully,
Darrin L. Matthews
(956) 337-0375



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Against mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:29 PM

To: Alexander Soler <a.solerpower@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:28 PM Alexander Soler <a.solerpower@gmail.com> wrote:

I am against mask mandates. Follow the law and allow parents to make the decision for their own kids.

Alexander Soler

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Our vote

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:38 PM

To: Lilian Hernandez <lilianhdelema@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:36 PM Lilian Hernandez <lilianhdelema@gmail.com> wrote:

We vote for no mask !!

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From: Sandra Benavides <nana1.benavides@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 9:13 AM

Subject: Health Risks

To: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

United I.S.D. Board Members:

As members of the UISD community, we are incredibly concerned for the safety of all our students and educators that will, in just a few days, be returning to our classrooms. The state of our world, during these times of COVID is putting all people at a health risk and possibly even death, especially the unvaccinated.

The unvaccinated include the thousands of students that we serve that are under the age of 12. These innocent children are being subjected to the raft of this pandemic, and as a district, we **MUST** step up to the challenge of these difficult times and protect them. **We urgently request that the wearing of masks be mandated at all UISD facilities.**

Our own City of Laredo Government stated on August 10, 2021, "Our hospitals are at maximum capacity with 87 COVID-19 patients being treated. An additional 43 are still waiting for a hospital bed. The majority of these cases are unvaccinated. We strongly encourage the use of face mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status, and to get vaccinated as soon as possible." This fact alone is enough for us to understand that with the welcoming of our students, we will also be facing a dramatic increase in COVID cases that our health professionals will not be able to care for.

As stated by the federal CDC organization, in addition to wearing masks, the best defense for safeguarding our children is to surround them with vaccinated individuals. **Therefore, we are requesting that all UISD employees be required to be vaccinated as well as all students age 12 and over.**

Based on the aggressiveness of the Delta Variant, and the variants that are scientifically being predicted to follow, all parents of children under the age of 12, should be given the option of continuing virtual learning until the age appropriate vaccine is available.

As a student centered organization, why do we want to put our most valuable resource at risk?

Again, in the interest of our students and educators:

- 1. mandate masks**
- 2. require vaccinations**
- 3. allow virtual learning**

Retired educators,
Rolando & Sandy Benavides



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: Masking

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 6:59 PM

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From: <cordeliaorengo@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 6:56 PM
Subject: Masking
To: Gloria <grendon@uisd.net>

Attention UISD Board:

Please consider mandating the use of masks by all UISD students and personnel. This inconvenience is nothing compared to having any one person get and/or transmit Covid-19 to our precious children and staff. Don't hesitate to take action-please mandate masking. After someone gets sick, it's too late! Better to err in the side of our students and UISD staff than be SORRY!

Thank you for your attention to this very important concern. May God guide your decision.

UISD Retired Administrator,
Cordelia Orengo

Sent from my iPhone

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 7:49 PM

To: Christina Trevino <christinatrevino1314@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. Will

You be reading or do you want me to read it ?

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 7:32 PM Christina Trevino <christinatrevino1314@gmail.com> wrote:

To the UISD board of trustees:

With the start of the school year around the corner and the rise in Covid-19 cases in our city I ask in an act of desperation for our children's safety that we enforce a mask mandate for the school district. I understand that it is not required based on new TEA guidelines, but with a child under the age of 12 who does not qualify to get vaccinated along with being immunocompromised due to medication taken for various autoimmune diseases my anxiety is at an all time high sending my child back to school. I am a single mother who lost her mother earlier this year to cancer, and we spent the last year social distancing and not even hugging my mother out of fear of her catching Covid and experiencing something life threatening, it will have been in vain should we allow our district to not require masks among those at the campuses. If I had the means, I would gladly unenroll my child from attendance and home school him, however as I am not in this position I am hoping that you will look at the statistics and the overwhelming infection rate over the last month and require masks to ensure the utmost safety for our children. I can assure you that although there may be push back, you can't argue with fact based science and parents on the rampage should their children become infected and spread it among their families. Please think of the safety of our children, our teachers and staff and their families.

Respectfully worried,
Christina Trevino

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I am writing this email as a concerned parent, first and foremost, as well as a concerned citizen and healthcare provider in our community. I have kept both my children as safe as possible since the start of the COVID 19 pandemic and am terrified with the upcoming start of the school year due to the exponentially rising cases and ease of transmissibility of the virus. My children are not vaccinated at this time due to their ages, therefore, their risk is high for contracting the virus. I am in FAVOR of mandating the use of masks in our children's schools, not because I do not believe in freedom or the importance of personal responsibility, rather because I firmly believe in the greater good of all. Masks are an easy, affordable way of helping mitigate the spread of this virus. I ask that those in positions of power take the time to consider enforcing the use of masks to protect our most precious assets, our children.

Respectfully,

Carla Gutierrez, PT, DPT

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In favor of mask mandates

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 11:32 AM

To: Beatriz Mendoza <beatrizmendoza4488@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thank you, I will read at tonight's meeting

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM Beatriz Mendoza <beatrizmendoza4488@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ms. Rendon,

My niece's and nephews attend UISD schools and are currently ineligible for the vaccine. Please see my comment below:

Our disabled and unvaccinated children deserve a virtual option and at the very least assurance that regular covid testing will be done and masks will be mandated.

Anything other than this is dangerous, ableist, classist and cruel. All private schools where the children of the wealthy attend will be requiring masks. That is no coincidence. Please listen to the science. And work with the teachers and students who have been amazingly patient and resilient during this global pandemic.

Thank you.

-Beatriz Mendoza

+1 956.237.9247 whatsapp



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: In Favor of Face Mask Mandate in Schools

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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From: **Veronica Brown** <vabrown@uisd.net>
Date: Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM
Subject: In Favor of Face Mask Mandate in Schools
To: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Good morning,

For what it's worth, as a parent and an employee, I am for the mask mandate in schools because I believe the value of a human life far outweighs a minor inconvenience placed on personal freedom.

Respectfully,

Veronica A. Brown

Bilingual/ESL/LPAC Compliance Coordinator
4410 State Hwy 359, Laredo, Texas 78043
(956) 473-2001

Click on the image below to visit my virtual LPAC Office:





Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Read Me!:)

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 11:50 AM

To: Lydz Mdz <lydia91207@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

thank you --I will read your statement at tonights meeting

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 11:48 AM Lydz Mdz <lydia91207@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Good Morning Mrs. G.Rendon..Hope you and the Family are doing well. This is my first time doing something like this. I am a mother of 2 children 13 yrs old and a 10 yr old. I am all for kids returning back to school but not during this time when children are the most vulnerable due to not being eligible to get a vaccine yet till late October early November.. I as a Mom I am worried about my children and other children getting the virus and not having protection. I would like you to please take into consideration my request of keeping all children virtual for the 1st few months of school.. just like at the beginning of registering children into school for kinder making it mandatory to have their vaccines up to date we need to make this a MUST and mandatory in order to enter bk to school.. whoever does not want child to vaccinate they can look for other option. Another is please have mandatory masks for all in place. I as a Mother will be more at ease knowing my only little girl has some protection with vaccination and all children are keeping one another safe with mandatory masks. Make this vaccine mandatory to come bk to school with masks. As for the other selfish people in higher positions in Tx they cannot be playing with OUR/MY children lives and health. Their safety is and should be #1. This is common sense.. look at whats going around the world and in Texas. It will only get worst if we are not safe.I do not want to loose or have health complications for my only 2 children due to other selfish peoples ignorance. Please help us Mrs. Rendon. Lets stay virtual till our children get vaccinated!

I appreciate you and you taking time to read my email. If you need anything or have questions please let me know.

Thank you,

Lydia Mendoza

956-791-2191

Call/bxt me



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:25 PM

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From: **Joe Wirsching** <abelle3109@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 12:47 PM
Subject: Mask mandate
To: <grendon@uisd.net>

As the grandparent of a UISD student, I am in favor of the students wearing their masks. According to Science and Medical doctors, the delta variant is more aggressive and contagious. The mask is for the safety of the students, teachers, and staff whether they are vaccinated or not. With this no mask mandate, I fear for the lives of our children, teachers, staff and their families. Studies show that even vaccinated individuals may pass the coronavirus to theirs. Is that what the district wants? I know that UISD has always been in the forefront of safety for all who pass thru the doors of their schools. I am usually not outspoken, but in this case, I felt I must standup for my grandson and the citizens of Laredo. Please, please mandate mask for everyone's health and safety sake. Thank you Board of directors, Mr. D. Gonzalez, Superintendent, and Administration for everything that you do for our children and grandchildren. God Bless you all for your passionate and dedication!

Anna Wirsching,
Grandparent

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:26 PM

To: Ana Herrera <aldeleza@icloud.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

thank you . i am in receipt of your statement and will read it at tonight's meeting

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:21 PM Ana Herrera <aldeleza@icloud.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Rendon,

My name is Ana Herrera and I'm writing to you in reference to the mask mandate for UISD as I am in full support of such mandate. I am pleading with you, other representatives, and parents to please do all you can to protect our children during this time or at least until a vaccine is available for our school aged children.

One of my children has severe allergies and asthma so we opted for online learning last year. It was a huge adjustment to our home life, work schedules, and for their teachers but we all adjusted as we were "in this together." My children had perfect attendance, got all A's and my son passed his staar test at the end of the year. We are no closer to the end of the pandemic and so if online learning is not option then please, please require masks for anyone in the building.

We have all adhered to previous requirements for vaccines, attendance, no nuts on campus, and school uniforms I cannot imagine that a mask is much difference during a respiratory pandemic.

To the parents who are objecting, I get it. You have healthy children and have never rushed your child to an ER with whispers of breaths and watch them struggle to get air, but some of us have. Please come together now for the sake of the one or several that need you too.

We use sunscreen bc the benefits outweigh the risks, we've purchased every car seat even though recalls have been made for safety issues year after year, and as uncomfortable as a seat belt is we demand it is worn and correctly fastened before taking our precious children anywhere. I humbly ask that you please reconsider this fight, it's not the fight to have at this time.

After vaccines are available each parent can choose what's best for their families but for now let give them all the tools to move forward in good health.

I appreciate you taking the time.

Thank you

Ana Herrera



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Pro Mask Initiative

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Aurora Soto <asoto1@uisd.net>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:45 PM

Received. I will read your statement at this evening's meeting

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:37 PM Aurora Soto <asoto1@uisd.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Rendon,

As tonight will be our district board meeting to discuss a possible mask mandate and I am unable to attend, I wish to express how I hope the board does implement a mask initiative to keep us and our students safe.

Thank you.

Ms. Aurora Soto
Health Science Teacher
E-114 | (956) 473-5381
Lyndon B. Johnson High School
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Laredo, TX 78046

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: I vote FOR mandatory masks to be enforced

2 messages

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:48 PM

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From: Jannette castro <jannettecastro510@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:41 PM
Subject: I vote FOR mandatory masks to be enforced
To: <grendon@uisd.net>

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:48 PM

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In favor of Face Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:49 PM

To: Chriss <christellegarcia@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:47 PM Chriss <christellegarcia@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon ,

Until all members of our household are eligible to be vaccinated I think is very important that our kids use facemask MANDATORY at school.
Because lots of families we still have little kids that cant vaccinate because of their age and we are putting them at risk.

IN FAVOR OF FACEMASK MANDATORY AT SCHOOL



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In Favor of Face Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:50 PM

To: Christelle <christelle@blueorangepottery.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:45 PM Christelle <christelle@blueorangepottery.com> wrote:

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IN FAVOR OF FACEMASK MANDATORY AT SCHOOL

Christelle Mercado
956-206-0127



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: A favor de 🙏 mandatoria

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:49 PM

To: Nina <ninam04@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:46 PM Nina <ninam04@hotmail.com> wrote:

Le escribo este correo porque estoy a favor de que sea obligatorio usar el cubrebocas en la escuela en el próximo ciclo escolar, le pido de favor sea tomada en cuenta mi petición debido a la pandemia covid 19 y a las cepas delta, alfa y demás que tristemente ahora los niños son los más vulnerables

Le pido de favor haga llegar este mail en caso de que sea requerida mi presencia, estoy en la mejor disposición
Por si atención gracias .

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Make masks MANDATORY

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:49 PM

To: Brenda Mendez <beme200529@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:35 PM Brenda Mendez <beme200529@gmail.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

As a parent of a UISD student I strongly believe our children and staff should be required to use masks during school hours. To prevent the spread of the COVID 19 and delta variant with all the new cases a rising.

I am concerned for the safety of my child.

I hope you take this into consideration at the board meeting.

Thank you,

Parent of UISD- UHS student.

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Concern

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:50 PM

To: Kristina Hernandez <kyhdz26@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:39 PM Kristina Hernandez <kyhdz26@gmail.com> wrote:

If UISD expects for my children attend schools then I expect that the board require the use of masks for ALL staff and children.

If this is not possible then I expect the district to be responsible by separating the unmasked children from those who choose to wear a mask. They can be placed in a dedicated classroom or the gym with their chromebooks.



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:51 PM

To: Mariel Bermudez <mariel13br@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:46 PM Mariel Bermudez <mariel13br@gmail.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes quisiera que tomaran en cuenta mi voto a favor del uso de mascarilla obligatorio, es una gran preocupación aun estando nosotros como adultos vacunados que nuestros niños se lleguen a contagiar.

Tengan al menos consideración hasta que todos los menores de 12 años se puedan vacunar. Tenemos adultos mayores como familia y esto es una gran preocupación para todas las familias.

Que Dios los guíe en la decisión que tomen el día de hoy



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Favor for mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:51 PM

To: Gladys <gvaladez8034@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:39 PM Gladys <gvaladez8034@hotmail.com> wrote:

Ms Rendon The Carrizales family is in favor for the mask mandate at school. I believe it is important to keep the little ones safe being that they have not yet been vaccinated. As a new parent I am very concern and it would ease my worries knowing that the school will mandate mask policy. Thank you for your time. Gladys Carrizales

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Cubreboca

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:52 PM

To: Erendira Camacho <ere.kamasho.sm@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:22 PM Erendira Camacho <ere.kamasho.sm@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo si quiero que mi hija Sofia X. Camacho lleve cubreboca pues con lamvariantw nos da más seguridad de bajo contagio. Nosotros hemos permanecido mucho en casa y me parece la maneea correcta de poder convivir de una forma menos insegura



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: CONCERN-URGENT

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:52 PM

To: "Hernandez, Kristina - LSO" <HernandezKr@satellitehealth.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:20 PM Hernandez, Kristina - LSO <HernandezKr@satellitehealth.com> wrote:

As a medical professional, it is imperative that masks are mandated for ALL students and staff regardless of vaccination status if UISD expects for students to return. Safety is paramount and especially critical at this time. If masks are not mandated across the board then, at minimum, provide parents with the option of virtual instruction. Please have consideration for vulnerable students/staff and all unvaccinated elementary children!

Dr. Kristina Hernandez, DSW, LMSW, NSW-C, LCEC-Intern

Medical Social Worker

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Re: In Favor to use Face Mask in School

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:53 PM

To: Sandra Baldenegro <sandra@sionbrands.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:38 PM Sandra Baldenegro <sandra@sionbrands.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon

I am in FAVOR of using face mask in school.

Regards,

Sandra Baldenegro

Sales Director Medical Division

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In Favor of Mask Mandate for Elementary School

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:53 PM

To: Bianca Wessel <biwessel@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:37 PM Bianca Wessel <biwessel@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mrs. Rendon,

Hope this message finds you well. I was informed that today there will be a meeting where the mandatory use of masks for elementary school will be discussed.

My daughter will be going to 1st grade at CSBS starting on Monday. With the current health situation, it is critical that all students and school staff wear masks while in school premises to slow down the spread of Covid. Please make my voice heard as a parent who is very concerned and would like to have masks mandatory in school until cases are under control or vaccines are available for children.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Bianca Pucci Wessel



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:54 PM

To: Alejandra Solis de Mora <alecitasomo@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:20 PM Alejandra Solis de Mora <alecitasomo@gmail.com> wrote:

In favor of masks for the safety of the students teachers and families

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Concern

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Kristina Hernandez <kh_04ag@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:56 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:55 PM **Kristina Hernandez** <kh_04ag@hotmail.com> wrote:

UISD, if you want to ensure the safety of students, staff, and your vulnerable population, then make the **RESPONSIBLE CHOICE** of mandating masks. The health and safety of your student body should supersede the governor's nonsense!

Also your protocols for NOT notifying parents of a positive case is poor regardless of exposure. However, when a child is found to have lice a notice goes out to the parents of all students.

Your protocols
-UISD parent



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: School Masks

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:56 PM

To: tina@laurelassoc.com, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:55 PM <tina@laurelassoc.com> wrote:

Hi Gloria,

No rest for the weary! The AHS mom's WhatsApp sent out a notice that you are open to parental feedback about the masks. I want to weigh in both as a parent and as your insurance partner.

First off, as you well know, United ISD has a significant population that suffers from underlying health conditions. Masking for them may well mean the difference between life and death. Your field is already challenging and largely unappreciated. It has changed so much from the days when my grandmother was a school principal 70 years ago. As a parent I am concerned that many great, tenured teachers will give up and walk away. Our kids need them now more than ever. I appreciate the value of a young workforce, but with experience comes wisdom!

As a parent, I would like to see the district set the guidelines and not leave it up to the kids and/or their parents. I am blessed to have a very compliant teenager, but so many kids and their parents spend more energy trying to game the system than just doing the work. Leaving this choice to parents will mean the good, kind and compassionate children will carry the social burden while the selfish will seem to be rewarded. That being said, perhaps there is a middle ground. Children under 12 and their teachers most definitely need to be masked. For those over 12 I suggest the teacher exercise their discretion. If they want everyone masked that should be the classroom rule. If they are comfortable without masks, so be it.

I don't envy the challenges you are dealing with right now. You are all in my prayers.

Tina

Tina Holliday Cerda

Partner

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: I vote for masks!

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:57 PM

To: Leticia Garza <yteig@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:15 PM Leticia Garza <yteig@hotmail.com> wrote:

We still need to wear the mask

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: IN FAVOR of mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:59 PM

To: Selina Mireles <selinalmireles@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:57 PM Selina Mireles <selinalmireles@gmail.com> wrote:

Please be advised that I am hereby in favor of school mask mandate.



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: School Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM

To: Juli Lopez <julilopez.1904@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:59 PM Juli Lopez <julilopez.1904@gmail.com> wrote:

I vote for mask use in schools 🙏🙏

My kids attend UMS and AHS

Thank you!

Juliane Lopez



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: I am for the mask mandate

2 messages

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maylen Costilla <mcostilla@gvlcpa.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:55 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:20 PM Maylen Costilla <mcostilla@gvlcpa.com> wrote:

Ms. Rendon,

Good afternoon. I hope this find you well.

I would like to let you know that **I am for the mask mandate**. I believe our students should wear a mask to protect each other.

Our kids are at risk especially those under the age of 12. I kindly ask that you let the board know how we parents feel about this mandate.

Regards,

Maylén H. Costilla

Maylen Costilla <mcostilla@gvlcpa.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:02 PM



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:13 PM

To: Diana Montante <dianamontante21@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:08 PM Diana Montante <dianamontante21@gmail.com> wrote:

In favor of making mask mandatory. Especially for elementary children since they are at the most risk right now! Thank you, mom of a 6 yr old, 13 and 17yr old worry to send her children to school.



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Carolina Prado <carolina.prado@uisd.net>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:14 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 2:32 PM Carolina Prado <carolina.prado@uisd.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Mrs. Rendon,

As a teacher and parent at UISD, I believe that it is pertinent to enforce the mask mandate in order to support a safe and nurturing learning environment. As a second year teacher, I would love the experience of being in front of the classroom which I was unable to do last year due to the pandemic. To do this, I believe mandating masks would lower the possibility for another lockdown. If our health and safety is necessary for teaching and learning, then we must do what is within our control to protect ourselves. While the virus is completely out of control, wearing a mask, using shields in the classrooms, is not. Board members, please place us in a position where we can have a successful school year so that we can close learning gaps and promote socio emotional skills. The only way we can do that effectively is if we remain safe.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter. Have a great rest of the day!

--

Thank you,

Carolina Prado
Health Science Teacher
LBJ High School



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Estoy a favor del uso de mascarilla en la escuela

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:14 PM

To: Brenda Cárdenas Thomae <cardenasth1982@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:16 PM Brenda Cárdenas Thomae <cardenasth1982@hotmail.com> wrote:

Estamos a favor de que todos los estudiantes usen mascarilla en la escuela.
Miranda Serna, 9th Grade, Alexander.

Enviado desde mi Samsung Mobile de Telcel
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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Si al Cubrebocas

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:14 PM

To: Rosy Martinez <rosymartinez92@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:09 PM Rosy Martinez <rosymartinez92@hotmail.com> wrote:

hola buenas tardes yo **estoy a favor de** que lleven cubrebocas a la escuela porque en casa vive mi papa y temo por su salud y además mi hijo el mayor es bronquioasmatiko y para la seguridad de la familia sugiero que lleven cubrebocas.

Muchas gracias por su atención.

Rosy Martinez
956-413-3199
rosymartinez92@hotmail.com



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Masks

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:15 PM

To: sary vazquez <saravazquez@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:01 PM sary vazquez <saravazquez@hotmail.com> wrote:

We are For mask mandate use in school ,
Thank you !
Sara V López

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Concern

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:17 PM

To: joann czar <joannczar@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:14 PM joann czar <joannczar@hotmail.com> wrote:

Greetings Mrs Rendon,

I am emailing you in hopes that you will share my perspective as a very concerned parent of an eight, eleven, and seventeen year old. Both of my younger children have not been given an opportunity to receive the vaccine. **THEY DO NOT HAVE AN OPTION** to receive a vaccine as they do not meet the age criteria. Can you guarantee they will **NOT** be exposed, infected, or worse suffer severe symptoms or consequences?

Forcing unvaccinated, unmasked children to gather in large crowds is misguided and inconsiderate. **PLEASE CONSIDER** protecting my children **by mandating** that everyone wear masks, especially when dealing with age groups that have not been given the opportunity to be vaccinated.

I appreciate your time and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Parent,
Joann Czar

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In Favor of MASK MANDATE at SCHOOLS

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:18 PM

To: "Solares, Itzel / Kuehne + Nagel / Lrd FO-E" <Itzel.Solares@kuehne-nagel.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:12 PM Solares, Itzel / Kuehne + Nagel / Lrd FO-E <Itzel.Solares@kuehne-nagel.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Mrs. Rendon,

I'm a very concerned parent of a NYE Elementary School where my baby girl is entering next Monday 16th.

I heard the news regarding the board meeting you are going to hold tonight, and after hearing the news that more than 1000 kids in Mississippi tested positive to COVID-19 after schools reopened I implore you to please consider that the least protection our kids should have is to wear a Mask.

The Facemask is the only thing that has maintained myself and my colleagues at work safe during this Pandemic.

God Bless!

Itzel Solares Perez, LCB
Exports Manager

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Laredo, TX 78045, USA

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Push Toward Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:23 PM

To: Rose Saldivar <rsaldivar.lido@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:21 PM Rose Saldivar <rsaldivar.lido@gmail.com> wrote:

As a health care provider in our community, I strongly urge UISD to do what is in the best interest of it's students, faculty and staff. **Approve a mandatory mask requirement for anyone entering the schools for any reason..** This is a small sacrifice that we all can do for each other, to protect our health and that of our love ones

--
Rose A Saldivar



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: A favor del uso obligatorio de cubrebocas

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:20 PM

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
Date: Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:19 PM
Subject: Re: A favor del uso obligatorio de cubrebocas
To: Cristy Gonzalez <cristyglz83@gmail.com>

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:11 PM Cristy Gonzalez <cristyglz83@gmail.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes

Como madre de 2 niños que cursaran este nuevo ciclo escolar en el distrito me parece muy preocupante que el uso de cubrebocas no sea obligatorio. Nuestros hijos estan expuestos al virus y ellos son aun mas vulnerables al no estar

vacunados debido a que no cumplen con la edad mínima para ser vacunados.
Ellos cursan 1ro y 3er año de primaria en NYE ELEMENTERY.
YO ESTOY A FAVOR DEL USO OBLIGATORIO DE CUBREBOCAS

De antemano muchas gracias

Cristina G. Garza

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: For Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:24 PM

To: ADRIANA FLORES <aryglz_18@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:11 PM ADRIANA FLORES <aryglz_18@hotmail.com> wrote:

Yes, everyone should wear a mask

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: YES, to masks at schools.

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: noel ruiz <noelrz@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:25 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:25 PM noel ruiz <noelrz@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mrs. Rendon,

As a UISD parent I am extremely concerned and worried for the health and safety of my children and every child that is starting school next week. UISD should have a mask mandate to protect all students and staff. Covid-19 does not discriminate. The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains and affects more and more children every day. Our hospitals are at max and Laredo does not have a pediatric ICU. Children under 12 still cannot receive the vaccine and the only way to protect them is by a mask.

I hope that the Administration and the Board make the right decision tonight and put our children first.

Thank You,
Noel Ruiz



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In favor of Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: ealbarranusa@gmail.com
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:25 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:02 PM <ealbarranusa@gmail.com> wrote:

Good day Mrs. Rendon!

I'm IN FAVOR OF MASK MANDATE.

Due to the current situation in our local hospitals. And the current confitions in our State/Country.

Erick Albarran

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: IN FAVOR OF MASK MANDATES

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:25 PM

To: Han Solo <millenium.falcon1974@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:24 PM Han Solo <millenium.falcon1974@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

i am a parent from UISD and our household is in favor for mandatory mask mandate.
Please go against Abbott and think of the children's health and lives.

Thank you.

Ivan A.



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: A favor de el uso de la Máscara

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:26 PM

To: Liliana Martinez <lily_martinezv@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:10 PM Liliana Martinez <lily_martinezv@hotmail.com> wrote:

Buenos días

Solo para confirmar que en mi casa estamos a favor de el Uso de la máscara no sólo en el salón de clases.

Preferentemente en todo las áreas de el distrito.

Cuidemos a las familias de UISD

Gracias.

Familia Martínez

Enviado desde mi iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask Use

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Mildred Tanguma <mildredtg@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:26 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:03 PM Mildred Tanguma <mildredtg@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I am a parent from UISD, I am concern about not having a mandatory use of mask. Our city is almost full in capacity again in the hospitals and Laredo do not have resources for ICU for kids. I am concern about my kids going presencial and I really liked last year having it online even though I am aware kids need to socialize. I think right now healthy security is over socializing. And we are praying everything goes back to normal to see our schools and city safe. Praying for all those who are in authority to make a wise decision!
Blessings!
Mildred Hinojosa
Colonel Santos Benavides' Mom



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: A favor de el uso de cubre bocas

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Alma Trevino de Zapata <alma_trev@hotmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:27 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:04 PM Alma Trevino de Zapata <alma_trev@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hola buenas tardes. Para todos los estudiantes del distrito lo correcto y lo más seguro en estos momentos tan difíciles sería que el uso de cubre bocas fuera obligatorio.

Gracias



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask Mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Nydia Walls <nydia_walls@icloud.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:34 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:33 PM Nydia Walls <nydia_walls@icloud.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon I am a parent to 2 children attending Alexander High School. I am extremely concerned about my kids going back to school given Covid-19 numbers in our area rising.

I would much rather have my kids at home with virtual learning. I understand presently this is not an option.

What is bothersome to me is the fact that the District is not requiring students to wear a mask. Both of my kids are vaccinated but with the new COVID-19 Delta variant even vaccinated people are getting sick.

I would really appreciate if the District would reconsider and regardless of what Governor Abott is doing would mandate all student, teachers, administrative staff, and all school employees to wear a mask.

Different cities around Texas and States in the U.S are being proactive and mandating masks.

How many more deaths do we need for the school district to act on this. Just like many people around the world. I lost my mother to covid this year and know first hand how hard this can be.

Let's work together in making our kids safe and have a safe school year.

Thank you for your time!

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In favor of mask

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:35 PM

To: Angie Betancourt <268620@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:32 PM Angie Betancourt <268620@gmail.com> wrote:

Please be advised I am in favor of a mask mandate. I have four children at UISD. Two are under the age of 12 and don't have the option to be vaccinated. At least the mask will offer some sort of protection for them and others around them.



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Face mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:36 PM

To: Marisol Cantu <marisolcantu99@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:35 PM Marisol Cantu <marisolcantu99@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Mrs Rendon, I am a concerned parent that wishes that all students wear their face masks at school. Hopefully more parents feel the same way.

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Concern Parent

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:37 PM

To: "Molina, Bobby (USMS)" <Bobby.Molina@usdoj.gov>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:35 PM Molina, Bobby (USMS) <Bobby.Molina@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ms. Rendon,

It's been brought to my attention that UISD school may not require mask for staff and kids attending this year. I can't even begin to tell you how disappointed I am with our UISD administrators. I'm sure just like me, they don't have Medical Degree. The numbers are rising at an alarming rate and people are turning a blind eye to this. Non-vaccinated kids are dying. I had just convince my wife not to home school our kids and stay employed with UISD. We had decided to keep our kids in school due to the mask mandate for the safety of our children. I strongly recommend that all staff and kids were mask in school. Your more than welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this email.

V/r

Bobby Molina



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mast mandate-put kids first

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:48 PM

To: Andrea <susiemancera@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:45 PM Andrea <susiemancera@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mrs Rendon,

I would like to express that I feel there should be a mask mandate at our public schools. UISD prides itself in putting children first and providing a safe learning environment for them. Let's do this by enforcing a mask mandate. Both the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics are recommending that all children that are not vaccinated against covid-19 wear masks indoors in schools. I have three children under the age of 12 that are not eligible for vaccines. Please partner up with us parents to keep our children safe as they begin this long-awaited school year in person that they much deserve.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to our school district, community, and students.

Regards,

Susie Mancera

Mother of Emanuel, Andrea, and Joaquin
(210) 724-3872



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:49 PM

To: Abie Garza <abiegarza@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:45 PM Abie Garza <abiegarza@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hello, wanted to request my comments be read during today's meeting.

I would like to voice my concerns about covid.

Kids under the age of 12 have no way to get vaccinated. We as a community have to do what is right for them. I am asking you to require masks for all kids, but especially for the 12 yo and under (6 grade and under). At the end of the day you all have to choose between parents that want a mask and parents that don't a mask. I ask you to do it for the health and safety of our community as a whole. Please require masks for all students and staff.

Thank you,
A Garza

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In Favor of Masks

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:49 PM

To: Sara Martinez <saritamtz77@yahoo.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:49 PM Sara Martinez <saritamtz77@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Rendon,

My apologies for being part of the bombardment of emails you are probably receiving, but it has come to my attention that there will be a meeting today to discuss the implementation of a mask mandate at UISD. I'm afraid I can't attend the meeting to voice my concerns, but I'm even more afraid of what can and most probably will happen to our children if masks are not required at school. I have two children who are too young to be vaccinated. While I understand wearing a mask may be uncomfortable, the benefits and prevention of mask wearing far outweigh the the inconvenience and consequences of contracting COVID. I would appreciate it if you could express or include my thoughts during your deliberations at the meeting. Thank you so much for your kind attention to my email and I completely understand if you cannot respond.

Sara Martinez-Olivarez
Mother of a 7 and 3 year old

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Board meeting- in favor of using masks

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:50 PM

To: Carol Gunnoe <cgunnoefnp@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:43 PM Carol Gunnoe <cgunnoefnp@hotmail.com> wrote:

As a health care provider & grandmother of 5 children recovering positive Covid & 4 children, I support implementing a mandatory mask policy for all students & staff of UISD. Please include my vote.

Respectfully yours,
Carol Gunnoe DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask 🧑 ON!

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:50 PM

To: Kathie Lozano <kmlozano@icloud.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:50 PM Kathie Lozano <kmlozano@icloud.com> wrote:

If we have learned anything during this pandemic it's that Masks work!

Flu, common colds and several other contagious diseases are down. We now know that even the vaccinated can get COVID why risk having to shut down again. Too much is at stake here...our future! Because our future are our children and their education is key to having them succeed in life! They must go back in person/face to face and stay that way the FULL school year...and that cannot be jeopardized at any cost...even the uncomfot of having a mask ON!

I beg you don't risk the health of our children or their education...we can have BOTH with the mask 🧑 ON!

Thank you and GOD bless,

Kathie Lozano
(Mother of 1st & 7th graders)

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: PRO face mask response

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:51 PM

To: IQA Lizbeth Perez <lizbeth.perez@tamex.com.mx>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:43 PM IQA Lizbeth Perez <lizbeth.perez@tamex.com.mx> wrote:

Hi Mrs Rendon:

My email is to make a personal comment on why I believe face masks should be enforce in school, I without hesitation would speak at tonight's meeting, but you can also just read my testimonial if you want.

Both my kids started attending face to face classes back by the end of March/beginning in April. My oldest son was in 5th grade and my youngest in Kinder. Through the months face mask were enforced, they never got sick with any illness, they were able to even take PE classes using their face masks and they didn't have any trouble breathing. My husband and I decided it was for the best of them to take summer school so that get could get more use to being in their classrooms again and for them to be better prepared for this upcoming school year. By summer school, face masks were no longer required, my oldest son's school teacher made the students very aware of that and unfortunately the only thing that happened is that he got sick and days after, my youngest boy too. Thankfully, not with COVID, but they missed several days of school and my youngest almost a week, this was the very first time they got sick since the pandemic began, and all of the efforts we made to protect ourselves for more than a year were in vain and I couldn't go to work those days too.

My youngest boy has a condition called Cyclic neutropenia, his white blood cells decrease considerably every 6 weeks and he is more expose to getting severely sick during that period of time. He is also allergic to penicillin, so not every medicine works on him. It is very difficult to us just to think he is not able to get vaccinated now because of his age and that he is at higher risk of getting a more severe lung infection if he gets COVID, and that even though I will tell my kids to use a face mask, some parents would not, and no one can do anything about it.

I believe that there are things that should be left to everyone's decision, but not facemasks at school, we as adults are the example for our kids to follow and they are the future of our world, but as sad as it sounds, not every adult believes in empathy and wont think in what would happen to another person (child) with their own actions and would tell their kids to not use a face mask at school, unless it is enforced and children have no choice but to wear them.

Thanks for your time,

Sincerely



IQA Lizbeth D. Perez

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mascarillas y clases virtuales

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:51 PM

To: Dalia Karim Almanza de Hernandez <daliakarim@yahoo.com.mx>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:41 PM Dalia Karim Almanza de Hernandez <daliakarim@yahoo.com.mx> wrote:
8/12/2021

Buenas tardes,

Me dirijo de la manera más atenta para sugerir al distrito UISD, el uso de mascarillas obligatorio, así como la opción de clases virtuales, mi hijo que va a entrar a pre-K, es muy enfermizo, al momento se encuentra con tos, gracias a Dios no es COVID pero ya tiene más de una semana además tengo una bebe de 2 meses, la cual si el enferma puede ser contagiada.

En mi familia hemos perdido varios miembros a causa del COVID-19 por lo cual no entiendo porque no protegemos, si lo ven por el lado económico, cada estudiante que enferme va a estar ausente por varios días y eso indica pérdida para el distrito.

Si estamos protegidos el distrito no perdería esos ingresos.

En lo personal yo no voy a enviar a mi hijo si no hay protección.

En la ciudad no tenemos una área pediátrica para atender a los niños, además que en 4 días de clases presenciales de las escuelas privadas ya tenemos 2 niños contagiados en la ciudad.

Y así podría seguir dándoles datos, la tasa de hospitalización, etc, pero no quiero abusar de su tiempo.

Gracias por su amable atención.

Dalia K. Hernández
(956)645-9142

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:53 PM

To: Elva Gonzalez <jojo414aries@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:52 PM Elva Gonzalez <jojo414aries@gmail.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

As a UISD taxpayer I am very much for the school mask mandate. Our kids and community deserve to be safe.

Sincerely,

Elva Gonzalez

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: Petition in favor of masks at school

2 messages

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:11 PM

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----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Vita Ramos** <vitaramos@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:59 PM
Subject: Petition in favor of masks at school
To: **grendon@uisd.net** <grendon@uisd.net>

Good afternoon Ms Rendon,

I wish we would've had more time as I know a majority of parents are supporting a mask mandate. I, as well as at least 130 other concerned citizens are in FAVOR OF THIS. please share this screenshot of petition on [change.org](https://www.change.org)

thank you

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:15 PM

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Fwd: Petition in Favor as of 5 pm (this was online for less than 2 hours)

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Vita Ramos <vitaramos@gmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:09 PM

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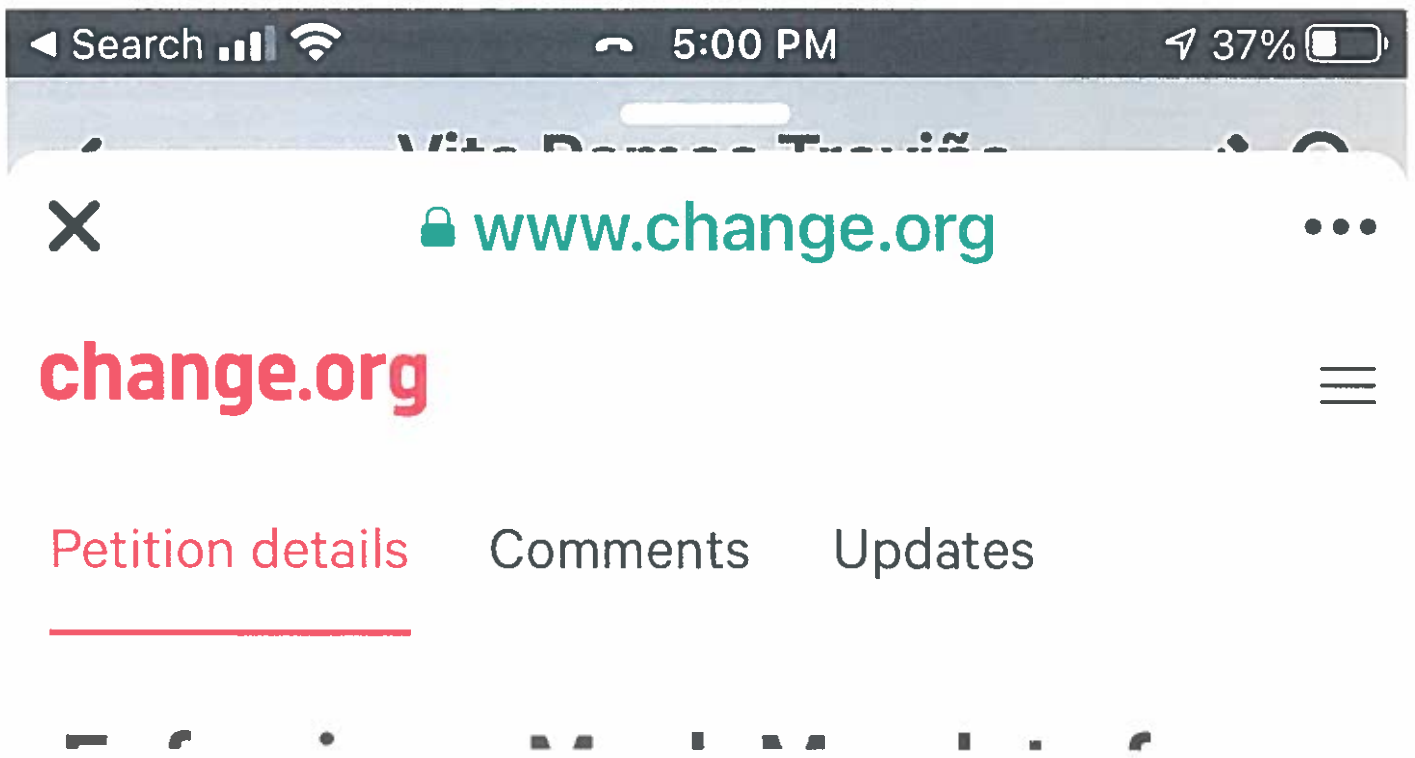


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From: Vita Ramos <vitaramos@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:01 PM
Subject: Petition in Favor as of 5 pm (this was online for less than 2 hours)
To: <grendon@uisd.net>



Enforcing a Mask Mandate for Laredo UISD August 2021

134 have signed. Let's get to 200!



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V Ramos signed this petition



V Ramos started this petition to city of Laredo and 1 other

The fact is that Covid-19 continues to present a risk to the health of the community and this risk has recently increased with the Delta variant.

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Cubre bocas obligatorio

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Silvia Gonzalez <silvia@govilogistics.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:07 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:06 PM Silvia Gonzalez <silvia@govilogistics.com> wrote:

Buenaa tardes!

Estamos a favor de que se use el cubre bocas obligatorio todo el tiempo en la escuela. Por lo menos los primeros meses hasta que bajen los contagios.

Fam Gonzalez

Estudiantes en UHS y UMS

Gracias!!

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Mask

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: michelleresendez39@gmail.com
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:10 PM

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM <michelleresendez39@gmail.com> wrote:

In favor of masks

Sent from my iPhone



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

A favor 2nda parte

2 messages

rocio reyna <rocioreyna77@hotmail.com>
To: "grendon@uisd.net" <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:43 PM

.e atrevo a co tarle q mi niña la mayor esta en united day escuela de paga
Y ahi entraron desde el 6 agosto
Ahi ya hay 2 contagio que yo sepa...y eso q ahí es obligatorio el uso del cubrebocas
Ahi hay 15 ninos por salón
Y solo 2 grupos por grado
Imagínese acá en escuela publica..y sin usar protection
Apoyo el uso del tapabocas
Nada nos cuesta

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Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: rocio reyna <rocioreyna77@hotmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:45 PM

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: A favor de la máscara

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: rocio reyna <rocioreyna77@hotmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:13 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:12 PM rocio reyna <rocioreyna77@hotmail.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes me es imposible acudir el día de hoy
Apoyo 100 % el uso del tapabocas
Por favor ayúdenos a lograrlo

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Uso de Cubrebocas en la escuela

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Ada Casas <adacasas320@hotmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:13 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:13 PM Ada Casas <adacasas320@hotmail.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes Mrs. Rendon,

Le escribo para informarle que firme la peticion para el uso de cubre bocas obligatorio en todas las escuelas especialmente United Middle School, estoy segura que si no se toman esas medidas nuestros hij@s corren mucho peligro, sabemos que no importa si estan o no vacunados, con las nuevas variantes todos estamos corriendo el peligro de contagiarnos y no es justo que nuestro Gobernador quiera imponer su forma de pensar y no respetar la vida de nuestros hijos y sus familias, estaremos orando para que con la ayuda de Dios ustedes puedan lograr que se respete la vida e integridad de nuestros hijos y de la comunidad entera.

De antemano muchas gracias

Adanelia Casas



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Uno de cubrebocas obligatorio!

2 messages

Maye Saad <saad.maye@gmail.com>
To: grendon@uisd.net

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:20 PM

Por el bienestar de la comunidad entera sin distinción política debe ser obligatorio el uso de cubrebocas. Sera la única manera de poder acabar pronto con la pandemia.

A menos que ocurra un milagro y el virus se acabe este fin de semana, pero como no es asi, lo único que puede ayudar es el cubrebocas!

Maye Saad de Cortinas

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Maye Saad <saad.maye@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:22 PM

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: mask on!

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Ana Cecilia Puente <cecypuente@me.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:25 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:24 PM Ana Cecilia Puente <cecypuente@me.com> wrote:
my vote is for all kids and faculty to wear a mask. I have kids in Alexander HS and CSBS.
Thank you



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Facemask mandate

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:25 PM

To: Martha Mejia <marthaluz_mejia@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:24 PM Martha Mejia <marthaluz_mejia@hotmail.com> wrote:

Ms Rendon,

I am in favor of mandatory face mask covering for students, staff and visitors in UISD as they are not eligible for Covid-19 vaccines yet.

Please do the right thing and protect our children.

Sincerely,

Martha Mejia.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In favor of mandatory facemask

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Claudia Roldan <klaudyae@gmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:25 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:25 PM Claudia Roldan <klaudyae@gmail.com> wrote:

I am in favor of mandatory facemask covering for all UISD students, staff and visitors. Specially where kids don't qualify as vaccination candidates yet.

Claudia Roldan



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: Board Meeting

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: salome cox <s.lopez.cox@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:26 PM

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:23 PM salome cox <s.lopez.cox@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello

I seek to petition that existing district funds be released and approved for remote option at today's board meeting but at the very least there should be a mask mandate.

Thank you,

Salomé Cox



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: A favor d uso de cubrebocas

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:26 PM

To: ERENDIRA RAMIREZ <ere_gonzalez@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:26 PM ERENDIRA RAMIREZ <ere_gonzalez@hotmail.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes, hago de su conocimiento mi total apoyo a favor del uso de cubrebocas en las escuelas, tanto de todo el personal, así cómo de estudiantes.

Esto con el fin de proteger la salud de mis hijos y de los demás.

Atte.

Erendira Ramirez

956-489-4948

Kinder, 3rd and 7th mom

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: In favor or mandatory facemask

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:27 PM

To: Erika Mejia <emejia13@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:26 PM Erika Mejia <emejia13@hotmail.com> wrote:

I am in favor of mandatory facemask covering for all UISD students, staff and visitors. Specially where kids don't qualify as vaccination candidates yet.

Erika Meji

Sent from my iPhone



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: FACE MASK REQUIREMENT - IN FAVOR

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Hector Trevino <hector.trevino02@gmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:28 PM Hector Trevino <hector.trevino02@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

To whom it may concern,

We have 3 kids at San Isidro Elementary and we are in favor of the mandatory face mask.

Thank you

Hector Trevino



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re:

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM

To: anamancerag <anamancerag@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM anamancerag <anamancerag@gmail.com> wrote:

A favor de uso se cubrebocas.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Mask mandate

2 messages

Rolando Michelangeli <michrolg@gmail.com>
To: grendon@uisd.net

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:35 PM

Sir,

As a member of the Community, I fully support a mask mandate for the schools. I feel that aside from being vaccinated, which is not possible with younger children, masks and distance are among our first line of defense against Covid-19 and should be utilized as much as possible.

Regards,

Rolando Michelangeli

Sent from my iPhone

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Rolando Michelangeli <michrolg@gmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:36 PM

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Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Face mask Requirement in FAVOR

1 message

Brenda Trevino <brenda.garzatrevino@gmail.com>
To: grendon@uisd.net

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:36 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a parent of a UISD elementary student, I am in FAVOR of the mandatory face mask requirement.
Thank you

Brenda Trevino



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

For masks in schools

2 messages

Jessenia Tapia <jess73b@gmail.com>
To: grendon@uisd.net

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:39 PM

Good evening Ms. Rendon,

I am writing as a concerned parent of a child not yet eligible for the vaccine. I'm respectfully asking that UISD makes it a requirement to wear masks as it is one of the very few lines of defense of those who unvaccinated. More and more children are becoming seriously ill with Covid, and we do not yet know the long term effects they might have because of it. The health of our children is worth taking a stand for!

Respectfully,
Concerned Parent

Sent from my iPhone

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Jessenia Tapia <jess73b@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:39 PM

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Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Uso obligatorio de cubreboca

2 messages

Humberto Trevino <hutrev@hotmail.com>
To: "grendon@uisd.net" <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:44 PM

To whom it may conserve:

We are in favor of mandatory use of face covers in schools due to the COVID pandemic
And the health crisis.

Thankyou

Humberto Treviño

Sent from my iPad

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Humberto Trevino <hutrev@hotmail.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:45 PM

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Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Mask Mandate

2 messages

Maria D. Carmen Linares Beltran <maria608791@icloud.com>
To: grendon@uisd.net

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:41 PM

As a former educator I am asking that a mask mandate be implemented for the safety of all staff and most importantly students. Many of the students do not have access to the vaccine so mandating masks is the only true measure of safety the district can provide to our students. They will be in enclosed classrooms for hours wearing a mask has been proven scientifically to help prevent the spread of Covid.

Respectfully
Maria Linares Beltran

Sent from my iPhone

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: "Maria D. Carmen Linares Beltran" <maria608791@icloud.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:45 PM

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To: Joe Rivera <joe.rivera@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: CSBS/UISD Mask's For Students

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Joe Rivera <joe.rivera@outlook.com>
To: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:59 PM

I meant to add one more thought. If it's not too late, please read this one instead. Thanks.

Good afternoon Mrs. Rendon. My name is Joe Rivera. I was told that we could submit our vote for masks via this email address. As the father of a fifth grader at Col. Santos Benavides Elementary, we want all children to be required to wear masks. I am an employee of one of the local hospitals and while I am not speaking for the hospital, I see on a daily basis how dire the situation is becoming with more and more infected everyday and our resources at both hospitals being taxed tremendously. Furthermore, we are also the parents of a twenty year old that was recently infected by COVID, who spent several days at home apparently improving but eventually had to be taken to the hospital via EMS. She spent five days there by herself because we could not visit her. She was discharged on Tuesday of this week. We are still having to monitor her to make sure that she does not relapse. This variant is not sparing younger folks. I know we are all exhausted by this past year and a half. We want normalcy, but this is not the time to lose sight of how dangerous this virus is. We vote yes to masks required by staff and students. Thank you.

From: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 5:53 PM
To: Joe Rivera <joe.rivera@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: CSBS/UISD Mask's For Students

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Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Pro Mask Mandate - Common Sense

1 message

Bernardino Cardenas Jr. <nino.cardenas2@gmail.com>
To: grendon@uisd.net

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:46 PM

Good evening,

UISD's own Mission Statement includes to "inspire all students to become responsible world citizens" what better way to inspire responsibility than by putting that into action. It's been proven that the second-best defense against Covid-19 are masks, the first is vaccination. Since we can't vaccinate our children, the responsible thing to do is to implement the next best course of action. Mandate mask, ideally vaccinate all teachers and staff. It's the adult thing to do.

Thank You,
Nino Cardenas



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Mask Mandate

1 message

Cesiah <cesiahgperez@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:51 PM

To: grendon@uisd.net

I, Cesiah Guajardo Perez, a retired UISD teacher, am concerned about our students not wearing a mask for the coming school year. In our city where the Covid pandemic is surging, our children should be protected by our school district! It is the responsibility of UISD district to ensure the safety of our children. All our children should wear a mask... As simple as that... our logo says it..FOR CHILDRENNOT For Abbott... Our CHILDREN's safety first!!

Sent from my iPhone



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

A favor del USO obligatorio de cubrebocas

1 message

Anahi Mireles <anamiflo23@hotmail.com>
To: "grendon@uisd.net" <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:52 PM

A favor del USO de cubrebocas obligatorio para todo el personal y alumnos durante horario de clase
Gracias
Obtener Outlook para iOS



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

A favor del uso obligatorio del cubrebocas en las escuelas

1 message

Paty Galvan <patita_84@hotmail.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:57 PM

To: "grendon@uisd.net" <grendon@uisd.net>

A quien corresponda estamos a favor de uso obligatorio de cubrebocas en las escuelas a causa de la pandemia y estado critico de salud en Laredo, Tx.

Gracias

Atentamente,

Patricia Galvan

Sent from my iPhone



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Comments for tonight's board meeting

1 message

Tricia Cortez <tricia@rgisc.org>
To: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:59 PM

Good evening Trustees & Superintendent –

We are the parents of a 6 year old daughter who will be a new student with the district at Col. Santos Benavides ES.

We urge you to enact a mask mandate at all campuses for students, staff, teachers, and administrators.

We entrust the well-being, safety, and care of our children into your hands. Given the significant uptick in COVID cases, so many of which are now affecting children, and given the science that shows the effectiveness of masks in slowing the spread of the coronavirus during this global pandemic, please do the right thing and enact a mask mandate when school starts on Monday.

Laredo is currently in the midst of a steep incline in COVID cases, and more than 20% of hospitalizations are COVID cases. UISD lies in the heart of this city.

This wave, statistically, will be the worst wave since the beginning of the pandemic. In the past, we have seen the success of mask wearing and social distancing on the coronavirus by dramatically lowering the number of cases.

As parents, we are excited at an opportunity for in-person learning and we want safety for our children in order to make this school year happen successfully. In following the trendline of this current wave, we need for you to act prudently and protect our children from becoming part of the majority of COVID cases in this city.

Please vote YES to enact a mask mandate tonight.

Respectfully,

Tricia Cortez and Joey Lopez Jr.

Tricia Cortez
Executive Director



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Mask Mandate

1 message

Ricardo Gonzalez <richie918@hotmail.com>
To: "grendon@uisd.net" <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:59 PM

I just want to ask you as the person in charge of the security and safety of our children while in schools, to please mandate masks at our schools. Our children right now are the most vulnerable and once someone gets sick at school, this pandemic situation is only going to get worse. We can't let political issues or even financial interest to be more important than a child's or someone else's life.



Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

in favor of face masks

1 message

Roxana Castro <roxmartinez@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 5:58 PM

To: grendon@uisd.net

Hello Ms. Rendon,

I am in favor of face mask coverings for students, teachers, staff and visitors.

I hope UISD can mandate their use while being at school in order to protect each other from this virus.

Thank you.

Roxana Castro



Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re: CAN A CAMPUS (OR CLASSROOM/CAMPUS AREA/ETC) BE DESIGNATED FOR CHILDREN THAT WILL NOT WEAR MASKS

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:48 PM

To: Linda Martinez <lindamtz02@hotmail.com>, Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:45 PM Linda Martinez <lindamtz02@hotmail.com> wrote:

My comments can be read at the meeting as follows:

I have two children, one in elementary school and another in middle school, both of them NOT of age to get the vaccine.

I firmly believe in our freedoms and understand the arguments presented by both sides - from people that are against the masks, and people that are for the masks. You see the statistics and it is clear that the chances of a child contracting the virus and becoming seriously ill are low, and there is a very high chance that they will overcome the virus.

However, the problem here is that the risk of your child to be the one that DOES contract the virus and DOES become seriously ill is TOO GREAT OF A RISK, no matter how small the chance, statistically speaking, and so much more in a community that is not medically ready to handle these cases. Unless you work in the hospital system, most people are not fully aware and do not fully comprehend the dire situation we are in as a community. We aren't even in a position where we can handle all the adult cases in our existing hospital system. **Not a single child's life is worth taking this risk that has a possibility of being deadly, no matter how small that percentage is.**

I have the following three questions:

1) Is it an option to designate a campus (or campuses, or area of a campus, or classroom) for persons that do not wish for their children to wear a mask? This way, both groups will be satisfied. All un-masked children will be together, and all the masked children will be together as well. This will alleviate the added stress for both sides.

2) Can there be an option to pay for whoever wishes to attend virtual classes? I understand that UISD is not providing virtual classes since TEA will not provide the funding for a virtual program, but can UISD provide a virtual option for a fee so that it can be feasible to have the program?

3) Why are we not able to re-allocate/transfer funds or adjust the budget for a virtual option, at least until the vaccine is available for our children, the way other school districts out of town have managed to do? This should be a priority given the current circumstances.

From: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:30 PM

To: Linda Martinez <lindamtz02@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: CAN A CAMPUS (OR CLASSROOM/CAMPUS AREA/ETC) BE DESIGNATED FOR CHILDREN THAT WILL NOT WEAR MASKS

we are exploring that option

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:10 PM Linda Martinez <lindamtz02@hotmail.com> wrote:

Thank you so much for your reply. I wouldn't mind paying for a virtual option, but I see your point about parents saying they already pay taxes. My other question is, why are we not able to re-allocate/transfer funds or adjust the budget for a virtual option, at least until the vaccine is available for our children, the way other school districts out of town have managed to do?

From: Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:02 PM

To: Linda Martinez <lindamtz02@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: CAN A CAMPUS (OR CLASSROOM/CAMPUS AREA/ETC) BE DESIGNATED FOR CHILDREN THAT WILL NOT WEAR MASKS

I cannot segregate mask wearers from non mask wearers.
We have not explored the virtual option for a fee. I don't think parents would want to since they already say they pay taxes.
Do you want me to read your comments at today's meetings?

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 3:55 PM Linda Martinez <lindamtz02@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Rendon,

I have a question regarding the usage of masks at school. I have two children, one in elementary school and another in middle school, both of them NOT of age to get the vaccine.

I firmly believe in our freedoms and understand the arguments presented by both sides - from people that are against the masks, and people that are for the masks. You see the statistics and it is clear that the chances of a child contracting the virus and becoming seriously ill are low, and there is a very high chance that they will overcome the virus.

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Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Re:

1 message

Gloria Rendon <grendon@uisd.net>
To: Angeles Montemayor <gelymontemayorglz@gmail.com>
Cc: Maria Salinas <axsalina@uisd.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:56 PM

Received. I will read your statement at tonight's meeting.

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On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 4:54 PM Angeles Montemayor <gelymontemayorglz@gmail.com> wrote:

Buenas tardes soy una de muchas Mamás preocupadas por la situación actual.
Ha sido un desgaste emocional para nosotros como padres y sobre todo para mis hijas. Ya que con esta pandemia dolorosamente han muerto muchos familiares y amigos nuestros. Y no queremos poner en riesgo nuestras vidas.
Espero en Dios se tomen las mejores decisiones para todos.

Bendiciones para todos.

Maria de los Angeles Montemayor