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 August XX, 2021

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Dear Sir/Ma’am:

My children attend XXXX school in the XXXXXX School District. We are concerned and upset about mask mandates and the negative impact this is having our children. We adamantly oppose the mandatory wearing of masks (and/or testing) for our children for multiple reasons:

First, there are multiple peer reviewed studies, of which are cited here, that identify the ineffectiveness of masks and the health risks, both physical and mental, to children forced to wear masks.[[1]](#footnote-1) The evidence (including peer-reviewed evidence) leans heavily toward masks having no significant impact in stopping the spread of COVID-19. In fact, it is now reasonable to conclude that surgical and cloth masks, used as they currently are, have absolutely no impact on controlling the transmission of COVID-19, among school children.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Second, it appears that the XXXXXXX County Health Department’s Order is arbitrary in that many other school districts in the State of Colorado are not requiring masks but merely recommending them. The Colorado Department of Health is not mandating masks, nor is the Governor, but merely encouraging, and this apparently based on CDC guidance, rather than on circumstances and conditions here on the ground in Colorado.

Third, all, to include children, have spent months now without masks in restaurants, grocery stores, sports events, on vacation, other events, etc., with little to no impact. There have been no new executive orders from the Governor or health orders requiring masks or lockdowns from the Colorado Department of Health. It is likely that if flu cases and their impact were monitored and tracked as COVID is, we would see a similar or worse impact. Bottomline is children are not significantly impacted by COVID or the Delta variant and fall into the category of a 99.7% recovery rate, e.g., a less than .5% rate of serious illness. Finally, a recent study by the CDC showed, “The study analyzed some 90,000 elementary students in 169 Georgia schools from November 16 to December 11 and found that there was no statistically significant difference in schools that required students to wear masks compared to schools where masks were optional.”[[3]](#footnote-3)

The letter from Superintendent XXXXX states the reasoning is the Delta variant and that it is more contagious, and that XXXX County is now considered “high risk.” Despite this, the XXXX school district in XXXXX County is NOT requiring masks.

Studies have shown that children are at little to zero risk of negative impact from COVID-19. Adults who have been vaccinated should not be concerned as they have allegedly been protected by a vaccine. Children’s health, physical and emotional, should not be compromised out of fear by others, and it is the choice of each parent to decide what is best for their child.[[4]](#footnote-4) Additionally, as the CDC has stated, the Delta variant is more contagious but less lethal and has less of an impact.

It is our intent to work with the school board to resolve this issue. If there is a logical reason as to why children should wear masks, and this reason outweighs the potential health risks to children, then we are willing to discuss. Absent a logical and realistic threat or emergency that outweighs the health and safety of our children, we are ready and willing to fight any mandate, especially arbitrary mandates not based on medicine or science and that are merely a kneejerk feelgood reaction. Additionally, if the mandate remains in effect, we will ask the superintendent, school and board officials seeking to enforce any mandate, to sign a health liability statement to take responsibility for any health ramifications that may occur because of the mandate.

Sincerely,

1. *See*, “HOW COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDELINES ARE HARMING KIDS,” <https://www.wakingtimes.com/how-covid-19-school-guidelines-are-harming-kids/>; “Are Face Masks Effective? The Evidence,” <https://swprs.org/face-masks-evidence/>; “Notice of Retraction. Walach H, et al. Experimental Assessment of Carbon Dioxide Content in Inhaled Air with or Without Face Masks in Healthy Children: A Randomized Clinical Trial. JAMA Pediatr. Published online June 30, 2021; [https://jamanetwork.com/searchresults?q=mask&allSites=1&SearchSourceType=1&exPrm\_qqq={!payloadDisMaxQParser%20pf=Tags%20qf=Tags^0.0000001%20payloadFields=Tags%20bf=}%22mask%22&exPrm\_hl.q=mask](https://jamanetwork.com/searchresults?q=mask&allSites=1&SearchSourceType=1&exPrm_qqq=%7b!payloadDisMaxQParser%20pf=Tags%20qf=Tags%5e0.0000001%20payloadFields=Tags%20bf=%7d%22mask%22&exPrm_hl.q=mask), and, “Facemasks in the COVID-19 era: A health hypothesis” (Stanford Study), <https://www.elsevier.com/search-results?query=Facemasks%20in%20the%20COVID-19%20era%3A%20A%20health%20hypothesis>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The CDC’s own recent conclusion on the use of nonpharmaceutical measures such as face masks in pandemic influenza, warned that scientific “evidence form 14 randomized controlled trials of these measures did not support a substantial effect on transmission . . . .” Jingyi Xiao et. Al, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention , Emerging Infectious Diseases, *Nonpharmaceutical Measures for Pandemic Influenza in Nonhealthcare Settings-Personal Protective and Environmental Measures,* Vol. 26, Number 5-May 2020.*See also*, Roger W. Koops, *The year of Disguises*, American Institute of Economic Research (AIER), October 16, 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. “CDC: Schools With Mask Mandates Didn’t See Statistically Significant Different Rates of COVID Transmission From Schools With Optional Policies.” See, https://fee.org/articles/cdc-schools-with-mask-mandates-didn-t-see-statistically-significant-different-rates-of-covid-transmission-from-schools-with-optional-policies/. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. “The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children.” See, Troxel v. Granville, 530 U.S. 57 (2000). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)