

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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Jason Solito 2/17/22 12:42PM

As you may be aware, truth has been coming out all across the United States, and the world as Countries lift the tyrannical covid mandates crippling economies, mental health, and sanity throughout the world.

The reason for this email is to share with you a few links regarding what is truly going on in California right now, and through out the United States. There are many organizations fighting for our children, and the right to choose whether or not to wear a mask or not. Almost two full years now of this tyranny.

We all saw the NFC Championship game, and the Super Bowl. We all watched 95% of the spectators mask less the entire event, amongst approximately 80,000 humans in an indoor setting for 4 hours.

My children have approximately 26 students in their indoor class give or take. It's appalling what continues to go on in our district, and the lack of standing up for our children from you all. The science is out. Even CNN and MSNBC is singing a new tune.

I ask you today to immediately move to mask choice through out the entire district.

We are currently preparing the children in our district to stand up for their right to breathe, like thousands of children state wide are doing now, with the support and protection of parents. They are all winning as well.

Here are a few links to watch, and to feel inspired to do what is right. We understand the CTA, and CFT are to blame for the lack of progress and common sense to this matter. Putting their own selves in front of the children. Thank God professionals like police officers, fire fighters, doctors, etc. do not do that.

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[Lawsuit — home](#)

Vanessa Chiniquy 2/19/22 2:00PM

I would like to request that the board vote to give kids, teachers and staff an option to mask. You can do this while following the letter of the law by telling everyone to mask but not punishing them or kicking them out for unmasking.

Please do as Amador CUSD has done by stating that "kids will not be removed from any school facility or school related activity or event" for not masking. Many other school districts have recently done this as well. We can do this at SRVUSD.

My kids and I beg you to help set them free from forced masking at school

Erin Tulley 2/21/22 5:15PM

Now that the adults aren't mandated to wear masks, and enough time has passed for children to get fully vaccinated, it's time to make mask wearing optional.

My 3 kids are at Vista Grande Elementary and we fully support optional masks.

Katie DeFerrari 2/21/22 7:00PM

Dear School Board Members,

This is the first time I've ever made a public comment in one of your meetings.

We can all agree that there is room for debate over the effectiveness of masks in the classroom. While I believe in the studies that show masks do little to nothing to prevent COVID transmission and can actually harm our childrens' social and emotional well-being, I respect that not everyone shares this view. Please let each parent choose what's right for their child.

Wendy Hagen 2/21/22 8:26PM

My name is Wendy Hagen. Maiden name Wendy Cox. I attended Greenbrook, Montair, Charlotte Wood, Venture, and SRV. And was a substitute in the district when I first graduated from UCLA. Now I am old and I have 3 teenagers living in my house eating all my food and calling me mom. I have a daughter at Charlotte Wood and a daughter and son at SRV. GO WOLVES.

MASKING CHOICE (agenda item 10.1)

I work for a local nonprofit and am in the classroom speaking to hundreds of students of all grades in this district each month. Two years in this pandemic now endemic, and it is time to see their faces. For so many reasons. I have spoken up online at one of your previous meetings about the mental health of our students and the need to get students back *in* the classroom primarily for mental health reasons. I am sure you have heard many

arguments as to why students should have mask choice and have followed the emerging studies and science supporting mask choice. So I won't bore you with that. But if you have not read about urgencyofnormal.com - check it out.

Just as giving the students the option of going back to in-person school was a huge step in helping our struggling students, it is my opinion that giving students mask choice is also a way we can support our struggling students. This is more of a conversation than an easy public comment so if you want to discuss this further with me, I would be happy to meet with you. And while I am passionate, I am not a jerk and I can probably make you laugh. So let's set it up.

Board members and Dr. Malloy, please answer these questions:

1. Can each of the board members state where they stand on mask choice right now and why. Please answer straight forward. "I support mask choice now." Or "I don't support mask choice at this time." If you want to explain why you do or don't, I'd love to hear it but don't skip part one where you are clear about where you stand.

2. Have you been talking to your bargaining units about their opinions on mask choice? It is apparent that whatever the unions want greatly sways the way our board acts so I would like to know if they have expressed their desires on this topic to you.

VACCINE MANDATE:

Have any of you read the SB 871 vaccine mandate bill? It is not just requiring children to have covid vaccine to attend in person school next year. It requires ANY future vaccine that the government deems appropriate. Please use your voice to speak up against this bill and allow all children to have an in-person education even if they have not had the covid vaccine and whatever new vaccines the government comes up with in the future. When my daughter had an adverse reaction to the Tdap vaccine, the government was not there to take care of her, it was me and my husband. And we decided not to get the next Tdap shot based on that reaction. For some reason, it is near impossible to get a medical exemption or any exemption for the Covid vaccine.

Yes, there are mandates in place for current vaccines for school, but this Bill is presenting a whole different ball game. And it is wrong. It is government overreach. And it is not driven by health or science.

This should be a choice parents make for their children based on their risk, their living situations, their families, their medical histories.

Board members and Dr. Malloy, please answer these questions:

1. Will you speak out against SB 871?
2. Will you stand with the other districts who have said they will not enforce this mandate if it comes into play?
3. Are you prepared to see thousands of students leave the district if you enforce this vaccine mandate?
4. How many licks do you think it takes to get to the gum part of a blow pop? (Thought I would break things up because these meetings get boring and sometimes tense).

Thank you. I know you care about our district, our community, teachers and students. You have a hard job. But also, do the right thing :)

Ulani Brownridge 2/21/22 8:31PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello. My name is Ulani Brownridge and I am writing to advocate for mask choice in SRVUSD. I am the mother of a 3.5 year old who attends a preschool in Danville. You may ask why I even bother to write in, seeing as I don't have a horse in this race just yet. However, I feel that anyone with a child should have an opinion in the matter.

My daughter has lived her entire memorable life in the era of COVID. She has never once been able to recall a smiling nurse at her doctor's appointments there to ease her worries. Never has she been able to remember the same checker at the grocery store every week who gives her a sticker. Most importantly, she has never been able to look upon the smiling face of her preschool teachers for comfort, validation, and the knowledge that she is in a safe and happy environment.

This is not about a political party, religious belief, or even public health. This is about the welfare of our children. Any person with a shred of common sense can take a look at the last two years and agree that universal masking for schoolchildren just doesn't make sense. Constant changes to CDC recommendations in regards to vaccines, masking, and even the virus itself can lead anyone to question it. Even our own government officials don't seem to deem the virus a great enough risk at this point so much so that they attend packed arenas and socialize mask free.

At the end of the day everything comes with risk...flying in an airplane, going to a sporting event, going to school....we naturally do everything in our power to mitigate that risk. But at what cost?? The mental, emotional, and social intelligence of our children? I am writing to say ABSOLUTELY NOT. Wearing a mask in school should be a CHOICE.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts,

Craig Smith 2/21/22 9:25PM

I'm writing tonight as I cannot make the meeting tomorrow. I'm writing to request that our school board make the right decision to unmask our kids. We have unmasked our entire community, the kids are playing sports, going out to eat with friends and families all unmasked. But for them to go back to school they have to be masked. It does not follow the science.

Kids are not overly impacted by the virus. They can be a carrier but so can someone who's fully vaccinated and boosted. We are not opening up the community to any additional harm by masking the kids at school. The only harm we are doing is emotional and psychological. Our kids are not second class citizens of this community.

I believe you need to vote accordingly and unmask the schools.

Brian Roberts 2/21/22 11:21PM

To Whom it May Concern,

This is my first time interacting with the school board- I'm not usually the squeaky wheel, but I do feel passionately about this issue and my views are grounded in training and evidence. I was encouraged to provide a public comment ahead of tomorrow's school board meeting and decided I should indeed add an additional informed voice to the discussion. I'm a parent of 2 children currently attending schools in the district, and a 3rd who will be starting next year. I'm a sub-specialized double-boarded physician and a biomedical researcher - I develop medications and run clinical trials for a living (including for life-threatening pediatric diseases), and I also still see patients periodically as a volunteer and adjunct faculty member. Based on the comprehensive data, on balance I see little reason to continue mandated masking policies in school and would encourage you to move to immediately make masking optional, which will still serve the needs of all individuals. I am happy to provide expanded rationale if you are interested, but for now simply wanted to add to the public comment and make my voice heard, in hopes that you will move toward removing mask mandates.

Lizz Ballough 2/22/22 5:57AM

Hello,

We have children at SRVCA, SRV, and Stone Valley. Please stop masking our kids. These children cannot learn while wearing masks. They are having their childhood destroyed. We have the power as a district to make choices. Allow masks to be optional. Do what is right for our children.

Jennifer Park 2/22/22 6:07AM

Masks should be a choice for kids. They are a choice in all other aspects of public life. The real danger to these students is no longer Covid. Denying them their right to choose while the public flaunts theirs is cruel.

Please allow MASK CHOICE.

Diana Burnside 2/22/22 6:49AM

To SRVUSD Board and Admin,

I am a mom in the district and an RN, MSN who supports mask choice for our kids. They have paid the price for the pandemic long enough, and we know that cloth masks do nothing to stop the spread of omicron. We also know the omicron wave is subsiding and lastly we know that vaccination rates are high in our county and the risk of severe covid is almost zero to children.

Please do the right thing and let our kids be free! Their mental health, social skills, learning opportunities and joy depend on it.

Michelle Jefferies 2/22/22 6:52AM

Hello,

I want to forward this information. Please please make sure to read it prior to your decision. The mental, emotional and social health of our children depend on your decision. Thank you.

Children, COVID, and the urgency of normal:

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Please take a look at the last 4 slides regarding school masking.

Two parts I wanted to highlight:

Change the focus to supporting students' mental, emotional, and social health. Avoid escalating mask rules or other COVID policies. More restrictive policies increase fear & falsely convey that schools are unsafe. This increases harm to student mental health, which can have major detrimental effect.

New York Times quote: "We should make masking in schools voluntary rather than mandatory. Masking was a necessary inconvenience early on and in short stints was fine. But to think that two years of masking has no impact on socialization, learning and anxiety is shortsighted. Kids are resilient but not endlessly resilient."

Laurie Campbell 2.22.22 7:38AM

As parents, we are tired of waiting on public health to determine the best path for our kids! I believe mask choice should be implemented ASAP to return these young students who are not at risk to some normalcy.

I am a mother to a third grader at Sycamore Valley elementary and a sixth grader at Charlotte Wood middle school. My youngest daughter, Carleigh, was recently diagnosed with a speech disorder and I know that this is due largely in part to the unjustified mandate of putting our children in masks while they sit at school for over six hours a day trying to learn. She's working with the district speech therapist who has to try and work on speech patterns while both she and my daughter are masked! This is WRONG on so many levels.

You are failing our students everyday that this nonsense continues. The time is now to do what is right and stand up for our kids.

Christina Jue 2.22.22 8:04AM

It's been more than two years - the Emotional detriment and social and commutative development delay of wearing masks for five+ hrs a day to our children outweighs any misguided claims of health benefits that is gained. I challenge you all here at this meeting to wear masks all day and see how it affects your life. The kids wear them willingly because they are told to do it by us adults and it is misguided - we are not doing the right thing by them anymore.

Srvusd is not following state or CAPH guidelines as these are recommendations not the law. You are not following the science at this point- it's been two years, those who can and want to get vaccinated are. At this point in the pandemic it should be a choice for all students to wear masks at school. Thank you

Ted Madge 2.22.22 8:08AM

I support mask choice for schools. Thank you.

George Schramm 2/22/22 8:41AM

It's time board. CDC is now holding back research data on COVID because, in their words, "public could miss interpret the data...." Very clear that the data is favorable and they don't want us to see it. Republican or Democrat doesn't matter. It's very clear this is no longer an entity that we can take guidance from. You've heard all the arguments. You've seen our state leaders maskless at the Super Bowl and championship game. Mask mandate is gone for everyone except for kids who everyone knows is the least dangerous population for this virus. How my kids are safe going maskless at a restaurant or a movie, or while playing sports or out with their friends, and they're not safe sitting at a desk in school is absurd. Do you really think masking them for 8 hours a day controls the virus? What do you think they're doing when they're not in school? Out all over the place maskless with their friends.

My son is a Senior and so far he's attended 1.5 years of "normal high school". Freshman year and half of sophomore year. That's it! 1.5 years and he's graduating this June. That's madness. It's been long enough. Horrible that I'm hoping for 4 months of normalcy for my graduating senior which if granted will still mean he'd only have just under 2 years of normal high school. Time to stop following this horrible guidance once and for all and allow "Mask choice" for our students. Finish this year NORMAL for the sake of the kids.

I used to offer this thinking as making a tough decision for our kids. Now it's totally different. This is by far the easiest decision ever with so much backing and data to support it. Time to lift the mandate and allow Mask Choice for our kids.

Stefania Pisanu 2/22/22 9:24AM

Dr. Malloy and Members of the Board,

I hope you all had a great President's Day break. My family enjoyed finally being able to have mask choice. My son was so happy to go shopping maskless for books at Barnes and Noble, for a new baseball bat at Dick's sporting goods store, and had a great lunch at a restaurant with grandma. Wonder where he can't go maskless tomorrow? School. Please tell me how this makes sense. I've heard so much talk about equity from this Board, but where is the equity in allowing adults to unmask while children are forced to wear masks all day? After two years of data it is clear that kids are at less risk from Covid-19 than vaccinated adults, so kids should be the first to unmask, not the last. I understand students' health comes first but so does their mental health which is more at risk than Covid with every masked day that passes. Schools are safe, kids are safe, we don't need to wait until our Governor's next update which could postpone unmasking for many more weeks. Take the lead and allow for optional masks without punishing the kids for wanting to breathe.

Roseville Joint SD

El Dorado SD

Rescue Union SD

Buckeye Union SD

Latrobe USD

Placerville USD

Gold Trail USD

Black Oak Mine USD

Eureka USD

Rancho Santa Fe SD

Amador County USD

Sierra Unified SD

Poway Unified SD

East Nicolaus High School and

Nevada Joint Union High School District

have found ways to enforce the mandate without reprimanding kids who decide not to mask. The time for our district to do the same is now.

Chelsea and Chris Patmont 2.22.22 9:49AM

Hi my name is Chelsea.

My first grader attends Rancho. He asks when he doesn't have to wear a mask almost everyday.

These bacteria laden cloth masks not only don't work they are preventing our kids from learning and are abusive to force on these babies! It should be choice!

Please end this mandate before we have to take our kids out of school. I won't participate in this child abuse much longer!

Cathy Silzle 2.22.22 11:07AM

Just a short note to advise that, as a parent of a high school student in SRVUSD, I am comfortable with the District and the Board's continuing position on COVID protocols. Over the past 1-2 years, the District has been consistent in its position, to follow local and state mandates and guidance, and do no more than is asked, but also no less. I believe this approach has served the District and all of its constituents well, to protect the health and safety of all students, teachers, and staff, because it allows those with expertise in infectious disease to develop the necessary protocols for public safety. I would not be in favor of any change in direction in this regard.

Cindy Almeida 2/22/22 11:11AM

Dear San Ramon Valley School Board and Superintendent Malloy,

I am writing as a concerned parent regarding the continued use of masks in our schools. The science has now shown that masking children causes far more harm than good. It is impacting our children's ability to learn, understand social cues, self-esteem and ability to interact with others. I can tell you that my once confident daughter who has danced in front of hundreds of people is now more comfortable hiding her face behind a mask. She is almost 13 and we all know how fragile a young girl's self-esteem is at this age, and it breaks my heart to see her feel more comfortable hiding behind a mask. I am asking that you stand up with other school districts against Governor Newsom and allow parents to choose if their child will wear a mask.

In addition, I also ask that you stand up to Newsom and the state legislature against the proposed vaccine mandate for children to attend school. We know children recover extraordinarily well from COVID, should they get it, and the overall recovery rate from COVID is over 99%. This virus is not as deadly as politicians have led us to believe. Other states, with low childhood COVID-19 vaccine rates, have dropped mask mandates in schools and they have not seen a huge uptick in COVID cases (we would have heard about it!). California is the ONLY state trying to push vaccines on kids and it's not right, it is simply just political.

Please show your support for our children, and parents, and stand up to California politicians and support parent choice for masking and vaccinations.

Laura Hennon 2/22/22 11:46am

As a teacher and parent in our district its time to remove the masks on our children.

The timeline has gone on too long. When mandates were dropped our children should have been first.

It does not matter if the children are vaccinated or not as all children can unfortunately get Covid. All parents have had the option at this point to vaccinate. For those who choose the wear masks to protect themselves , they can do so. They rest of us need to move forward with life in a healthy manner.

Masking children at this point when all others are out and about in the community with the choice to mask or not to mask is disgusting and needs to be changed IMMEDIATELY.

Julie Rieth 2/22/22 1:04pm

Dear Board,

This is a comment of appreciation for the consistency of SRVUSD in following county and state health guidelines for our schools. As a parent, it helps me make decisions for my students and family within the known parameters and expectations that the District has told us it will follow.

The District and Board have been consistent in their policy and messaging to constituents and has thoughtfully gathered public opinion through a variety of forums in the past. If the Board were to implement any new direction or policy regarding its approach to public health guidelines, I would hope that appropriate notice and forums for opinion would be generated and advertised at a District-wide level before making changes that diverge from its messaging of the past 18+ months.

Leslie Shumate 2/22/22 1:41pm

There is no reason to have our kids wear masks. Please allow families to choose if they want their kids to be masked or not.

Mariana Graupmann 2/22/22 1:42pm

My name is Mariana Graupmann and I am a mother of two children enrolled in the SRVUSD.

I am writing to request that the SRVUSD board write a letter of resolution opposing SB871.

I am strongly opposed to this legislation. The Bill does not account for natural immunity, denies parents the right to personal belief exemptions, and mandates a vaccine that is still under emergency use authorization. According to the CDC, the "death involving covid" rate for children under the age of 18 in California is .0007%. This does not constitute a state of emergency which would necessitate a mandatory vaccine for children, especially since we now have ample proof that vaccination does not stop anyone from getting or transmitting COVID. Parents should have the right to choose whether or not they allow this emergency-use vaccine with no long term studies to be given to their children. To do otherwise is unconscionable.

When LAUSD tried to enforce a covid vaccine mandate for students without allowing for exemptions, they had more than 34,000 students who chose not to get vaccinated, and had to enroll in a virtual school. This overloaded the capacity of the online program, which did not have the infrastructure to support this much dissent. LAUSD backed off and delayed the mandate implementation. This would likely happen to school districts statewide, especially since the bill includes children of preschool age and up.

Districts around the state are beginning to put forward letters or resolutions to oppose SB871. I ask that the SRVUSD Board of Supervisors does the same.

Vickie Hutchins 2/22/22 2:33pm

Good evening Trustee's-

I am pleased to see that Governor Newsom has followed suit with other states around the country and relaxed masking mandates. Please share with me why schools are not a part of this equation? As a parent and teacher, I can personally attest to the fact that schools are not, nor have they ever been a "high risk" environment. Data from other states without such restrictions supports this truth. The masks the majority of students wear do not protect from respiratory illness.

If I am being forced to mask my children, you should have to identify a measurable benefit for continuing to do so? Please advise?

Jody McCord 2/22/22 3:52pm

My name is Jody McCord. I'm a former SRVUSD teacher, private tutor, and frequent school and extra-curricular volunteer.

I'm writing today to share my concerns about the continued practice of masking.

We, parents, were told that students were safe in school during the COVID pandemic phase as they were the least susceptible and transmissible age group. Now that we have entered the endemic phase of COVID, with over 80% of the county is vaccinated and the fact that the public has been okayed by the state to participate in daily activities without masks, why are masks still mandatory in the SRVUSD for students?

The CA Dept of Health has put the decision to maintain or suspend masking protocols in the hands of each district. Can you please explain why over a dozen CA districts have deemed masking no longer mandatory, but SRVUSD has yet to do so? What is our district waiting for in order to permit the option to attend school without masks?

Additionally, on the topic masking, I want to share a bit more of long-term concern for the continuation of mask use. One area that is not addressed nearly enough is that masking hinders linguistic development with regard to articulation for our youngest classroom learners, English language learners of all ages, and also for those in middle school and high school who are taking foreign language courses. In fact, the CDC moved benchmark milestones of speech acquisition for toddlers due to developmental delays because of masks. Mask use is preventing growth potential for all ages. Further, considering the number of staff members at the high school level who are non-native English speakers in core subjects like math or science, mask use creates an additional barrier in auditory learning with those teachers who already speak with accents or unfamiliar American terms at times. We are doing a serious injustice to our students and staff under these conditions.

My final thoughts here are simple. If it's safe for our community to be without masks, according to the state, and our children are very much a part of the community, then I would like to assert that our children deserve the right to attend school without physical hurdles that impede developmental and academic potential. The time has come for students to show their smiles at school again!

Thank you for the opportunity to share today.

Debbe Hanleigh 2.22.22 4:38pm

Masks should be a choice for all students and staff. We know the "science" of masks is proven not to protect against Covid. So science is not the issue. What is the issue? I encourage all of the Board Members to stand up for our children and partner with parents to enable them to choose how to best protect our kids from further harm. Our kids have been masked now for 2 years. We have no idea on what future effects could result from this, both physically and to their mental health.

This is a medical system that is being forced upon on children. We know kids are very rarely affected seriously by Covid. We have seen many other school districts in California make masking optional. Why is SRVUSD different?

This is not political. It doesn't matter what side of the aisle you are on. Our children are our greatest hope for our future and we "ALL" need to protect that. Do not Stand by. Be Brave! We the parent's will have your backs. Do what is right. You know it is the right thing to do.

Make masks optional.

Gina Cummings 2/22/22 4:44pm

I am a registered nurse with my Masters of Science in Nursing and Public Health with an emphasis on Clinical Nurse Leadership. I obtained my Masters in 2012 from The University of San Francisco. In one of the courses we were required to take, we discussed the day a pandemic would come that would impact/kill at risk patient populations such as those patients with diabetes type II, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia and Chronic Obstructive pulmonary diseases. While we waited for the world to catch up and understand this virus and when Covid hit in March of 2020, I began following the information coming out of Italy and one of the first research articles confirmed what we now know to be true, this patients population with pre-existing co-morbidities is MOST AT RISK for developing severe implications from a covid-19 infections. Our children are NOT. Over the past two years, in California 64 children have died from complications resulting from Covid-19. Children are the least at risk patient category yet we treat them like they are vectors for disease. Our children, while the world tried to get COVID-19 under control complied made reasonable adjustments to their normal life. They've distanced learned, they socially distanced, they've cohorted, podded, they'd masked they've vaccinated and now they are being used as political pawns and sacrificed their 36-38 hours a week in classrooms living a "new normal" that has got to go. The teachers unions are using our children as political pawns.

For the past two years, us as parents have protected the at risk while the hospitals and medical personnel figured out staffing needs and therapeutics. We have all endured, but our children have been left behind. Learning curves have changed, speech delays have risen and a mental health crisis is spirally out of control with young women and men developing anorexia, depression and in some cases suicide. We knew this in the Spring of 2021 and continued to push fraction measures upon our children here in this State while children in school in other states enjoyed a truly normal childhood. OUR children are harassed at school to keep masks over their nose instead of focusing on curriculum. They have been continually threatened to go to the principals office if their mask is not properly donned, which in fact we know the CDC states the cloth and surgical masks DO NOT PREVENT TRANSMISSION OR INFECTION BY AEROSOLIZED viruses. We've spent the last two years using and ineffective intervention and NOW we are still implementing an intervention that at this point is ONLY CAUSING HARM. In medicine, we take a hypocritical other, DO NO HARM. What we are doing to these children is harmful, unfair detrimental to their overall well-being. For those parents or students who would like to wear a mask, One Way masking with a n95, a mask that ONLY PROTECTS the wearer is the best option at this point. In addition to this point, surgical masks worn improperly, like in the case of young children, used as tissues, and chew devices, ONLY CREATE ANOTHER VECTOR OF DISEASE - meaning it creates another portal of infective type. We have created a false sense of security with universal masking in the schools. There is no increased safety happening, only a false sense of security, harassment, segregation and distraction from learning. Please allow freedom of choice when it comes to wearing a medical device for 6+ hours a day 5/days a week.

Allison Nunez 2/22/22 5:08pm

For public comment:

I urge the district to take care of the emotional and mental well-being of our developing youth. The emotional, psychological, and social damage masks will be causing our youth is alarming. This mandate to put our beautiful, able bodied children behind masks has no merit, while adults walk freely without one. As my kindergartner grows up to be a young adult, he will lack the facial interactions and connections that are necessary for success in this world. Please stop this discriminatory mandate on our children!

Elisha Perez 2/22/22 5:31pm

Good Evening

I am also a parent that is looking to have my children not wear their masks at school. If they are least likely to get it and most of them don't. I don't see why they need to endure this any further.

I believe it's hindering children socially as well as a whole slew of other anxiety, depression and mental health issues.

One of my children has a speech delay. Wearing the mask is hurting his progress. He cannot see peoples mouth to for the right pronunciation. He can't be seen and evaluated on what he is doing.

As for my daughter. She wears glasses and with the masks is having a hard time. She's straining her eyes to focus and breathe so the mask doesn't fog her glasses and is starting to have migraines.

These are just a few examples of my children. I know many more with other issues especially mentally and socially at such an early age.

We want to set an example. If I don't need to wear mine.. why do they? Let them be kids. If our government can go to the super bowl with thousands of adults and no mask. I think our kids can go to school without it.

I know you are all working hard for our children and I pray we can find a solution for this issue.

Tara Roenbeck 2/22/22 6:34pm

Our children are not thriving as they should with these masks on. Connection happens through actually seeing (and hearing) one another. Masks are unsanitary and are not worn properly. Throughout the country, many states have been mask free for months!!! Children need to have an actual childhood, masks take away from allowing them to be carefree and are a constant reminder that they need to be

afraid. Children should not be walking around with this on their mind.
Speech delays are running rampant
Anxiety and depression are high
Connection with others is low

It's time to end this madness!

John Sweeney 2/22/22 6:35pm

You the school board have decided that our kids should go to school all day, every day wearing muzzles like rabid dogs. I have listened to arguments for masks and I've noticed that they're missing a few things, namely, evidence, data, science, common sense, and basic human decency.

COVID poses almost no risk to our kids at all. Over 4.2 million children have tested positive for COVID. A total of .008 percent of them have died. What about the flu? The CDC estimates that 480 kids died from the flu in the 2018-2019 season.

That's more than a die from COVID in a year and a half. Now, did anyone on this board suggest at any point that year that kids wear masks? Did anyone in this room suggest that at any point, anyone wear masks for flu?

Which, again, if you get, is more dangerous to kids than COVID. That's a fact! Do you know what it's called when you force your children to wear masks for fear of a virus that poses almost no threat to them? It's called Child Abuse!

You want to look up a disease? Look up Munchausen by Proxy, because that's what this is. Now, do any of you know what sort of psychological damage we do to children by forcing them to cover their faces, teaching them that the air is toxic, that everyone around them is sick.

To deprive them of the ability to see each other's faces. Do you know what kind of damage that does? Have you thought about it? Have you wondered about the health effects that force the kids to breathe through sweat and spit and dirt-soaked rags every single day? Are you sure that there are no health risks? Do you know what the effect is on children developmentally if they're not able to read each other's facial cues?

What about learning to read and they can't see the teacher enunciating the words?

What does it do to a child's developing immune system if you ask to wear a mask all day and every day?

You're satisfied to place this burden on children anyway. And why? It's not to keep them safe. It's not to keep the adult safe. The adults can all get vaccinated if they want.

No... You do it to make yourselves feel better and to protect yourselves politically.

It's a disgrace and you should all be ashamed.

Breanna Rainey 2/22/22 6:37pm

My name is Breanna Rainey, and I have 3 children in the SRVUSD.

Our families learning challenges are different than most, but not unique. With both of our twins being diagnosed with autism, speech therapy is integral to their progress and for their overall success not today, but for LIFE. I ask you; do you think our children are getting the maximum benefits of their therapies if they can't see their SLT's mouth? If they can't understand that an "F" sound doesn't start like the letter "B" because they cannot see that. If they can't read expressions and try their hardest to interpret tone? If they are made to feel like their peers will make them sick, when they are only now at 6 coming out of their "shell" and not clinging to their parents in every social setting?

1/3 of their life has been during these "Covid" times. They have only been in-person again for just over a year. It breaks my heart to know that they would be SO much further along if we weren't locked up, away from resources for over a year.

2 weeks turned into 2 years, and we must do better for all of our children in this district, especially those handed a challenge in life already.

Please; do as the other districts in California have done and go against whatever state/government agencies that are still masking our future; my babies. I beg you to give them back their life.