

School Mask policies

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To all Board members and Superintendent Winters

In light of recent news and in addition with all of the information Mr Cross sent to you regarding mask studies, I believe your next meeting is a great time to vote to remove the mask mandates. It is clear that they do not work and that is especially true when it comes to children.

I put forward that you put forth a resolution to remove the mandates leaving the option to wear a mask to the individuals on March 2 and make the policy effective on March 3.

Whereas

* Governor Jay Inslee announced on Feb 17, 2022 that he will be largely ending Washington's indoor mask mandate for Schools no later than March 21.

* WAC392-117-080 which was implemented by The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction on 25 August, 2021 which gives up to 20 calendar days for compliance with Proclamation 20-19 until the the OSPI can withhold an LEA's (Local Education Agency) monthly apportionment payments.

Since there is a 20 day margin to correct any non-compliance to a Proclamation. This has a 15 day first notice and a 5 day follow up notice, knowing the Mandates (which members of this board agree are no longer scientifically effective) are ending March 21st there is ZERO risk of a potential financial risk from the State OSPI.

You may be aware that Washington State is one of only 5 States in the nation with a Mask mandate. Some States like Florida have done extremely well even though they have been fully open since August of 2020. Even the Representative from New York Alexandria Cortez has taken trips there for relief from the masks. Our cases have peaked and have been falling. There is overwhelming evidence that people including those enforcing these mandates like the Los Angeles Mayor not forgetting to mention everyone at the SuperBowl are done with this. We know it is unnecessary and it causes stress and anxiety for many. There is really no reason to wait any longer to show good will to the community and express that you care about these children by letting families and adults decide what is best for themselves.

Thank you for your taking the time to volunteer to work on the board and represent the community. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to us and consider what is best for the children and the families.

Respectfully,
Dan Smallwood