



# North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore

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## Wake County Schools Announce They Will Lift Mask Mandate in Coming Days

**Raleigh, NC**— Today, less than a day after the North Carolina House passed the Free the Smiles Act in a veto-proof, bipartisan vote, Wake County Public Schools announced they will lift their mask mandate for students.

Rep. Erin Pare said, **"Today's announcement that Wake County Public Schools will no longer require masks on our children is great news for Wake County families. The announcement came less than a day after I voted with my colleagues for the 'Free the Smiles Act,' which would give parents the choice whether or not their child wears a mask in school."**

She continued, **"Parents should be making these decisions, not politicians and bureaucrats. This announcement is long overdue."**

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