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Please share this with the board members (and audience if possible) at this evening's board meeting regarding masking of children.

Hello, my name is Carol Breslin, and I have two great-nieces that attend Menomonie schools.

Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to me, and for the work that you are doing to ensure that our students receive the quality education that they need and deserve. I truly do appreciate it!

I no longer have children in school, but this is not the first School Board Meeting that I have attended in the last several months, as I have become increasingly concerned over how the public school system is affecting our most valuable resource – our children.

My concern this evening focuses on the health of our kids – both physical and emotional. I have worked with children for the last 40 years in many roles – childcare provider, Sunday school teacher, nanny, sleep consultant, etc., and in that time, I have paid particularly close attention to the subject of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, because 33 years ago, I lost a niece to SIDS, so I'm more sensitive to the dangers than someone who has not been affected by it.

Since the "Reducing the Risk" and "Back to Sleep" campaigns were introduced in the late 80's, early 90's, there has been a reduction in the average number of deaths per year of 73 – 83% - this is HUGE, and nearly every single recommendation of these campaigns has one thing in common – avoiding the pooling up of Carbon Dioxide near the face and rebreathing it.

My point in talking about this is that we are now asking our kids to wear masks for hours on end, essentially trapping the poisonous Carbon Dioxide next to their faces and mouths. How can this be considered safe? In my strong opinion, it can't. On August 9th (2 weeks ago), Dr. Fauci said in an interview that "Hopefully, making young kids wear masks won't have a Lasting Negative impact on them." How is this OK? Where are the long term studies? There are none! I realize that Doctors and Nurses say they wear masks all day and they're ok, but their bodies and their brains are fully developed – our kids bodies and brains are NOT! Why are we willing to risk their physical health for a virus with a 99.997% survival rate among children ages 0 to 19?

Doctors and scientists have been unable to determine why infants die of SIDS, but they have successfully reduced the occurrence by 73-83% by reducing the amount of Carbon Dioxide being breathed in.

I'm also very concerned about the emotional well being of our kids. I currently nanny 3 children, two of which are school age, and this is VERY hard on our kids – they don't know whether they're coming or going. They're always waiting for the other shoe to drop. They know they're powerless against this – they love school, they love their teachers, they love their friends, and they love predictability and stability. All of these things have been taken away from them in the last 18 months.

They were given no notice when they moved to distance learning in March of 2020, they worked through it. They were adaptable. They were strong. For the last 18 months, they have gone with the flow, and now they're done! They know that it doesn't make sense when they were notified on a Tuesday evening that they would not be able to attend in-person learning for 2 weeks because of "close contact" on the bus the previous Thursday. This means that they were on the bus and in the classroom with their peers on Friday, Monday and Tuesday, but now they're a danger? Again, for a virus with a 99.997% survival rate! The 9 year old looked at me and said "If we're still wearing masks and doing all this in a year, I will kill myself". This got my attention, this should get your attention, this should get EVERYONE's attention!

It's time for us to stand up for our children. It's time to listen to them and advocate for them. In every board meeting I have attended recently, I have noticed that the majority of parents and the majority of school board members do realize that masks are not good for our kids, they're just afraid to stand up and say it.

I'm saying it. Please get these masks off our kids faces and let them breathe fresh air and run and play and be who they were meant to be.

Thank you.

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