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Covid public health issue

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I did not anticipate ever again having to speak or write to the School Board, or to all my politically elected representatives at all levels, however, I feel I must speak up about the safety of our children, our families, and our communities.

It is a no brainer to me that we all are here for the same reason, or at least need to be, to effectively and quickly mitigate this pandemic which has the world in its sights! The new variant is many times worse than the first virus, and all unvaccinated people, especially the young who cannot get vaccinated, are vulnerable now.

Please help us by following the science as the most conservative path. We know what we need to do, we have done it before, let's do it united, as these are immediate and clear public health issues. By wearing masks, respecting social distancing and getting all vaccinated, we are giving a clear message to all, in every gathering. There really is no other choice. Just like polo, small pox, SARS, Ebola, HIV, and many other epidemics, it is important for all to follow the science. This new variant is another game changer, for the entire world population, not just locally. We must get ahead of it by stopping it. To do otherwise is irresponsible, and extremely dangerous for everyone. Millions of lives are at risk if we do not. Stout begins a total mask policy today. The rules are changing and changing fast. Many businesses know that the safety issue is critical for keeping staff on the job, AND actually getting customers in the door.

Our children need to be in school, it is our job to keep them, the staff, and the community we live in safe. This is not a choice issue any more than allowing a drunk to drive is a choice in our civilized society. Thank you for considering this.

In optimism,

Dennis Spader