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Please accept the below letter from my daughter for public comment re: K-12 universal masking

Dear School Board,

My name is Fiona Georgakopoulos. I am a middle school student who took virtual classes last year due to the pandemic.

Virtual classes were hard for me and my family, and if I had felt comfortable, I would've preferred to attend regular school. I would love to go back to school, I miss friends and classes, but we will most likely not attend school this year if a solid masking protocol isn't put into place.

I am asking that masks please be required this school year. Masks have been shown to help reduce covid 19 cases, and while they aren't perfect, it seems obvious that you should do everything you can to help prevent sickness. Data shows even those who are vaccinated can carry the virus, but mask wearing does significantly reduce spread and hospitalizations. If people are extremely opposed to wearing masks, they should remember that the health of potentially an entire school is more important than 6 hours of slight annoyance. While some could argue that this is a matter of personal freedom, you could be actively removing the option of going to school for students with compromised immune systems. Having freedom means being responsible.

In short, if you can save a life by wearing a mask, why would you not?

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Fiona