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I am writing to vocalize my support for allowing **each parent to choose** whether or not to mask their children at school.

All school administrators and faculty in my school district (Park Hill) have been given paid time off to take the vaccine, and all the evidence suggests that children are still not susceptible to serious complications if they do acquire Covid-19, nor are they major transmitters. ***It is not now, nor has it ever been, our children's burden to bear. IT IS CRUEL TO FORCE THESE ON CHILDREN 8 HOURS A DAY, WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO NOT BE TRANSMITTERS OR SUFFER SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS.***
There are so many negative unintended consequences regarding all day mask wearing at school, including but not limited to:
* Increased anxiety
* Increased feelings of isolation
* Lose of emotional connection with teachers and other students
* Risk of infection from masks - masks can be breeding grounds for bacteria, mold & fungi which can weaken the immune system
* Teachers' focus on enforcing mask use when they should be focusing on teaching
*Clothes masks do NOT significantly reduce transmission of the airborne virus & provide a false sense of security

Please let each family make the best decision for their children - **DO NOT MANDATE MASKS , ESPECIALLY AT SCHOOL.**

Let them ***breath fresh air & smile joyfully*** at each and their teachers.

Please read the attached article, which I think makes some great points and references studies that are persuasive evidence as to why MASKING IS WRONG and we should STOP THE MANDATES NOW!

https://claremontreviewofbooks.com/the-masking-of-america/

Thanks for your dedication to the school district and for taking the time to hear concerned voices from the community.

Sincerely,

Doni Edwards