

Dear school committee member,

As you know, millions of parents around the country have major concerns about Covid-related health policies directed at children attending public schools, especially masking policies. At the outset, I wish to voice my appreciation for the personal sacrifices associated with volunteer public service such as yours, and the expertise that each of you brings to what is an essential—and sometimes a thankless—task. You have been entrusted with the great responsibility for the care and education of our children, as well as the well-being of teachers, staff, parents and volunteers who are involved in school activities.

The purpose of this letter and its attachment is to acquaint you, if you are not already aware, of international codes of humanitarian behavior (e.g., the Nuremberg Code) that must be respected when experimental medical procedures are imposed on children, such as the required wearing of masks throughout the school day. If you continue to enforce mandates that require the wearing of masks, I believe that you will be in violation of the Nuremberg Code. For that reason, I have attached a notice of violation to this email. Please understand that your individual harmful actions or failures to act may not be protected under the umbrella of committee membership and participation, even if these actions have been authorized by the MA Department of Education or some other administrative or regulatory body. As an individual, it is your responsibility to adhere to the humane practices required under the Nuremberg Code and similar codes intended to protect the integrity of human beings.

At a minimum, I would respectfully suggest that all masking mandates be suspended pending further study and public review of the risks and benefits. You are also reminded that informed consent must be requested of the parents who are the legal guardians of these minors in your temporary care, and that parents have a right to refuse to allow their children to be masked as a condition of attending public school.

Again, I deeply appreciate your public service. We all share the goal of providing a safe and supportive educational environment for our children. I raise these difficult issues because the physical and psychological well-being of children is at stake. I hope that you receive this letter in the spirit of collaboration that I offer it.

Respectfully,  
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