

January 28th, 2022

Dear School Board,

I am personally seeing that there is a lack of focus and lack of engagement, disrespect, there's definitely some bad student behavior. The reason for this is the masks. The masks are making a bad impact on the students the longer it gets dragged out. The masks are affecting the whole school district, including the staff. They need to fix this. It's causing mental health to be very bad, causing bad things to happen at home during quarantine (intimate things, abusive behavior). Masks should be an option the students make with their parents. We should get rid of the masks in the school because it's been dragged out too far too long. To add to that some of the highschool and kids themselves are vaccinated too so I don't really see the problem of actually getting rid of them and making them an option.

This will be in concern of the masks and how they are affecting young children/teens, By causing their mental health to be bad they also can be missing big events, Not only that there's also Changes in daily routines for students. According to the CDC they stated "some children may have been increasingly exposed to child abuse and neglect, intimate partner violence at home, and sexual violence." The CDC has also mentioned that "parents need to reach out to mental health services for their children if any of that has happened to them." The CDC also had talked about how children/young adults could be missing out on big life events due to covid. Children/young adults also could be having a loss of safety and security. The CDC stated that "Young children living in families that are experiencing economic difficulties may feel unsafe. They may have inconsistent access to healthy foods, safe transportation, and housing." In conclusion of this paragraph, masks are causing mental health to be bad in young adults and children, because they have been exposed to things that they can not control themselves.

This will be in concern of how masks should be optional. According to a recent interview with Pat Scott from the town office in Lunenburg, Vermont. Scott states "I feel like masks should be optional because they are not really helping and most students in New Hampshire schools are vaccinated too." Scott also stated, "It's your body, your choice, you should be able to make your own choices." This evidence shows that she is telling us from her perspective how masks should be optional. They are affecting students by how they are not used to wearing them and now a lot of students get bugged by them because they get itchy if your face gets too hot. She also thinks that students shouldn't have to wear them because it's your body of choice. This relates to my topic because my topic is masks and how it's affecting kids/young adults and I can personally see how everybody feels and how it's hurting our mental health.

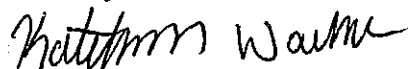
This is in concern of how we shouldn't have masks because most New Hampshire schools don't have to have masks on. According to WMUR hundreds of schools don't have to wear masks.

They are optional for whomever feels they need to wear one. This evidence means that we should get rid of masks because it's telling us how almost all New Hampshire schools don't have to wear a mask. Not only that we are a New Hampshire school and it's affecting the students in the sau district because we all hate the masks we want to breathe, we want to see each other's smiles and our mental health is gone. WMUR also shows a list of the schools around us that don't have to have masks and it's also optional there. I also wanted to point out how the staff is getting sick of them too they don't want to wear them just as bad as we don't either but they have to follow the rule where they have to keep reminding and telling kids to pull their mask up because if they don't they could potentially lose their job if somebody higher up finds out about that.

I can see where you guys have noticed that the school should keep masks on except when eating and drinking, because of the transmission rates and concern for children and young adults getting COVID-19. According to the CDC they had stated, "CDC recommends universal indoor masking by students, staff members, faculty, and visitors in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools, regardless of vaccination status, to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19." This was back in July/August. However this supports my claim because it all ties into why masks should not be on during school because it was dated to be gone in july/august. I understand that the transmission rates are not good but not as bad as they were but they really need to go because again the CDC had stated that back in July/August.

The masks are a really big problem that you need to address and fix because of our mental health and how things at home while quarantined could be causing problems too for example sexual abuse, abusive with words. They could also be missing life events like I had stated about my uncle because of COVID we could not attend my uncle's burial. You should consider fixing the mask issue in our school because it could help our mental health and make students and staff happy again. In conclusion I believe masks should be optional in school. Do you ever consider how your students feel? Do you feel you're doing the right thing? Because you want what's best for your students right? Attached to this letter you will find a petition that the students had signed and had agreed with this letter. Please consider listening to your students and how they feel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katelynn Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Katelynn Walker

A quote to consider:

“Mama,build me another world.

A world with all my friends.

A world where people have a whole face.

A world where my grandma stuffs me with apple pie again and takes me in her arms when I have a stomach ache.

A world where I can play on the playground again.

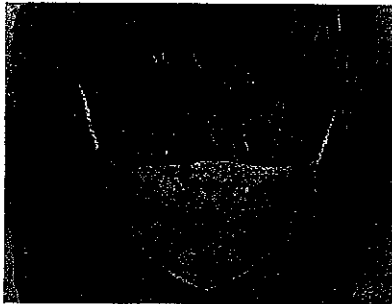
A world where I can celebrate my birthday again,go to sports or music school.

A world where people look forward to each other again and are not afraid of each other.

A world in which I can be a normal child again.”

-Author unknown

Image that was connected to this quote when I found it:



Mask Mandate Petition

For my Humanities 11 project, I am protesting the mask mandate. I believe that masks should be optional at school because a lot of students and staff are vaccinated. Over 100 schools in New Hampshire no longer have mask mandates, according to WMUR. If you agree with my cause, please sign your name below. I will send this petition to the school board once I get enough signatures, since they are in charge of the mask mandate.

#	Name	Signature	City/state	Date
1	John	JOHN	NH	1/24/22
2	Wyatt	Wyatt	NH	1/24/22
3	Barbara	Barbara	Lunenburg, VT	1/24/22
4	Paris	Paris	NH	1/25/22
5	Brandon	Brandon	VT	1/25/22
6	Faith	Faith	VT	1/25/22
7	Lizzie	Lizell	NH	1/25/22
8	Faith P.	Faith	VT	1/25/22
9	Keshi	Keshi	NH	1/25/22
10	Brandon W	Brandon W	Whitefield NH	1/25/22
11	Joseph	Joseph	VT	1/25/22
12	Tiffani S.	Tiffani	NH	1/25/22
13	Michael	michael	VT	1/25/22
14	Liviga	Liviga	VT	1/25/22
15	Liz	Liz	NH	1/25/22
16	M/O G	M/O G	VT	1/25/22
17	Grace	Grace	NH	1/25/22
18	Alyssa	Alyssa	NH	1/25/22
19	Mina	Mina	NH	1/25/22

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20	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	NH	1/25
21	Mohit	Mohit	NH	1/25/22
22	Hannah Smith	Hannah Smith	NH	1/25/22
23	Jaylin Bennett	Jaylin Bennett	NH	1/25/22
24	Kaiter Davis	Kaiter Davis	NH	1/25/22
25	Madison Crane	Madison Crane	NH	1/25/22
26	Marissa	Marissa	NH	1/25/22
27	Kaylee D	Kaylee	NH	1-25-22
28	Nathan S	Nathan	NH	1-25-22
29	Sean Dwyer	Sean Dwyer	NH	1-25-22
30	Mariyah Bair	Mariyah Bair	NH	1-25-22
31	Spencer M	Spencer Martin	NH	1/25/22
32	Benjamin Hall	Benjamin Hall	NH	1/25-22
33	Jaden Szary	Jaden Szary	NH	1/25-22
34	Jazmyne Chase	Jazmyne Chase	NH	1/25/22
35	Felicia	Felicia	NH	1/25/22
36	Leanne	Leanne	NH	1/25/22
37	Brianna	Brianna	NH	1/25/22
38	Miranda	Miranda	NH	1/25/22
39	Morgan	Morgan	NH	1/25/22
40	Edith	Edith	NH	1/25/22
41	Brody	Brody	NH	1/25/22
42	Ryan	Ryan	NH	1/23/22
43	Lavin	Lu Bente	NH	1/25/22
44	Cole	Cole	NH	1/25/22
45	Skylar	Skylar	NH	1-25/22
46	Jaylin	Jaylin	NH	1-25-22
47	Aubrey	Aubrey	NH	1-25-22
48	Robert	Robert	NH	1-25-22