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COBB COUNTY DELEGATION – CHAIRMAN

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Re: Inquiry

To: Chris Ragsdale, Superintendent of Cobb County Schools

CC: Randy Scamihorn, Jaha Howard, Leroy Tre' Hutchins, David Chastain, David Banks, Charisse Davis, Brad Wheeler

Superintendent Ragsdale,

I first want to wish you and the team at Cobb Schools a successful 2021-2022 school year. I understand this is a very challenging time and I appreciate all the work being put into our scholars' success.

I have heard from several parents about the change in mask mandates and the inability for them to change their attendance preference after that decision was made. When parents were asked to decide on virtual or in-person learning, the spread of COVID-19 was on the decline and Cobb Schools mandated mask wearing by everyone inside the school. 2 weeks before the school year started, the mask mandate was lifted but parents were unable to change their selection.

Considering the current transmission levels, the outbreak in Cobb Schools (King Springs Elementary), and the guidance from the Director of Cobb Public Health that everyone in schools be masked, some parents would likely make a different choice than they made 3 months ago.

Can you please explain why the decision was made not to re-open the attendance choice and if there are any plans to do so?

Please send a response.

Regards,

Representative Erick E. Allen
Chairman of the Cobb County Legislative Delegation