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In regards to Emergency Directives 028 and 038, which state that face coverings are required for all students in grades K-12:

Real time data, leading world-class doctors, and numerous studies all confirm that children should not be wearing masks. The data is simply not there to support mask wearing in children in any way, shape or form. Data also confirms that children are experiencing an UNPRECEDENTED mental health crisis at this very moment. We cannot continue to ignore the immense mental health destruction being seen not only across the nation, but in our very own backyard. Making people feel comfortable and quelling unwarranted fear is NOT a child's job. Forcing children to wear masks should not be justified by this rationale. The question should not be, "If I can make one person feel more comfortable by wearing a mask, why wouldn't I?" It should be, "If I can help the mental and physical health of one child by not forcing them to wear a mask, why wouldn't I?"

Currently, there are over 50,000 doctors and scientists who have signed a petition against lockdowns and masking our children. From psychologists and epidemiologists to immunologists and every field in between, thousands of esteemed doctors are fighting against the child abuse found in draconian lockdowns and masking our kids.

Dr. Martin Kulldorff (Harvard Professor of Medicine, epidemiologist, expert in infectious disease outbreaks, who has been cited over 25k times in Google Scholar): "To think that masks give good protection is essentially a fallacy...Children are at a very low risk for mortality from this disease and they don't spread it very much. There is no reason why small children should have to wear masks. Young children need to see expressions and to be able to breathe properly."

Dr. Jay Bhattacharya (Stanford Medical School Professor, epidemiologist, public health expert focused on infectious disease, who has been cited over 10k times on Google Scholar): When asked why Fauci originally stated that masks were not needed, and then switched to saying that everyone needed to wear one, Dr Bhattacharya stated, "Panic....people changed their minds and the academic community changed its mind. But it didn't do so in a way that was purely evidence driven."

In regards to masking children: "How do you teach a child to read with face masks on Zoom?" Bhattacharya asked. "Children develop by watching other people, and I think it's developmentally inappropriate and it just doesn't help on disease spread." He goes on to state, "I think that masks not only have not been effective, but have been harmful."

Dr. Sunetra Gupta (Oxford professor, epidemiologist, infectious disease monitoring expert whose methods have been used around the world, cited 25k times in Google Scholar): "In terms of masking children, it seems absolutely obvious that that is psychologically deeply damaging."

Dr. Scott Atlas (Stanford University Professor in Chief of Neuroradiology, Robert Westend Senior Fellow of Health Policy at Hoover Institute of Health Policy): "There's

no scientific rationale or logic to have children wear masks in schools." He also spoke about states with strict mask mandates, stating, "There was no evidence that a mask mandate was effective in stopping the cases from spreading."

Today our children are facing a nationwide mental and physical health crisis, and we continue to allow it. We can no longer deny the real time data showing schools without masks to be no different in spread than schools with masks. We can no longer deny the multiple respected studies done and used for years by physicians showing masks to be ineffective. We can no longer turn a blind eye to the real time worldwide data showing states like Florida and Texas doing no worse, and oftentimes significantly better than states with extreme mandates and lockdowns.

My children currently have to wear a mask every time they go to school. In just 2021 alone, they have inhaled pathogens from a mask for over 300 hours. If a student is wearing a blue medical mask, it is very possible that they have been breathing in formaldehyde and microplastics. Cotton and other material masks have their own special concoction of chemicals. 300 hours of breathing in pathogens and whatever chemicals are on the fibers. 300 hours of not seeing facial expressions. 300 hours having their breathing and speaking impeded. 300 hours of psychological harm all when the data has never been there to support masking our children.

Please use your positions of authority to stand up for both the mental and physical well-being of our children, and help to put an end to the practice of mask wearing in our state's charter schools.