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To: SPCSA Public Comment

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Comments:

I am speaking to you as a mother and former educator to urge you to look into the multiple studies concerning children and masks as well as the true numbers/facts concerning children and Covid. I am aware you are basing your recommendations per SNHD recommendations which are based solely off case numbers, but do you also know the rate of recovery? Do you know how many of those cases were actually serious among the under 18 demographic? Do you know the CCSD case metrics for the past two weeks?

The COVID-19 school guidelines passed down by the CDC all across the nation are unnecessarily harming our kids, they have been wreaking havoc for nearly 18 months now. We know so much more now than we did even six months ago. Many doctors, scientists, and children's psychologists have been warning about the damage being done to our children mentally and psychically, yet it seems here we go full steam ahead (or backwards in my opinion) doing things such as masking and now vaccinating our least vulnerable population.

The CDC has flip-flopped on its position several times since March of 2020, leaving many confused and leading them to do their own research which is abundantly available by credible doctors, scientists, and psychologists. Now the CDC is recommending once again that children wear masks all day long in schools, despite the fact that these practices are not evidence-based and there is no longterm safety data on such practices. Moreover, of the small amount of children who contract COVID, only 0.00%-0.19% of children are dying from it. Credible international reports suggest that children are at extremely low risk of harm from COVID, with a 99.99% recovery rate. In fact, scientific studies show that the virus is almost entirely transmitted by adults. There are multiple studies now confirming this, also many concerning the relative ineffectiveness of cloth masks.

When the benefit of a medical intervention is in question, it is crucial to consider the potential harm. Social isolation through mandatory school masking causes substantial harm for children. For kids, there's nothing more important than facial expressions, according to a world-renowned psychiatrist and medical ethicist Peter Breggin, M.D. Being in a masked environment, isolation, or quarantine isolation goes contrary to that.

Let alone the health risks ineffective cloth masks pose to our children such as bacterial infections.

In past pandemics, we have trusted parents to make responsible choices for their children—choices like keeping kids home when they're sick or choosing to mask or vaccinate in this case. The presence of a novel virus that barely affects children is no reason to remove parental choice. Nor is it a valid reason to experiment with novel medical interventions that have not been adequately studied for long-term safety in children and where the "benefits" clearly do not outweigh the already multiple documented harms.

I urge you to reflect on the multifaceted damage that we are inflicting on our children and to move our state forward by putting kids first. It's imperative that we restore trust in our communities — and place that trust back where it belongs; with parents.

As a mom and always a teacher the saying:

"Know better, Do better"

keeps coming into my mind regarding all these policies and changes. We now absolutely know better information and the harm we have caused by not stepping up and doing what is right by our kids, now it's our responsibility to actually do better for them.

Thank you for your continued leadership during these unprecedented times. Please immediately support policies to lift harmful COVID-19 guidelines in our schools and return our kids' learning environments to normal. There comes a time when the insanity must end, we have absolutely reached that crossroads concerning our children and these policies and practices that are doing more harm than good. I am hoping for our leaders to do what is right, the time has come.

Thank You.

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