
From: russ gronert
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:23 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to student masking.

Follow the science.
Russ-Reno

From:
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:27 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No mask for children

This is Stephen Trumble.

Stop involving children in a third world political struggle. personal choice dictates that people should wear the mask if they are compelled.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Wrangler
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 2:03 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Face coverings vs face mask

Hi!

I was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a previous commitment. However, i am watching the broadcast very closely.

Thank you for the conversations. It is greatly appreciated to have people with differing opinions be able to discuss hot topics and be civil.

My thoughts with face mask vs face shields. I was watching Trustee Church during the meeting. I fully understand why he is wearing a face shield. However, his hands were constantly touching his face and in the vicinity of his breath. He would needs to hand wash or Hand sanitize about once every 10 seconds. With students regardless of age you would also have to watch for hands in mouths (and wiping on their clothes). Also, a face shield is not going to stop a sneeze or snot or a cough. Face masks keep hands farther away from touching skin on faces, snot, and exhaled germs. Face masks are more effective which is why face masks/face coverings are defined.

Food for thought: there was not one cold or illness that went through my classroom last year. Not one. It was AWESOME!!!

I don't enjoy wearing a mask. I really don't think anyone does. My students didn't like it but we had very frank discussions on why they are necessary right now. I think safe is better than sorry. I think protecting students is better than not. As we know, Covid is mutating. We don't know if it will change again and attack our children. None of us can tell the future.

Not everyone likes wearing a seatbelt. But the law requires it because it saves lives. It doesn't matter if you disagree with it, you get a ticket if you are not wearing it. We are in the same situation with face masks. You may not like it, but it most likely saves lives and keeps most people healthy (agreed, there is a science for everyone). But people say "what about my rights!" And "I have rights" when told they have to wear a mask when they do jot want to. Well....what about my right not to be exposed to Covid if one of those people is positive and they know it or not? What about my right to be protected as much as possible from a pandemic?

Just some thoughts. Back to watching the meeting.

Wrangler

From: Allison Raymond
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 8:45 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NO MASKS

WCSD,

You should be ashamed of yourself, STOP masking our children. This should be a choice and I have no plans on sending my 5 year child to school with a mask. I see the majority of parents are against masking our children, do you not listen? This must be a choice and you have no real scientific evidence that masking our children makes a difference. This needs to change!

Disappointed parent

From: Allison Raymond
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 10:40 AM
To: "publiccomments@washoeschools.net" <publiccomments@washoeschools.net>
Subject: NO MASKS

Dear Washoe County SD Board:

I'm a mother of a 5 year old attending Kindergarten this year. I do not consent that the school board regulate my child or any children's status on masks, and allowing families to make their own decisions. Children deserve to go to school without masks.

Allison Raymond

From: Marika Moore
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:06 AM
To: Taylor, Angela
Cc: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Mandatory Concerns for letting my kids go to public sch

Good morning and thank you Ms. Taylor,

Many of us watched you all and appreciate your input. However, the Governor is wrong and wouldn't it be nice when he is removed from his illegitimate power that you were part of the good side?

I was on the news yesterday. I prefer not to be publicized but mama bear is done and I will stop at nothing to protect my children. It's mind blowing to see how so many people are brainwashed into thinking masks are a new great accessory. Pleasing those poor neurotic souls won't help anyone. Of course they can mask up all they want but no one should be forced to. And it won't save them now or in eternity.

I'm not afraid because God is in my side and the Governor and his cronies are nothing compared to HIM.

<https://www.ktn.com/clip/15240167/mask-mandate-in-schools>

Children will be pulled from the corrupt system thus fall if masks move forward in August 9th. Good will prevail. Common sense will prevail.

Thank you all.

Best,

Marika Moore

On Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 3:30 AM Taylor, Angela <ATaylor@washoeschools.net> wrote:

Dear Ms. Moore,

Thank you for your email regarding COVID-19 and the upcoming school year. As you may know, updated guidelines were released by the Governor's office this week, requiring specific actions by the Board of Trustees.

According to Tuesday's update from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Washoe County is currently deemed as having substantial or high transmission. The CDC recommends that everyone, including fully vaccinated individuals, wear a mask in public indoor settings in counties with substantial or high transmission.

To allow communities and businesses in counties with substantial or high transmission time to implement the new requirements, Governor Sisolak issued Emergency Directive 047, which allows a three-day grace period to implement the new State mask mandate, meaning that Tuesday's updates from the CDC will formally go into effect on Friday, July 30, 2021.

We are seeking further clarifying information on Directive 047 as it relates to school aged children, prior to its implementation. At that time, we will release any additional guidance that may impact our actions moving forward.

I very much appreciate the studies and information that you and other members of the community have shared on the varying views pertaining to the COVID-19. I recognize that there is not consensus. Please be assured that the Board of Trustees takes this issue very seriously and recognize that there is no decision we can make that will meet the desires of everyone. We will continue to review the COVID protocols and actions bi-monthly, as a regular agenda item during our Board meetings in order to be responsive to changes in State directives and community conditions.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Angie Taylor

(On behalf of the Board of Trustees – all bcc'd)

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Dr. Angela D. Taylor, President

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"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." **Derek Bok**



DAILY REMINDER

- **Wear Face Coverings At All Times**
- **Maintain Social Distancing**
- **Wash Your Hands & Use Hand Sanitizer**
- **Help Keep Our Facilities Clean**
- **Perform a [Self-Screening](#) every day before school**



Washoe County School District

From: Marika Moore

Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 11:06 AM

To: "Taylor, Angela" <ATaylor@WashoeSchools.net>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mandatory Concerns for letting my kids go to public sch

Good afternoon and thank you for your service Ms. Taylor:

My name is Marika Moore. I am a business and property owner in Washoe County. I have 2 children. I have a Masters degree from the University of Nevada Reno in political science and international relations. I've traveled all around the world working at schools and US Embassies, teaching at the University, and as a case worker for people with disabilities and seniors...

I come now concerned as a mother who may choose to homeschool my kids this fall. I had hoped to move forward with public school. However, if you enforce masks, crt curriculum or forced vaccinations I will homeschool them.

Here are 47 scientifically proven studies showing the ineffectiveness of masks for Covid. No excuses. Quit it with the masks. It will take a righteous spirit and spine to stand up for the truth. I hope you have one.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/47-studies-confirm-ineffectiveness-of-masks-for-covid-and-32-more-confirm-their-negative-health-effects>

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marika Moore

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Marika Moore

From: Mary Beth Collins
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes to mask mandates

Dear School Board,

Doctors and scientists are telling us that mask wearing keeps people safe. Public health officials across the country and across the world are confident that mask wearing keeps people safe. You have a responsibility to keep children safe and staff safe. Experts are giving you clear guidance on how to minimize the spread of COVID. Yet your conversation in the last board meeting led me to believe that you may cave in to the requests of the loud protesters who keep taking over your meetings. Please listen to experts, not a handful of angry people who show up in person to protest.

You are in charge of teaching our children science. You influence whether our children trust their doctors. How can I tell my son to trust her pediatrician when the school board is actively expressing distrust in the advice coming from local pediatricians and the AAP? If you don't follow the advice of our public health officials, what a sad example you'll be setting for my son and all children in the district.

Please keep our children, teachers, staff, and community safe. Please keep the mask mandate in place for everyone on our school campuses until community transmission levels drop substantially.

Thank you,

Mary Beth Collins
District Parent

From:
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:32 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Masks

Our children are a very low risk of getting COVID. Wearing a mask all day is not good for their health or their well-being. Mask wearing does more harm and does not stop COVID.

Cher Daniels
89436

From: Morabito, Joe
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Read, Breanne; Church, Jeffrey; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Calvert, Jacqueline M; Nicolet, Diane M; Biersdorff, Debra
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Speaking Out Against CRT and 1619 Project

It is time for all school board members, administrators, and teachers to speak out publicly against Critical Race Theory and 1619 Project racist, Socialist, Marxist, revisionist Fake History and make it very clear that there will be no mention of White Privilege, shaming of White Children or staff members and or calling All White people racist Oppressors by anyone within the school district as part of the overall Social Justice Curriculum. We need to hear each Board member take a position on this critical issue that is sweeping the country. Failure to do so is implicit support for this racist ideology and shame on you if that is the case. JM

P.S. Board members who fail to take a position against this racist ideology will be targeted for removal in the next election. It really is pretty simple. We can't tolerate racists, or racism of any kind from people in office and or from district staff members. Teaching children to hate other children is just wrong. We need to bring people together not divide us further with this racist Identity Politics.

Joseph Morabito SCRP
President/CEO
Paragon Global Resources, Inc.

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From: Christine Johnson
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Observing classes

I would like to be able to sit in on classes with my grandson occasionally to observe what is being taught. What are the guidelines for parents/concerned citizens to observe public school classrooms?

Christine Johnson

From: Everly Stousland
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Jon Stousland
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No teaching of CRT in Washoe County.

As a parent and taxpayer in this County since 1980, I would like my voice to be heard.

I oppose all teaching of CRT or any related principles of CRT in WCSD, especially for our children in grades K-6.

Please, do not teach critical race theory to our children.

Thank you,

Beverly Stousland

From: Elizabeth Eisenhower
Sent: Sunday, August 8, 2021 4:15 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For meeting Aug 10

Please stop telling OUR children to mask up and fear COVID, when they are 99.997% likely to recover from it IF they get it. Let us as a nation heal and move on. Enough is enough! No more mandates on our children. This is unfair to them. Let them be kids.

Elizabeth

From: Annunzio, Casey
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please turn on Public Comments

It's really disturbing to see the Public Comments turned off.....Why the lack of transparency? Do you all not like what is being said? We as parents have the right to question your every move when it comes to our children. This is not a good look! Please turn those back on immediately. Also I've checked this daily are you only turning these public comments on right before the meeting as to limit what parents and the community has to say to you? It's alarming at best and is proving a lot of parents right about the concern for their kids with the lack of transparency going on.

Board of Trustees

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Aug. 10, 2021

Starts at 2:00 PM

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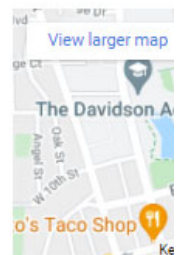
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Sincerely,
Concerned Parent

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From: Cristyn Russo
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mask Mandate Guidance

Hello,

I would like to know if the school district has budgeted for the distribution of PPE due to the new mask mandate. If some families are burdened by the cost of providing basic necessities, like food, for their children then it is also an undue burden to require masks and should be provided by the school district.

From: kathie julian
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item on Emergency Directive 048 -- full support for Board and District Adherence to Masking Requirements

Dear Board Members:

As a health and safety conscious citizen of Washoe County, I fully support the Board and District efforts to adhere to the requirements for masking under Emergency Directive 048. This is critically important until such time as we can get our youth fully vaccinated and get these Covid-19 variants under better control.

Thanks for all of your efforts.

Kathie M. Julian

Incline Village, NV 89450

From: Christa Rossi
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 6:09 PM
To: BoardMembers; McNeill, Kristen; Biersdorff, Debra; Public Comments
Cc: Rossi, Christa
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Agenda Item 4.04

Good evening,

I'd like to implore you, the Nevada Department of Education, and the Governor to revise your stance on mask requirements for children in school. I have messaged the Governor through the online system and understand you can only make requirements more restrictive than what he directs and not less. I'm asking that in your meetings and reports to the Governor and his team that you advocate for unmasking students and vaccinated teachers using some of my points below.

I do not think you understand the negative impacts of forced mask wearing for children. You say the science says or you're following the directives of the Governor. However, in a recently article published by the Wall Street Journal they found only 1 retrospective study on the question (mandating mask wearing for children), and its results were inconclusive.

Authorities in many places took the cue to impose mandates in schools and elsewhere, on the theory that masks can't do any harm. As a mother and educator I disagree. Masks do harm.

Ireland's Department of Health announced that it won't require masks in schools because they "may exacerbate anxiety or breathing difficulties for some students."

According to the Wall Street Journal article, "Some children compensate for such difficulties by breathing through their mouths. Chronic and prolonged mouth breathing can alter facial development. It is [well-documented](#) that children who mouth-breathe because adenoids block their nasal airways can develop a mouth deformity and elongated face."

In addition to this there have been many other difficulties children and adolescents face because of mask mandates.

- "People with myopia can have difficulty seeing because the mask fogs their glasses." *I had a student last year who has glasses and struggled everyday with his glasses fogging to the point he would ask to remove his glasses instead of his mask.*
- "Masks can cause severe acne and other skin problems." *I didn't have students with this problem, but can you imagine the embarrassment older children and some adults may face because of this?*
- "By increasing airway resistance during exhalation, masks can lead to increased levels of carbon dioxide in the blood." *This is called hypercapnia. Hypercapnia can cause headaches, dizziness, fatigue, and serious complications such as seizures and loss of consciousness. Is this something we are willing to have happen to our children?*
- Masks can be [vectors for pathogens](#) if they become moist or are used for too long.
- The discomfort of a mask distracts some children from learning. *While my kindergarten students and own children can wear masks better than most adults. They are constantly touching or chewing on them. Often times they will chew on them to the point of needing to get a new one from their backpack, office, or clinic. Not only is this not hygienic but reduces the time they are learning and is a huge distraction.*
- "Facial expressions are integral to human connection, particularly for young children, who are only learning how to signal fear, confusion and happiness."
- "Covering a child's face mutes nonverbal forms of communication and can result in robotic and emotionless interactions, anxiety and depression. Seeing people speak is a building block of phonetic development."

I have stated in my last 2 emails the following: *Mask requirements restrict peer interaction and limit language development. Having a mask covering a teacher's face limits a child's ability to see how certain sounds and words are formed. It limits their ability to hear clear directions. Having a mask cover children's faces limits their willingness to engage with each other and the teacher. Having a mask covering a teacher's and children's faces doesn't allow for children to read facial expressions. All of this delays language development and decreases positive peer interaction and relationships. Limiting interaction by enforcing social distancing, not allowing the use of shared materials, and mask wearing is detrimental to their growth, relationships, and education.*

The article goes on to state, "The adverse developmental effects of requiring masks for a few weeks are probably minor." **However**, we have been forcing children to wear them for much longer than a few weeks in schools. **35 weeks at least.** Any child who wants to wear a mask should be free to do so. If families don't want their child wearing masks, please, give them the choice.

Why are we requiring masks for children when the science on the topic is inconclusive?? Why are parents having their choices decided for them? Please make the necessary changes and remove the mask mandates for children and vaccinated adults. Let us assess and take our own risks.

Sincerely,
Christa Rossi
(Mom and Teacher)

From: Pablo Nava Duran
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tyler Roger's and vaccine passport

Dear Board Members,

I'm unable to attend meeting tomorrow, due to transportation labor strike. I want to inform you that Tyler Rogers is well qualified for WCSD Zoning Advisory Committee position because he was a finalist for WCSD for replacing Kurt Tripten and I was looking for his resume, he has experienced public management, marketing, and entrepreneurship skills. I will meet him in next Thursday at Zoning Meeting.

I read an article about former Trustees Kurt Tripten and I was shocked about his mental health can lead having unprecedented event such as January 6th and increase tension against him because his LGBTQ stance. As the results that lead him to resign, despite serving for six months. I think WCSD Board if Trustees should need to address this issues, investigate the incident, and hold right wing extremists who mean tweet at specific members accountable. This will be not tolerate whi try to attempt to overthrow the government and elected officials who likely target at risk.

I also wanted to know that High School sports is starting next Thursday. There are increase Covid cases and Delta Vantant across Nevada. Since half of Nevadans are vaccinated, I worry that HS sport events will become the hotspots for covid and becoming superspreader events. I think WCSD and the NIAA should consider mandatory vaccine passport for HS sporting events to reduce spreading COVID-19 before HS sports season start. Mandatory vaccine passport policy should include students, parent, community, and fans who don't wear mask (vaccinated) must have proof of vaccination card to enter the event. If they don't have vaccination card (unvaccinated), they must have to wear a mask to enter the events. If they refused to wear a mask or proof of vaccination card, they are denied to enter the event.

Sincerely,

Pablo Nava Duran

From: Terina Dutton
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:32 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Masks oxygen deprivation and our brains

To all who are willing to protect our children,

I am writing to appeal to both logic and science in regards to the mask mandates. As we all know, children have a 99% chance of recovering from Covid. It's not deadly for them. However, oxygen deprivation has both temporary and permanent effects on the human body and brain. With this knowledge, the risk and damages created by masking up our children far outweighs its benefit.

There are many doctors who will stand in agreement, but their voices are being silenced, removed from websites, d-platformed, etc.

One of these prestigious doctors is Dr. Margareta Griesz-Brisson, MD, PhD. She is one of Europe's leading **neurologists** who is currently based in London, UK. She is currently the Medical Director of The London Neurology & Pain Clinic and also serves as a medico-legal experts in the UK, Norway, Germany, Switzerland and the United States. She specializes in neurology, neuro-regeneration, neuroplasticity, neurotoxicology, environmental medicine and pain management.

She is one of thousands of doctors and scientists from around the world who have strongly disagreed with the measures taken by the World Health Organization at multiple governments to combat COVID-19. Here is what she had to say about the mask mandates, brain damage, and our children...

"I am following the events in Germany with growing concern, in Germany and worldwide, corona turned out to be a moderate flu and the measures are an absolute disaster on every level...

Our health is greatly in our own hands, through good food, good water, a lot of movement, sociability, joy, friends love and lots and lots of fresh air...

We can strengthen our immune system. Have you noticed something, exactly those things our governments have forbidden us...

The much loved mouth and nose cover... the re-breathing of our exhaled air will without a doubt create oxygen deficiency and a flooding with carbon dioxide.

But we know that the human brain is so sensitive to oxygen deprivation that our nerve cells for instance in the hippocampus who can't be longer than 3 minutes without oxygen, they can't survive.

The acute warning symptoms air headaches, drowsiness, dizziness, concentration, slow down in concentration time...

But chronic deprivation, all those symptoms disappear because people get used to it, but your efficiency will remain impaired. And oxygen undersupply in your brain continues to progress.

We know that neurodegenerative diseases need years to decades. So if today you forget your phone number, the break-down in your brain already started 20 or 30 years ago.

While you're thinking you have to get used to your mask and your own exhaled air, the degenerative processes in your brain are getting amplified through the oxygen deprivation...

The second problem of the brain is the nerve cells are not really dividing themselves, so in case our government generously lets us go without masks...the lost nerve cells will no longer be regenerated, what is gone is gone.

This is extremely important for fearful people who actually think that they are protecting themselves from the virus.

The virus has approximately size of 0.0 micrometers, the pores of the regular masks have a size of 80 to 500 micrometers and are getting bigger though each washing.

The common masks does not at all protect you from the virus. I do not wear a mask, I need my brain to think, I want to have a clear head... and not in a carbon dioxide anesthesia... Oxygen deprivation is dangerous for every single brain...

For children, masks are an absolute no no. Children and adolescents have an extremely active and adaptive immune system... Their brain is also insanely active and has so much to learn...

The youth brain is thirsting for oxygen... In children... **every organ is metabolically active, to deprive a child's brain of oxygen, or even just to restrict this is absolutely criminal...** The damage because of it cannot be reversed...

We don't need a clinical study for that, it is simple simple indisputable physiology... Conscious and purposefully induced oxygen deficiency is a deliberate... health hazard and an absolute medical contraindication... This therapy, this method, this measure should not be used, should not be allowed to be used. To use an absolute medical contraindication... by force... there must be definitely and serious reasons and they must be presented to competent in-disciplinary independent bodies to authorize this...

It's no secret that scientists and doctors who express and explain why they believe masks aren't effective, and lockdown measures are doing more harm than good, as well as the idea that COVID is not dangerous, are being subjected to massive amounts of censorship.

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Please be aware that one day, those who enforced these mandates will be on the wrong side of history and will be remembered for doing so. Those who forced children to wear masks, allowed government authoritarianism to breach their rights, and cut off their ability to receive oxygen to their brains. The next generation is and will suffer the consequences of neurological degeneration and therefore permanent brain damage, with yet untold ramifications, and you will have done nothing to stop it.

THIS IS CRIMINAL!

You are accountable as you stand between children and the governments & health bureaucrats demanding this criminal activity and breach of personal freedom to continue. When the next generation looks back at the leaders who stood in a position of leadership and authority, what will they recall? Leaders with courage and bravery, who did the right thing on behalf of the children (the future leaders of this nation) or will they suffer the irreparable consequences of leaders who chose to be cowards and do nothing?

The choice is yours. But know this, we are carefully paying attention, more than any other time in history, to the choices our board makes and will be more active than ever in reminding others of your stances come election time.

One more thing to note, a directive from the governor is not a law. It was never voted on or passed. Governors, the CDC and the like are not allowed to simply legislate law. They are not kings. It is the peoples duty and right to vote on

such matters. For them to completely bypass the constitutional process is also tyrannical. It is not your duty to defend or uphold their unjust, illegal grasp for more power and control, it is your job to resist it.

Sincerely,

Terina Dutton
Founder/ Director
One Heart Global Boutique
Yasha Global Home
Dutton Foundation

To the Washoe County School Board:

You have muzzled the voices of the Washoe County residents just like you have muzzled our children. You passed this mask mandate without input of those who hold you accountable because you knew it was wrong. You knew it would never withstand the scrutiny of the public. Washington D.C. has swampy backdoor tactics that appall us all, but what you have done puts all of that to shame. You have sacrificed the social, emotional and psychological development of our children on the altar of wokeness.

This school board has no right to rip personal responsibility out of the hands of its citizens. The family should ALWAYS come before the government. You do not know better than the parents of Washoe County. You do not have the right to slam down mandates on the children of Washoe County that fly in the face of scientific reasoning. The recent mask recommendation from the CDC was based on ONE study out of India, that did NOT pass muster when peer-reviewed. When asked about this the CDC danced all over itself.

The greatest threat to our children today does not come from Covid-19, it comes from woke government officials like you who think they are all-knowing and all-wise. I have some news for you: you are NOT all-knowing and you are NOT all-wise. You never will be. So stop acting like it. Pay attention to the science since that what you claim to always focus on.

Forcing our children to wear masks is nothing short of psychological child abuse. Their social skills are stunted, many have attended school for over a year now, and for the first time, they have never seen the facial expressions of their classmates. Suicide attempts from children and teens in the United States are up 250% at one US hospital. Less than ¼ of 1% Covid deaths are children. Every Covid death is a tragedy, but the cure should NEVER be worse than the disease.

Our children live in a world where science and reason have been cast aside and have been replaced with fear-mongering. Today, fear threatens to replace freedom. It doesn't even threaten, actually, because you went ahead and voted without the people of Washoe County being able to come and talk to you.

On January 10, 1844, Lieutenant John C. Fremont, with his second exploring expedition, having come down from Oregon, discovered and named Pyramid Lake, and 5 days later the expedition came to the mouth of the Truckee River. In 1852, both the Utah territorial legislative assembly and the California legislature enacted statutes affecting the area of Washoe County and the Truckee Meadows was born. Those settlers knew hardship first-hand. They did not endure those hardships just so a woke school board could begin to systematically strip the responsibility from the hands of parents and guardians to determine what should happen with THEIR children. They understood then that NO government had the right to anoint itself over the family unit.

America's future is in our children. This school board should be held to account because you have stripped our rights as parents to determine what happens to them. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

Carolyn Sullivan

From: Marika Moore
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:41 PM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Home schooling!

Good afternoon everyone,

I have been writing and attending your board meetings regularly. As you know myself and the majority of our community do not want masks, forced vaccinations or CRT imposed on our children ourselves. However, you continue to be sold and follow your paychecks and do the wrong thing.

I have pulled my children from public school and I am homeschooling along with many other parents. I'm doing everything that I can to help my friends and families get their kids out of the corrupt system. I'm sacrificing my career for the good fight. I wish you would take a look inside and do the same.

Our children need our support. None of us should be wearing masks. As you know it has been scientifically proven that they are completely ineffective towards covid and unhealthy. Fauci said it himself. I wish you'd grow a spine and quit the masks, forget the force vaccinations and CERT and choose love over hate. Prayers...

Marika Moore

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Marika Moore
Owner, Moore Than Locks

Your local locksmith and more

From: Paul Mileo
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Minetto, Ellen; Church, Jeffrey; Nicolet, Diane M; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Calvert, Jacqueline M
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment 8/10/21

Dear Trustees,

I am writing today because not enough of us who believe in sound science and public health are making our voices heard. You have repeatedly been persuaded by the loud minority. The fact that we are still hearing people bring up “47 studies” is ludicrous. Any right minded person can read through that article and see that it is filled with biased sources, poor science and much of it has nothing to do with COVID and the pandemic.

Vaccination and Masks are the best way to fight against COVID-19 and get our students back into classrooms safely. The fact that it took the board 90 minutes to discuss and approve the governor’s directive last meeting when it is law is ridiculous. The board is catering to a group of loud individuals in the community who are anti-science and anti-public health. We should all be thankful that after the year and a half we have endured as a world, wearing a mask is all we are really being asked to do to get “back to normal”.

Trustee Rodriguez spoke about wanting to get students back in the classrooms safely without masks. How is that to be done? My wife is a High School teacher in the district and has 33 desks in her room at the moment. That isn’t social distancing at less than 2 feet between each desk. So again I ask the board what bright idea do you have that will keep the community safe if not encouraging everyone to get vaccinated and wear a mask when inside.

At the start of last school year this board decided that they would use the Truckee Meadows Covid Risk Meter to help guide the mitigation plans that would be in place. As I write this message the Risk Meter is at a 10 out of 15. There is grave danger for those who are not vaccinated in this community which includes children under 12. It would seem from your previous discussions on the matter that you would rather make the easy decision instead of keeping the students in your care safe.

I ask that you trust real, sound science that is being provided from the CDC and APA and don’t succumb to the screaming and yelling of a select few. Please also consider that as elected officials you should be doing what is right and not what seems popular. That being said you all have a responsibility to be encouraging our community to be getting vaccinated and wear a mask.

Thank you,

Paul Mileo

From: Blair Speth
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 2.01 08/10/2021

Our family supports Jeff Church to be elected to the position of Vice President of the school board. The board can only benefit with greater transparency on the meeting agendas moving forward. We do not feel that Angie has the best interest of the students/parents in mind, and has manipulated the agenda in order to support her personal views. We would like some balance regarding the agenda. If Jeff were not to be selected to the VP slot, we would then support him for the position of clerk. Thanks-The Speth Family

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From: Heather STROHFUS

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 2:42 PM

To: Public Comments <PublicComments@WashoeSchools.net>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Masks should be Optional

To the Board,

I'm tired of this! I have checked the CDC website on how this affects children... IT DOESNT! There is ZERO science behind any of this! For gods sake my child's elementary school is holding mask breaks INDOORS during this smoke! You all know this is wrong! YOU KNOW IT! Be the change!!! This is having more of a negative affect on our children that will be long lasting!

Make better choices! Our Governor is not in the classrooms, he's not here seeing how wrong this is! He has NOTHING!

Sincerely,

Heather Strohfus

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ciara Pegoda
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Public Comments <PublicComments@WashoeSchools.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Aug 10th Meeting - Stop The Task Force, Stop Adding Social Justice

Good afternoon,

For months now the community has shown up to give their feedback on this topic and for months now, no candid or transparent *conversation* has been had between the Trustees and the Community, nor the SuperIntendent and the community.

During this time, we have done our due diligence week after week, returned week after week to wait HOURS to speak, and still we come back hoping you'll listen. Am I crazy to think that the least you could offer is to have some sort of viable conversation with us?

Let me offer. I would love to sit down and have a civil and understanding conversation with each one of you. If for nothing else, by all means – we need to work together. The You vs US has got to stop.

In this repetitive showing up and expressing our concerns, we keep hearing principals and teachers repeat “what’s your problem, we are already teaching this” - this was news to most of us, we did not know that **Social Justice IS IN FACT** woven into the Multicultural (MC) aspect of our CURRENT Social Studies standards. Our problem is that we’ve lost trust

in this district, in this board – and the dishonesty regarding this entire process is exactly why. The words Social Justice and their narrative are displayed week after week in lessons from K-12 from our CURRENT Social Studies Standards.

So I ask, WHY do we now need Social Justice in our ELA as well? Why must we be ADDING this to EVERY subject? Will there be a Social Justice Math supplement next? Or is that already being taught?

If the teachers are already teaching Social Justice within your adopted Standards, what is the point of the task force? What is the point of ADDITIONAL teachings and/or supplements? Why are we calling upon community members to hash out something that is already being done? Is our CURRENT Standard not sufficient? Or is it simply not being taught as frequently as you'd like – so this is your push for MORE and ADD IT IN TO ELA too?!?

I ask that you drop ANY consideration of this **ADDITIONAL** Social Justice curriculum from Benchmark or any other author, and drop the taskforce as well.

Stop taking teaching time away from our teachers to push your political agenda. WE have had enough of your political agenda taking away from our children's education.

Click the link to View our current Social Studies Standards. MC is in yellow and you can review the lessons yourself. There is no shortage of the words you seek – Social Justice.

https://doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nde.doe.nv.gov/content/Standards_Instructional_Support/Nevada_Academic_Standards/Social_Studies/NVACSforSocialStudies.pdf

Thank you,

Ciara Pegoda

From: Maria Skolnick
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Public Comments <PublicComments@WashoeSchools.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Social Justice Task Force

Dear Trustees,

I know that you all have a huge obligation and commitment to all the parents, students and members in this community. I am not confident in the practices that surround the selection of a task force for the "social justice" supplemental curricula for the current ELA curriculum. We are aware that you have incorporated "social justice" into the Nevada Standards Social Studies curriculum, apparently in 2018. Why would we need more supplemental curricula on "social justice" if it is already evident in the SS curriculum. Our teachers are inundated with supplemental lesson plans as it is. They barely have enough time in a day for instruction in each core subject. It makes no sense to me as to why you all are pushing to have this implemented into yet another area of our children's learning. What is your mission in all this. We all know that the "social justice" curriculum is polarizing and will cause racism, the very thing you all claim you are against. We need common sense to prevail here, not anyone's politics into our children's education.

We have now heard of the incident that happened at McQueen High School involving an 11th grade US History class taught by Nicole Morrison. What she did on the first day of class is reprehensible and immediate action needs to be taken. How can she throw out the lessons for US History, declare she will not be teaching civics nor the US Constitution. She claims she will use the time to teach lessons on Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ. She also went as far to tell these students that they can confide in her if they are gay and that she would help conversations with their parents. Who does she think she is!!! My tax dollars are not being spent well if she is employed by the district. She needs to be disciplined.

This is why we seriously need to think about the conversations we are having over "social justice". This is where boundaries are being pushed and parental rights are being overstepped. UNACCEPTABLE!!!! WE WILL NOT STAND BY SILENTLY. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

Sincerely,

Maria Skolnick

From: Matt Strohfus
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Public Comments <PublicComments@WashoeSchools.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mask Mandate - Public Comments

Washoe County School Board,

I am writing on behalf of my children, on behalf of all of the students that cannot voice their frustrations, and on behalf of the parents that fear for their children's mental and emotional growth and stability. It is time for us, meaning you the board, to act like responsible and rational adults. It is time for you to place political gamesmanship and financial worry aside and make a choice that may seem difficult on the surface but common sense at the core of the pandemic. Take the masks off our children. Do it now and do it with extreme pride that you are choosing their well being over that of the political overstepping of our state government. This decision should be made based on science, common sense, and your moral compass.

I am sure we would debate at great lengths over the depth and nature of the current state of the pandemic so let's not factor that into today's discussion. Keep your dialog to what is vital to the issue, which is that children have not, nor will not be the main source or any source of contamination. Keep the dialog where it needs to be, which is the mental and emotional welfare of our children. The CDC and even Fauci has recently proclaimed that they are unsure of short term and long term effects of masking our students. They "hope" only that it will not cause too much harm. Let's not hope.

Take a look at the science of the effects from the previous year. Listen to the parents that are screaming for help because their children are screaming at them for help. Our children are cognitively and emotionally affected by masking, not Coronavirus. Their minds are at a pivotal stage in development and need every sense they have to help them achieve growth and learning, both emotionally and mentally. The ability to breathe deeply and assertively is taught by all mental health professionals and we are taking away that right and need from our children. We are taking away our children's ability to recognize facial expressions and to watch how people annunciate their vocabulary. We are taking away so much more than we can't even verbalize or recognize. All for what? Because we were told that masks can be the bandaid? The delusional band aid our children ask for each and every booboo even though it isn't needed. The difference is that we wouldn't place these bandages on our kids if we knew they could be harmful to their growth.

The Governor has overstepped. This overreach was proven when it was dictated by him that the schools test our children, something that is not legally allowed, thus making his mandate a falcity. Masking them should follow the same thought, a medical assessment for parents and their doctors. Let us protect our children with our parental choice. If the funding of the Governor and the State is what is needed and the reason to mask the children, then let us fund you. Let the parents put their money where their mask is. I bet you we will find the support to make this correct decision and to not take our kids' breaths away.

Matt Strohfus

From: Harnes, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Public Comments <PublicComments@WashoeSchools.net>
Subject: Weekly Covid Testing

I am a concerned parent of 3 children in the Washoe County School District. As a matter of choice none of my children have received the covid 19 shot. The sciences I have studied by independent scientist and the peer reviewed articles I have read indicate to me that this Covid shot is not necessary for me and my family. We still have the choice to not get it.

I am also aware of the Governors directive that student athletes must be tested weekly if not vaccinated. This directive also effect high school band students that follow the same guidelines as the athletes. I am not comfortable with my student being tested weekly. I have researched the test and discovered that they are not safe to expose my children to on a continual basis. I am not sure if other parents have researched what is on the swab they use for test, but I have. The swabs used in Covid testing are sterilized using Ethylene Oxide which according to the OSHA MSDS "Can cause bodily harm if you inhale the vapor, if it comes into contact with your eyes or skin, or if you swallow it." (<https://www.osha.gov/law-regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.1047AppA>) In addition this same data sheets states that "EIO has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals and has been associated with higher incidence of cancer in humans. Adverse reproductive effects, mutagenic changes, neurotoxicity, and sensitization." Is the district really mandating that if our students want to participate in sports or band without being vaccinated that have to repeated expose themselves to cancer causing agents?

Those of us who have opted out of the vaccine have done so by choice and to protect our children from possible unknown long term side effects yet we are being asked to subject our children to another kind of harmful, invasive test in order for them to be able to participate in activities they love. I hope I am not the only parent that will stand up and say that this is not right. These Covid shots and Covid tests have harmful side effects and the pressure being placed on student and parents to conform or lose out is wrong.

Thank you,
Stephanie Harnes

From: Marika Moore
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:41 PM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Home schooling!

Good afternoon everyone,

I have been writing and attending your board meetings regularly. As you know myself and the majority of our community do not want masks, forced vaccinations or CRT imposed on our children ourselves. However, you continue to be sold and follow your paychecks and do the wrong thing.

I have pulled my children from public school and I am homeschooling along with many other parents. I'm doing everything that I can to help my friends and families get their kids out of the corrupt system. I'm sacrificing my career for the good fight. I wish you would take a look inside and do the same.

Our children need our support. None of us should be wearing masks. As you know it has been scientifically proven that they are completely ineffective towards covid and unhealthy. Fauci said it himself. I wish you'd grow a spine and quit the masks, forget the force vaccinations and CERT and choose love over hate. Prayers...

Marika Moore

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Marika Moore
Owner, Moore Than Locks

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