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## Formal Written Correspondence to the Board [#495]

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Using Science to Protect Our Children

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Science has revolutionized the world that we live in. In just a generation, we've grown accustomed to and accepting of our every evolving world due to the great advancements afforded to us by Science. Today, more than 85% of Americans own a smart phone, a mini mobile computer device that connects its users to the far corners of the world. Such a capability wasn't fathomably a century ago, when much of the fundamental physics the cell phone is based upon had yet to be discovered (remember that our knowledge of the mere electron is just over a century old).

It is hard to imagine the great Scientific revolution that has occurred over the last century. From the first automobile, flight, a man on the moon, minicomputers in your pocket, to artificial intelligence; these transformations have been astounding and based upon sound scientific principles.

Over a century ago, much was known about pandemics. The influenza pandemic of 1918 and 1919 was the deadliest flu outbreak in U.S. history, killing up to 50 million people worldwide. During that time, the Science regarding how to fight a pandemic was known. Medical authorities urged the wearing of masks to help slow the spread of disease. There is no debate amongst the Scientific community, regarding the effectiveness of masks to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the same community which brought great advancements to mankind that we all enjoy today.

While many factions within the United States will continue to gaslight decisions to slow the pandemic, arguing such efforts are ineffective or go against personal liberties afforded by the U.S. constitution, we must develop proactive policies based upon sound Science for the greater good of all Americans, especially our children. Many Americans feel they are afforded absolute freedoms by the U.S. constitution, but that could not be further from the truth. The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting 'Fire' in a theatre and causing panic. The most stringent protection of personal liberties should not protect against circumventing mask mandates during such uncertain times.

I encourage the school board to reflect upon these remarks, and develops sound guidance, driven by the world leading Science that will protect the health of our school children during this global pandemic.

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