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## Formal Written Correspondence to the Board [#456]

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Mandate Mask Use in All K-12 Schools

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Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I'm writing to implore the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to mandate masks universally throughout all K-12 schools in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Masks, vaccination, distancing, and hygiene are the tools we currently have to control the spread of the airborne novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, with masks being one of the most effective tools, especially for those who cannot yet be vaccinated.

Alameda County is currently a High Transmission area, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have recommended both vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks in such areas.

Livermore currently stands at only 65.7% fully vaccinated, the third worst vaccination rate in the entire county. We know that children's infection rates are largely the result of the vaccination rates in the community, with higher infection rates seen in lesser vaccinated communities. Because Livermore's vaccination rate is lacking and the highly infectious Delta variant makes up more than 85% of the circulating SARS-CoV-2 now, it is critical that all students, teachers and staff wear masks to protect the vulnerable among us—especially our very youngest unvaccinated students—and reduce transmission of this virus.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly recommends in-person learning and urges all who are eligible to be vaccinated to protect against COVID-19. In addition to vaccinations, the AAP recommends everyone older than age 2 wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, to make school safe for all students, teachers and staff.

It is our responsibility as parents, teachers, staff and leaders in our community to follow the guidelines of the CDC and AAP to reduce transmission by utilizing vaccination, when possible, as well as universal masking, so that we may keep our children safe and in schools.

Sincerely,

Linda Nicholson  
Mother of three current LVJUSD students

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