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January 13, 2022

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Dear Mr. Wood:

On January 6, 2022, Mahomet-Seymour Community School District 3 received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from you for the following records:

For dates June 1, 2021 through January 6th, 2022, please provide the following:

- 1) All communication including emails, text message, hand-written and voice including all attachments between M-S CUSD #3 Board of Education Member(s) and all M-S Administrators (including Dr. Lindsey Hall, Mr. Nathan Mills, and Mr. Doug Fisher), all communication including emails, text message, hand-written and voice including all attachments between Dr. Lindsey Hall (Superintendent) and all M-S staff (including but not limited to Mr. Nathan Mills and Mr. Doug Fisher), all communication including emails, text message, hand-written and voice including all attachments between Mr. Nathan Mills (principal) and all MSJH staff, and all communication including emails, text message, hand-written and voice including all attachments between Mr. Doug Fisher (Assistant Principal) and all MSJH staff (including Mr. Mills) with keywords "mask", and/or "covering", and/or "Camden Wood", and/or "CW", and/or "Mr.(Tim)/Mrs.(Lilly) Wood".
- 2) Copies of any written agreements-whether with ink or electronic signatures-made by the Dr. Hall (Superintendent), M-S CUSD #3 Board of Education member(s), and/or other party regarding Illinois Education Members and/or Illinois Federation of Teacher members that references "mask" and/or "covering".
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The following documents are responsive to your request and are submitted herewith:

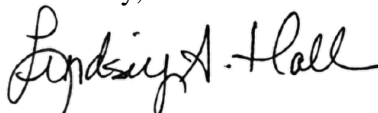
- 1) All items related to this portion of the request constitute a student records request and will be handled separately by the District.
- 2) There are no documents responsive to this portion of the request.
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Pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9(a), you are hereby notified that this decision was made by Dr. Lindsey Hall, Superintendent and FOIA Officer, and that you have a right to review by the Public Access Counselor:

Ms. Sarah Pratt  
Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62706  
Telephone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (3642)  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
Email: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You are further notified that you have the right to judicial review as provided in Section 11 of the Act, 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey A. Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lindsey" being more prominent and the last name "Hall" following in a similar style.

Dr. Lindsey Hall, Superintendent and FOIA Officer

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

To: Chief FOIA Officer  
Dr. Lindsey Hall  
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3  
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Request Date: January 6th, 2022

Name and Address of Requestor:  
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Signature of Requesting Individual

1-6-22  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Do you want copies of the documents? **Yes.**

How do you want the copies? **Electronic.**

Is this request for a commercial purpose? **No.**

Are you requesting a fee waiver? **Yes.**

Is there a deadline to reply? **Yes - 10 days.**

**The purpose of this request is to gain insight into the status of the legal right of taxpayers and students residing within the boundaries of stated District, to have the option for choice regarding face maskings/coverings and other Covid-19 mitigations that could potentially be infringing upon the rights of children and/or due process, including agreements with IEA/AFT that contravene those rights/processes.**

**From:** Wendy Stabler <wendy@ehealthstrong.com>  
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**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Feedback on Special Meeting tonight

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Good afternoon to all our Board Members,

Thank you! This has been an incredibly tough year. I completed more research, watched more board meetings, voted, worked in the school system, wrote multiple letters to our health department and government officials than I have dreamed of.

I can't even imagine what its been like for all of you. Below is my feedback, I ask all of you to read with an open heart. Please balance out your own biased and be open.

I attached some research below including footnotes referencing the resources. ( information is focused on masking, my email addresses multiple concerns).

During 2019/2021 school year my experience with Covid-19 protocols that were implemented on our children was/is heartbreaking. (I believe Lincoln Trail did great at demonstrating compassion vs other schools I experienced - I am grateful)

I am coming from a place of first hand observation. I worked at our schools the last half of 2020/2021 school year. I encourage each of you to go to a school for a day, stay 6 ft apart, wear a mask, walk with your friend at 8,9

special needs, eat lunch for 30 minutes staring at a wall and not be allowed to interact or enjoy your friends. It is awful, I am not sure our children were focused on education, they are children. (I experienced tears, anger and sadness- and the teachers did an exceptional job of trying to make it fun -- how do you make that fun?)

To date our numbers have been very low. During the year many parents began to have play-dates, take our children to other states so they could swim and go on vacation...to bring some sense of "childhood back". What our leaders are doing out of fear or whatever reasons I believe is detrimental to our children. Risk does not outweigh this type of mandate in my opinion. I am perplexed why a choice vaccinate or not; mask or not; distance or not, looking at a wall for lunch (because you have no choice); is the decision of our education boards, state or local health departments. If I choose to participate or not, in a medical choice, coming from an informed decision process that should be respected and supported. Teachers who have decided to be vaccinated should feel safe regardless of a masked or unmasked student, a student who is vaccinated should feel safe around one who chooses not to for medical or religious beliefs. (the vaccine works -- right? that's why we all got it) if I am vaccinated I could care less if you wear a mask or not.

Majority of people have medical professionals in their lives who will advise, mask no mask, vaccine no vaccine, etc....that is a personal and private medical decision (no one asks if our children have been tested for meningitis or influenza, those are contagious and deadly). Safety is important and those children that need to be safe or live in fear should wear masks and be given an option to maintain optimal personal space.

All summer we have observed many activities, camps, sports, vacations, grocery stores where very few people choose into masks for their children -- under 12. It would be heartbreaking, to support the same protocol in 2021/2022 while we are in phase 5. I have yet to find hard evidence to support why - if any of you have seen consistent research to the contrary.

please share with me. I am working on a medical research degree through Wellness Forum.

In summary, I believe the goal should be to maintain a healthy environment , focus on education, allow for choices, respect parents decisions and choices. I understand there may be legalities that need addressed. My question is why this could not be addressed by a waiver --- we have them for everything we do medically - why not apply to our decision with our children. I will qualify with , I am not irresponsible and believe that education is important. Possible solution would be host a informational forum that includes factual data and risk assessment allow the parent to sign the waiver that the school district has provide tools and protocols to maintain a healthy environment for all. If one chooses to opt out is solely their responsibility and the liability is theirs not the schools districts. I am a industrial engineer, every time I walk into a site I have risk of arc flash, Covid19, bacterial infections, electrical mishaps etc... when I enter a customer, training facility or construction site I watch a video, sign a waiver with the understanding I am responsible for my informed decision. Why could the school district not so the same?

If we can all be kind and respectful to each other vs. implying our believes and "mandating" others fall in line with one ideology, we can move forward to heal and complete what the purpose of school is -- education (which includes social development) . I don't attend school for my medical needs and do not expect my educators to become involved in those decisions for me or my child.

I hope this has been beneficial, I will be watching tonight and sending prayers that our community and board members have enough strength to stop and stand up for choice and our children educational and social growth.

Thank you for you time.



In prayer and gratitude

## The Stabler Family

Material below provided by Wellness Forum:

a new study published in *JAMA Pediatrics*, masking children in school is outright dangerous. The study included 45 children between the ages of six and 17 who were determined to be in good health. The carbon dioxide content of inhaled air was measured while breathing with and without two types of nose and mouth coverings. The sequence of masks was randomized and blinded. The children were asked to wear masks for short periods of time and within just three minutes the kids were inhaling carbon dioxide several times the acceptable limit for adults. The younger the children, the higher the carbon dioxide levels. One seven-year-old child's carbon dioxide level was 25,000 parts per million.[\[1\]](#)

What does this mean? The seven-year-old was breathing in 2.5 times the amount of carbon dioxide that would be considered safe for adults in work settings. For example, the Minnesota Department of Health's website states that The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (MNDOLI) "has set workplace safety standards of 10,000 ppm for an 8-hour period...." and also states that "These standards were developed for healthy working adults and may not be appropriate for sensitive populations, such as children and the elderly."[\[2\]](#)

What are the consequences of high carbon dioxide levels? According to MNDOLI "At high levels, the carbon dioxide itself can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, and other symptoms. This could occur when exposed to levels above 5000 ppm for many hours."[\[3\]](#) Remember that the school day is 6-8 hours long depending on the age of the child. This means that children were exposed to as much as 5 times the amount deemed potentially hazardous for several hours daily for several months!

This explains some of the issues reported in a German study, in which parents, doctors, teachers and others were asked to enter their observations and experiences with masks into a registry. According to data reported by the parents for over 25,000 children, average time per day for mask wearing was 270 minutes per day and negative effects reported were:

irritability - 60%

headache - 53%

less happiness - 49%  
reluctance to go to school - 44%  
malaise - 42%  
impaired learning - 38%  
drowsiness or fatigue - 37%[\[4\]](#)

What is most distressing about this is that public health officials had to know that not only were the masks harmful, but also completely useless for preventing the spread of any virus including SARS-CoV-2, which measures **0.125  $\mu\text{m}$**  in size, and can penetrate any surgical mask. According the US National Academy of Sciences, in community settings "face masks are not designed or certified to protect the wearer from exposure to respiratory hazards."[\[5\]](#) Another study showed that surgical masks do not provide protection for aerosols ranging from 0.9-3.1  $\mu\text{m}$ .[\[6\]](#)

In household settings, surgical masks do not prevent transmission of flu.[\[7\]](#) [\[8\]](#)

According to Dr. Jenny Harries, deputy chief medical officer in England, wearing masks can actually **increase** the risk of contracting the virus because virus can be trapped in the material and cause infection when the person inhales. According to Dr. Harries, members of the public should not wear masks unless they are sick, and only if advised to do so by a health-care provider.

"What tends to happen is people will have one mask. They won't wear it all the time, they will take it off when they get home, they will put it down on a surface they haven't cleaned," she said. Furthermore, people go out and about and don't wash their hands every time they touch something – they can't – and then touch their mask constantly to drink water or eat, or even communicate, and this becomes a means of infection.[\[9\]](#)

A review of 17 studies concluded, "None of the studies we reviewed established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection."[\[10\]](#)

Due to shortages, some people have been advised to make their own masks out of cloth. According to a hospital study in which hospital wards were randomized to medical masks, cloth masks, or a control group which included a high proportion of people who wore some type of mask, the rate of infection was highest in the cloth mask group as compared to the group wearing some type of medical mask.

Transmission of viral particles through cloth masks was almost 97% as compared to medical masks at 44%. Reasons cited included moisture retention, reuse of the



masks, and poor filtration, all of which actually can increase rather than decrease the risk of infection. The researchers concluded that the results "...could be interpreted as harm caused by cloth masks."<sup>[11]</sup>

A 2020 study in South Korea looked at the efficacy of both surgical and cotton masks for blocking transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from coughing patients. Patients were instructed to cough 5 times while wearing no mask, a surgical mask, or a cotton mask. The researchers reported that neither surgical nor cotton masks were effective for filtering SARS-CoV-2 from environment or the external mask surface. They also reported that there was greater contamination on the outer rather than the inner surface of the mask, which they said could be due to air leakage around the mask edge, or high-velocity coughing which might cause viral particles to penetrate the mask. They wrote that these results support the importance of hand hygiene after touching outer surfaces of the mask.<sup>[12]</sup>

As parents prepare for the 2021/2022 school year, an important question to ask is, "Can the government, school officials and teachers be trusted to make decisions that will keep my child safe and protect his/her health?" If past behavior is a predictor of future behavior, the answer would be a resounding "no!"

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[7] MacIntyre CR, Cauchemez S, Dwyer DE et al. "Face mask use and control of respiratory virus transmission in households." *Emerg Infect Dis* 2009 Feb;15(2):233-241

[8] Cowling BJ, Chan KH, Fang VJ et al. "Facemasks and hand hygiene to prevent influenza transmission in households: a cluster randomized trial." *Ann Intern Med* 2009 Oct;151(7):437-446

[9] Laguipo ABB. "Wearing masks may increase your risk of coronavirus infection, expert says." *News Medical Life Sciences* Mar 15 2020

[10] Bin-Reza F, Chavarrias VL, Vicoli A, Chamberland ME. "The use of masks and respirators to prevent transmission of influenza: a systematic review of the scientific evidence." *Influenza Other Respir Viruses* 2012 Jul;6(4):257-267

[11] MacIntyre CR, Seale H, Dung TC et al. "A cluster randomised trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers." *BMJ Open* 2015 Mar;5:e006577

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**From:** Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 July 2021 at 01:32:33 PM CDT  
**To:** Board <board@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Opening Plan 21-22

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Good afternoon!

Attached is a draft of the opening plan to be discussed tomorrow evening. Shelli has reviewed this and given it the green light. I am also going to share this with the MSEA folks who are joining us tomorrow evening. In addition, tomorrow it will be added to the BOE packet so the public can view it and know what the board is discussing. This timeline gives you as the BOE the time to review before it is public.

The language is "borrowed" from the CDC/IDPH guidance. I want to emphasize that not all questions will be answerable tomorrow evening, and as I said Monday evening, there is more information that will be coming from various agencies such as CDC/IDPH. I feel it is likely there will be some adjustments, in some way, to this plan. My other goal is to bring this down to a one page bullet point list to also put on our website.

My meeting with CUPHD this morning (with other Champaign County administrators) brought no surprises--masks are "strongly recommended" by CUPHD for unvaccinated individuals.

I will share that I am very concerned, as is Nita, about their (CUPHD) ability to promptly and effectively contact trace. They're doing a lousy job right now and it's summer time.

To gain maximum efficiency in our meeting tomorrow night, please contact me ahead of time with questions. I realize questions will also arise in the meeting but if you have questions now let me know please



Thank you!

*Dr. Lindsey A. Hall*

Superintendent of Schools

Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3

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***"It's a great day to be a Bulldog!"***

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that morning!!). As leaders of our district, you set the most positive, upbeat and enthusiastic tone for our staff and kids to return--thank you for doing that, it's going to be a great year!

Let me know if you have questions--thank you and have a nice weekend!

*Dr. Lindsey A. Hall*

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**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2021-22 School Year

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Hi Lindsey! I forwarded my email from Thursday, June 24, in which I requested the documentation/evidence where mask mandates have been issued; I'm looking for the specific language from IDPH/ISBE. Please share this with me as well as the rest of the BOE by the end of this week. After some time to review the documents, I would also like to meet and go over some items including how some districts have already and are currently voting for masks optional for next year (e.g.--I believe Neoga did this very recently). Looking for clarity on this issue. Like you, I hope the CDC will make an announcement this week which relaxes their **guidance** and allows IDPH/ISBE to then do the same. However, I don't trust this to happen. Further and most important, it appears as though many Illinois school districts are claiming the autonomy they are provided by our government's laws to keep decision making for schools at the local level.

Thank you for sending me the requested documentation.

**Mrs. Nikki Gallier**  
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**Social Studies Building Chair**  
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From: **NICOLE GALLIER** <[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)>  
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Good evening. After reflecting on Monday's meeting, I have a few items to address and questions as well.

1. MSEA grievances are a disgrace, which leads me to my next point.
2. Ms. Hennesy's surprise proposal for \$1000 teacher bonuses is nonsense and, frankly, a PR stunt. First, additional sections at our overcrowded schools would cost a fraction of the projected \$400,000 bonus payments. Second, our teachers didn't work more this school year--they actually had less student contact hours and were paid the same. Third, districts who have done this such as Monticello/Unity actually had students in-person all school year with no change to schedules. NO to Ms. Hennesy's circus bonus proposal.
3. Most important, I need answers with documentation re: Dr. Hall's statement about masks et al being mandated. Where is this mandate documented? Where is it stated as law? I, for one, cannot find it in Title 23 Administrative Code. Please provide me with the requested documentation for my reference and to share with many concerned parents. Additionally, no mention of other school districts such as Dunlap and Warsaw who are actively seeking to make masks optional is disappointing. I would minimally expect multiple board members to reach out to ask how they are getting this done for kids. After 16 months of this nonsense, it is beyond time to fulfill your oath to put children first.

Thank you.

**Mrs. Nikki Gallier**

**Team 8A Social Studies**

**Social Studies Building Chair**

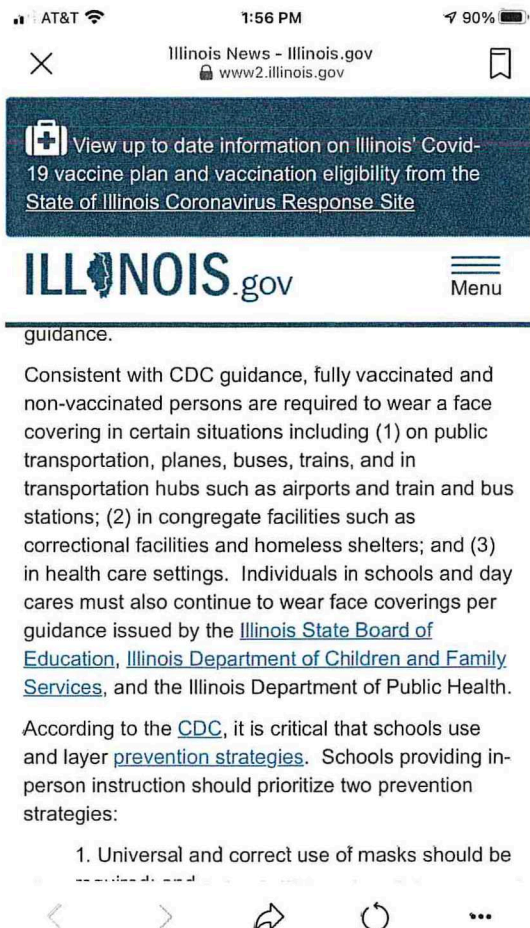
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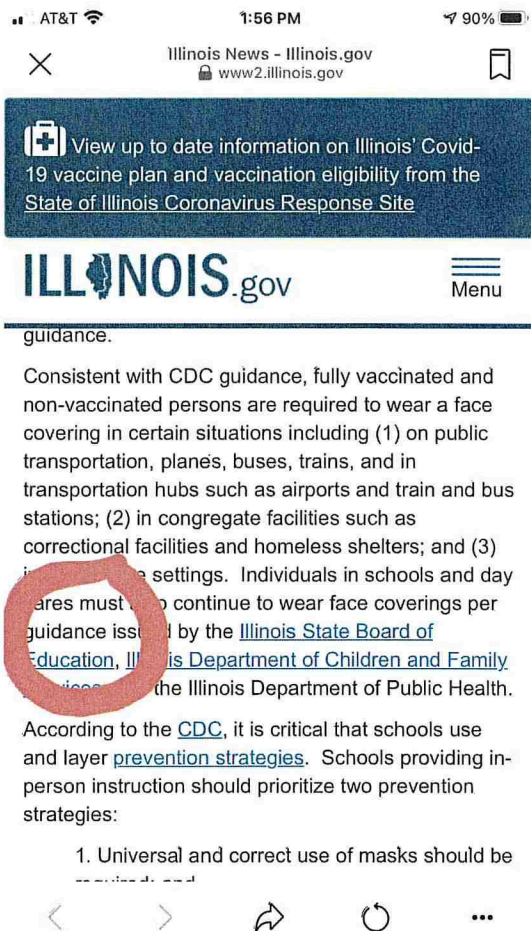


On Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 11:39 AM NICOLE GALLIER <[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)> wrote:

Happy Friday! I hope you all have had a wonderful start to summer.

COVID-19 discussion is on the agenda for Monday evening's meeting and it is beyond time to declare our district's intent to return to school in 2021-22 completely NORMAL. I understand perhaps you've been waiting to see what the CDC/IDPH/ISBE would do and say, but the best news has come out recently. The Illinois legislature did not pass any law to support ISBE punishing schools for not following IDPH **guidance** (see image below).





Additionally, Illinois school districts are RIGHT NOW declaring their autonomy to return their children to NORMAL. First, Warsaw CUSD #316 has made masks optional, will not quarantine healthy children and will not discriminate based on vaccination status (see link: [http://www.warsawschool.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/posting\\_013.pdf](http://www.warsawschool.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/posting_013.pdf) and image below).

8. Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25, the law duly legislated, along with following all the relevant scientific data concerning masks on school children and natural immunity to respiratory viruses, the Warsaw CUSD# 316 Board of Education will determine to start school for the 2021-22 school year with masks optional for all students and staff. There shall be no discrimination of students or staff regarding vaccination status and quarantine of healthy persons. The Warsaw CUSD #316 School Board, the legally elected governing body for the district, maintains the right to make decisions concerning staff members' and students' health and welfare.

Second, Dunlap CUSD #323 will also make masks optional and will only quarantine COVID positive/symptomatic cases (see image below). This is amazing news given the demographic similarities between Mahomet-Seymour and Dunlap.

Please take a look at some facts regarding the negative impact of masks. I assume none of you need a reminder of the mental health crisis, the significant increase in suicide attempts for this age group, the learning loss as well a laundry list of other egregious impacts upon our school children due to pandemic politics.



## Masking Children is Impractical and Not Backed by Research or Real World Data

 Children are at very low risk from Covid-19 <sup>1-4</sup>	 Children spread Covid-19 much less than adults <sup>5-11</sup>	 Asymptomatic children rarely spread Covid-19 <sup>12-15</sup>
 Teachers do not face an increased risk from children <sup>16-22</sup>	 Schools have not driven the spread of Covid-19 <sup>23-35</sup>	 The effectiveness of masks is not conclusive <sup>36-41</sup>
 Masking children correctly is unrealistic <sup>42-43</sup>	 Improper masking is common and unsanitary <sup>44-47</sup>	 Many places do not require masks on children <sup>48-52</sup>
 Schools without masks have not fared worse <sup>53-57</sup>	 Masks can hinder speech development in children <sup>58-60</sup>	 Deaf & disabled children struggle to learn with masks <sup>61-64</sup>
 Masking can often cause headaches and fatigue <sup>65-66</sup>	 Some masks contain toxic chemicals <sup>67-69</sup>	 Masking can cause a wide variety of other health issues <sup>70-73</sup>

There is nothing, not one single excuse or fear or "expert" person's opinion, which can justify anything but normal. Get our children back to NORMAL school--masks optional, no testing, no quarantine of healthy kids, no vaccination discrimination--starting in August.

Thank you!

**Mrs. Nikki Gallier**

**Team 8A Social Studies**

**Social Studies Building Chair**

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 11:38 AM NICOLE GALLIER <[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)> wrote:

Good morning! After watching the meeting last night, a few thoughts/concerns have bubbled up.

1. As a parent, taxpayer and educator, I am strongly opposed to twice as many early-out dismissals. This year we have accommodated our teachers in so many ways. We have made concession after concession to MSEA. Next year, it is time to get back to normal for these students. Early out days are hard enough for parents to make arrangements. As



Dr. Schultz proposed, alternatives must be considered. Piggy-backing off of her idea, we could pay teachers for professional development hours through task force work. Increased task force work by grade level allows those who want to participate to be compensated for their work, which can be paid for by the COVID funds we are receiving. I strongly urge you to NOT double the amount of early outs, but find alternative ways for teachers to collaborate while keeping our students IN CLASS.

2. It is unethical for our school nurse administrator to say that unvaccinated students will be wearing masks and quarantining next school year. Nita Bachman is not our superintendent, she does not have a vote on the BOE and she is not a medical doctor. Scientific data has proven children are not super-spreaders, asymptomatic spread is not a threat as once thought, natural immunity is very real and powerful, masks are not effective, healthy children are less at risk than vaccinated adults and our children have a 99.8+% survival rate equitable to the flu. More important, vaccinations are under emergency authority with no longitudinal studies. Our school district will have major legal issues when getting into the muddy waters of vaccination status of children for a vaccine which CANNOT be required by law due to its experimental classification.

Our district's path should be clearly stated now--return to normal school for 2021-22. Period. Our state enters Phase 5 on June 11, which is back to normal. Stop saying we're waiting on guidance. Stop being complicit to the politics which kept our children out of normal school for over 14 months. Our school district should lead the way NOW for a completely normal school year come fall. Not only is it what these kids deserve, it is their right.

Respectfully,

**Mrs. Nikki Gallier**

**Team 8A Social Studies**

**Social Studies Building Chair**

On Fri, May 14, 2021 at 4:26 PM NICOLE GALLIER <[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)

> wrote:

Good afternoon!

Before your Monday meeting, please take some time to acknowledge all the hoops schools have jumped through this year have been totally arbitrary and by and large useless. CDC, IDPH, CUPHD and so many other government agencies have failed our children because they ignored actual data all this time. EVERY SINGLE agency has done a disservice to our children during this pandemic, which is seen with CDC's constant flip-flopping from "impending doom" to getting rid of masks all in 2 months time. Over and over we've seen actual science SHOW that temperature checks aren't useful, cleaning of surfaces not necessary, children are NOT super-spreaders, they have a 99.8+% survival rate equivalent to the flu and on and on. Constant nonsense from these agencies continues to spread falsities as related to youth sports being super-spreaders, yet no data to prove this. Enough is enough.

It is clear we can and should use our school district's autonomy to forge a path for our children. With CDC's recent announcement, there will be changes coming from Governor Pritzker and the IDPH. Unless something continues to be mandated, there is no place for anything other than normal school when 2021 starts in the fall. Five day a week, face-to face instruction with absolutely NO COVID mitigations in place. Illinois is scheduled to enter Phase 5 on June 11--this is a return to normal. And so we should make it clear our school year will be a return to normal for 2021-22.

Finally, it is a nice service to provide vaccination clinics for our students. However, vaccination status has absolutely no place in our



schools, especially when used to grant rights and privileges to some and not others. This is a very slippery slope in the legal sense and one we should avoid at all costs. Vaccinations are every family's right, but it is their private decision and one that should not be coerced for certain advantages. When a person with intelligence and common sense looks at this matter, it makes absolutely no sense to base school rights and privileges on vaccination status because COVID is no more consequential to this age group than the flu, there have been ZERO longitudinal studies of the vaccine on this age group and it is not required by law. Imagine the potential lawsuits if school districts and other entities start down this dark path.

CDC's declaration yesterday concludes the pandemic. People make their own decisions as to their health. Time to move forward with only the best interests of our children in mind. They've suffered far too long.

**Mrs. Nikki Gallier**  
**Team 8A Social Studies**  
**Social Studies Building Chair**  
[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)

On Mon, May 3, 2021 at 11:05 AM NICOLE GALLIER <  
[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)> wrote:

Hello! Welcome to the new school board members! Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time and talents to the M-S BOE so that our children have the best educational experience possible.

Today, I'm writing to encourage the Board to provide families with our 2021-22 school plans in the next week or two at the latest. I am certainly aware the State of Illinois and ISBE may apply some mandates, but with the emphasis on local control we can and

for other large school districts and puts our children first. The past year plus of the pandemic has proven detrimental to our children's academic learning as well as social-emotional health and MUCH data has proven it was all for naught. It is time to right the ship and stand up to the pressure of applying "guidance."

I am so grateful Dr. Hall and our district stood tall against CUPHD when we were pressured to close our doors during this current school year. It is with this same courage and fortitude that we should continue. Just as with our autonomous decisions before, *guidance* from various sources such as CDC, IDPH and CUPHD should be considered just that. None of these entities knows our data, knows our community nor do they pay taxes here. We can and should use the evidence and experience we've garnered from this past school year to get our children back into 5 day a week in-person/face-to-face instruction, out of masks (this is a form of child abuse and is completely unethical) as well as end the fruitless and nonsensical close-contact quarantines. Our very own M-S COVID dashboard proves it is unnecessary. Finally, consult the medical doctor who sits on our BOE, Dr. Henrichs, when it comes to these medical decisions. There is no one else with as much knowledge when it comes to COVID.

I hope to see a productive and collaborative start to the new school board's tenure together at tonight's meeting. Have a wonderful Monday!

**Mrs. Nikki Gallier**  
**Team 8A Social Studies**  
**Social Studies Building Chair**  
[galliern@unit5.org](mailto:galliern@unit5.org)

**From:** Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 July 2021 at 12:45:32 PM CDT  
**To:** District <ms-dist@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Opening Plan 21-22

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Hello Bulldog Staff,

At last evening's BOE meeting, the attached plan was approved by our Board of Education for the 21-22 school year.

I plan on scheduling several optional, virtual staff meetings over the next week or so to answer questions/address concerns of staff members. These will be scheduled at various/different dates and times to accommodate schedules. These meetings are 100% optional.

I am also in the office all of next week except Thursday afternoon and you're welcome to give me a call or email me.

Thank you!

*Dr. Lindsey A. Hall*

Superintendent of Schools

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***"It's a great day to be a Bulldog!"***



**From:** Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 July 2021 at 01:24:52 PM CDT  
**To:** Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Charleston's plan

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Overall I like this.

Just had a good talk with Rob Swain-I asked him if he expected any new information to drop this week in light of the fact that the current executive order from Pritzker expires on Saturday and Pritzker has said he won't renew it....and Rob said yes--and that's a common thing I'm hearing is that more things could change this week. Hoping one of them is the mandatory masks on school buses--if the EO expires I believe that masks would no longer be required on public transportation so maybe that'll include school buses.

Also, the American Academy of Pediatrics just put this out today--

<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/07/18/schools-071821?fbclid=IwAR3sFyrpVOY0ehI89Tgf1GCE0yy9mYr63Z7QvXhTCbv8sHcfet-QYKIMT7s>

Masks are recommended for anyone over 2 years old.

See you tonight!

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**From:** Peyton Zerrusen <peyton@peytonmariemarketing.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 07:14:44 AM CDT  
**To:** jlamb@ms.k12.il.us  
**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate Opinion

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Dear Mahomet School Board,

I just wanted to share my opinion that I believe our children and teachers should be mask FREE for the 2021-2022 school year. I truly believe there is a significant social interaction our kids are missing while they and their teachers are covering half of their faces.

Just my personal input! Thank you to all of the board members for the countless hours you are putting in during such an intense time period.

Peyton Zerrusen  
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217-254-2091



**From:** Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 July 2021 at 01:32:33 PM CDT  
**To:** Board <board@ms.k12.il.us>  
**Sensitivity:** Normal  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Subject:** Opening Plan 21-22

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Good afternoon!

Attached is a draft of the opening plan to be discussed tomorrow evening. Shelli has reviewed this and given it the green light. I am also going to share this with the MSEA folks who are joining us tomorrow evening. In addition, tomorrow it will be added to the BOE packet so the public can view it and know what the board is discussing. This timeline gives you as the BOE the time to review before it is public.

The language is "borrowed" from the CDC/IDPH guidance. I want to emphasize that not all questions will be answerable tomorrow evening, and as I said Monday evening, there is more information that will be coming from various agencies such as CDC/IDPH. I feel it is likely there will be some adjustments, in some way, to this plan. My other goal is to bring this down to a one page bullet point list to also put on our website.

My meeting with CUPHD this morning (with other Champaign County administrators) brought no surprises--masks are "strongly recommended" by CUPHD for unvaccinated individuals.

I will share that I am very concerned, as is Nita, about their (CUPHD) ability to promptly and effectively contact trace. They're doing a lousy job right now and it's summer time.

To gain maximum efficiency in our meeting tomorrow night, please contact me ahead of time with questions. I realize questions will also arise in the meeting but if you have questions now let me know please



Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>

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## Welcoming Back Our Students/Masks

1 message

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Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 5:30 PM

To: District <ms-dist@ms.k12.il.us>

Good evening Bulldog Staff,

I am looking forward to welcoming back our students tomorrow! I hope you all had the opportunity to rest and relax over break--but I also know that some of you were dealing with COVID 19 issues too. Over the next few days, we will closely monitor staff absences, coverage that is needed and how best to do that. We will need all hands on deck--so in advance, I thank you for your help in assisting where it is needed. I know this is not how we wanted to or envisioned starting the second semester--but I know that we'll get through it working together.

Everyone is COVID-weary---all of us, our students and our families. Worrying about COVID, exclusion from school and masks are all burdensome at this point. While there is still a mask mandate in effect for schools, after conversations with our Board of Education, moving ahead, please do not single out individual students in front of others for improper mask wearing/not wearing. If there is an issue, please address it with the student privately or refer to the administration to address the issue with the student. Building administration as well as central office administrators are here to help and support you with any situations that arise.

Thank you !

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## Re: Welcoming Back Our Students/Masks

1 message

Colleen Schultz <cschultz@ms.k12.il.us>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 7:44 PM

To: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>

Cc: District <ms-dist@ms.k12.il.us>

Dear Lindsey,

I think there might need to be more clarification on the masking issue from this email. I have received feedback that this email seems to imply that teachers aren't permitted to ask students to properly wear masks in class. It's my understanding that the directive was to ask the staff to make such requests to the class as a whole rather than singling out specific students individually. Teachers could make statements such as "can we all please make sure we are wearing our masks properly," "let's all do a mask check and make sure your mask is covering both your nose and mouth," "everyone check your masks, please," "has everyone gotten their masks on appropriately....please make sure you do, thanks," etc. This approach ensures teachers can ask students to comply with the mandate without singling out individual students. If there continues to be issues with particular students, the teachers certainly should approach the administration for further assistance and I know our administrators are more than happy to help in those situations.

Thanks, Colleen

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