

Dear Leaders & Decision Makers,

Please support the mask **choice** for our children and for the end of Governor Lamont's mandate of masks in school. Please support parents to have a choice in the decision on whether or not masks are needed for their children.

I have three children, 8, 5, & 2. My oldest has never been in Elementary school without a mask on, he has never seen some of the faces of teachers he has known for over 3 years - unacceptable. My 5 year old has had speech delays since he was a young child before the pandemic. Since wearing a mask full time his speech has not improved and therapy has been a challenge, as expected. And my youngest, who turns 3 in March, is already training to wear a mask so she can remain in school when her birthday comes. She doesn't even have a full vocabulary but can not see her teachers mouths when learning the basic, core learning blocks for her future.

I was pro mask for a LONG time, but it has come time to move on. Our children deserve as much of a normal childhood back as possible.

Please consider ending the mask mandate so all families can make choices for what is best for their children.

Thank you,
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