

Dear Members of the Connecticut Legislature,

I am urging you to not extend the governor's executive orders, specifically the mask mandate for children in school. Our kids are suffering. Mentally they are exhausted. We cannot keep riding this pandemic on the backs of our youth.

The Teachers unions are pushing hard for these orders to remain intact, while letting go silently of the ones that had an effect on and inconvenienced their lives. We cannot place the burden of an entire pandemic upon our kids. They are falling behind and their mental health is suffering. It cannot go on another minute. The science is in and the masks are not effective and come with severe unintended consequences. They are not so strong and resilient any longer once we look at the data regarding their mental state.

While I realize the theater of masks might make some people feel better, the reality of mask wearing in the real world is that it is ineffective and harmful. I am not willing to sacrifice the future of my children while our state hangs on to antiquated theory. I ask that you please remove the mask mandate from our school or at the very least let us deal with this on a local level.

Thank you,

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