Dear Board,

I am writing this letter to express my support for ending all mask mandates and Covid restrictions in ALL CT schools.

There has been some talk of kicking the can down the road to make school mask laws at local levels, town by town. That puts a very heavy burden on our school boards, and at this point we have enough evidence that an N95 mask offers a high degree of protection for immune compromised individuals. <u>Masking needs to be a choice.</u>

The restaurants and bars are packed. Concert venues are full. Adults go to work at their jobs and most do not wear masks. Stacey Abrams recently visited an elementary school and chose to remove her mask! It makes no sense for our children to view themselves as dangerous weapons who need to have their faces covered 8 hours a day.

I am a single-issue voter. I will not be casting any votes for anyone who supports extending mask mandates or further Covid restrictions. This virus is not going away.

Our children's mental health has been crushed. They need to see a light at the end of the tunnel NOW. They need to see hope NOW. We are at a breaking point.

There is a study out on prisoners of war. Those who felt there was a light at the end of the tunnel were the ones who survived. Our kids need this hope now, before it is too late. We cannot mask forever, and an extra 2 months will not make a difference.

Dr. Fauci has said we will ALL get Covid. We can't outrun this. Let's end this now.

Sincerely, Carrie Wallack 49 Willow Rd Riverside, CT 06878