

Dear CT Legislature,

I am a mother to 3 young children in Riverside, CT. My 5 year old daughter attends Kindergarten at Riverside Elementary School, and my 4 year old and 2 year old attend a local preschool. I strongly believe that parents should have a choice about whether their child wears a mask to school.

My K daughter asks me each morning when I drop her off, and each afternoon when I pick her up, why she has to wear a mask. She finds it very uncomfortable, says it gets wet, and generally “gets in the way”. Instead of hearing how her day went, or what she learned, she is upset that she had to wear a mask. She also gets very worried and nervous about different settings ... “Do I have to wear a mask here? Why? Why not? Do I have the virus? Am I going to give someone else the virus?” The mental burden we are placing on these young, developing children has gone too far. We have followed all the rules for the past two years. We have quarantined when told, masked when told, missed days and days of school, but it has simply gone too far. Our children are, and will continue to suffer from the mental, emotional and physical burdens we are placing on them daily. I will not even go into the struggles my 2 year old and 4 year old have wearing masks at their preschool, it truly breaks my heart each day that goes by that they can’t see the smiles of friends and teachers during these formative years.

I respectfully request you given our children back normalcy. They have sacrificed too much already. Please give parents the choice.

Kindly,
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