To whom it may concern,

I ask that you make mask wearing in our schools parental choice. Some parents may find that they feel safer with their children in masks, and that's perfectly fine. We are not asking to ban masks in schools, simply to let the parents decide what is in the best interest of their child. I am well aware that some children don't mind it, but not all feel the same way, my children come home with dirty masks, headaches, they are more tired than normal. They don't enjoy school the way the used to. The masks distract them and the teachers which makes for a very long day. We know the data is out there and it is saying masks don't work. Our kids need to breathe freely and even pick up germs once in a while to keep their immune systems strong.

Any decision made for a child should be made by their parents or guardians. Please make masks optional going forward. Thank you.

Kim Cornell Canton Public Schools