

Good Afternoon,

My name is Marissa Rosa- parent of Kindergartener and 1st grader in Watertown school system. I am writing to plead that you end mask mandates for our children. Please make masks optional.

As you know, we now benefit from the science and stats that show us masking does not work. I was all for masking when I believed they were protecting our children! The children are all coming to school with cloth masks. Any immunocompromised children should opt to wear N95 masks- that can be up to their parents if they are concerned about their health. We have had ZERO cases for weeks. My youngest child is suffering from a speech delay. These little ones are still developing their language, learning via facial cues and expressions. They are suffering greatly by not being able to see their peers and teachers faces. Masking our children for almost 2 years now will have lasting negative effects. We must end this now.

I am also a pediatric nurse and the overwhelming amount of mental health cases we have been seeing is so heart wrenching. These kids are burdened with anxiety and fear every day. Please do your part in protecting the education and childhood that these children deserve.

Thank you so much for your time,

Marissa Rosa