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CAUTION: External Message

I'm writing you this morning as a concerned parent of two children who attend school at xx Elementary. My children are going into grade x and grade x.

With the emerging information about how contagious the Delta variant is, and that it now makes up 80% of the cases in Canada, I would like to see Universal mask mandates for the entire School. Without this I feel like I am left with an impossible decision but whether or not to send my children to school.

Hospitals in the United States are filling up with children who cannot be vaccinated. We know masks work, we know Delta is here. We need mask mandates now in schools.

I'm also concerned with the lack of information and dialogue that's been going on with parents as they're trying to plan for the fall. If there is no mask mandate then as a parent I need to seriously decide if I'm going to send my kids to school or not. And I can't plan if I'm not giving any information.

I know everyone is exhausted of making difficult decisions, I am a Registered Nurse, I get it. But we can't stop now making the hard decisions, we need to keep our kids safe when we're so close to a vaccine for them. If this school year goes terribly and kids get sick we will never forgive ourselves.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to a response.

Sincerely,

Kelley Charters

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