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CAUTION: External Message

Dear School Trustees,

I am writing to you this evening to beg you to implement a mask mandate for K to grade 3 students. My wife is immunocompromised. Every day that our child comes home, we worry that he has been exposed. If more measures are not put in place, we will have to make the difficult decision to keep him at home. Our son enrolled in the Island ConnectEd system last year for kindergarten, due to the pandemic. We were optimistic about having him start at Georgia Elementary but were hesitant due to the lack of a mask mandate for his grade. We are now very concerned - other schools in BC are announcing significant case counts and transmission in school settings.

The Vancouver and Surrey school boards have just voted to implement face mask mandates for K-3 students. We now have two clusters (outbreaks) of COVID cases within our schools. One at Pleasant Valley and now one at Cinnabar Valley. Masking is one of many layers of protection that can limit the spread of COVID. For such a simple measure, masking has shown to be very effective with limited the spread of the disease. As the father of a grade 1 student, we believe that masks should be implemented within the grade range. These children understand why masks are necessary and most children will comply.

Please do the needful and implement this mandate immediately. The majority of parents, teachers, and students support and need it.

Sincerely,
Bradley & Lisa McCrea

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