

Summary of Public Comments

08.10.21

Below is a summary of comments that were received through our Public Comment form specific to the August 10 board meeting as of 5:00 p.m. on 08/09/21. A total of 37 comments were received regarding the following topics:

- No Masks/Masks Optional – most comments fell under this topic
- Mask Mandate Support
- SRO Data
- White Supremacy
- Curriculum Availability
- Public Comment
- School Petition
- Agenda

No Masks/Masks Optional

- Most of the 37 writers want either no masks required for students or the option for parents to make the decision for their student. Masks are awkward, uncomfortable and impede daily learning. Many feel masks do not work and create a barrier to relationship building. Scientific data does not support students wearing masks for hours. Most writers would like the district to show the scientific data that supports mask wearing in students. Some feel the district's hands are way too deep into family/parental choices.
- Writer does not feel the district is considering the negative effects a mask mandate has on students with disabilities.
- Several writers are asking for the school district to stand up to the governor and refuse to implement the mask mandate. We are conditioning kids to live in fear, this is not good for their mental health.
- If parents are not comfortable sending their children to buildings where there is no mask mandate, they have the distance learning option.
- There were also writers that indicated students did not want to go to school and be forced to wear a mask, some writers voiced they will homeschool their students or withdraw them to a different program/district rather than send them masked.

Mask Mandate Support

- Writer feels like there is a lot of pressure for students to wear a mask and students have voiced they would rather be at school with a mask than not at school.
- Writer feels the board should model healthy behavior and wear masks during the public meetings. Writer believes everyone can do what they want on their personal time but does not consider board meetings their personal time.
- Writers believe in-person instruction should be a priority and would like the district to follow the CDC guidelines. Since many have decided not to get the vaccine, masking and social distancing are the safest options. Children have the right to know the district is working to mitigate the spread, masks mandates show them this.

SRO Data

- Writer would like documentation of an instance that a child was arrested in school by an SRO and sent to prison.
- Writer would like the SRO data from 2016 forward.

White Supremacy

- Writer believes there are white supremacists currently on the school board.
- Writer would like documentation of an instance of white supremacy in our schools.

Curriculum Availability

- Writer indicates the K-12 curriculum should be made public with easy access.

Public Comment

- Writers would like time and content limits on public comment removed, this will help the board regain public trust. They would like increased access and see the need for ASL interpreters as well as various other languages. Writer believes formal meetings are better for this rather than informal listening sessions.
- Writer would like you to ignore Satya, Danielle and Marty when it comes to public testimony and is asking the board to stop threatening legal action for the act of living out the civic lessons we teach our children.

School Petition

- One writer wants to know how to petition the school for her child with a September 16 birthday to start Kinder.

Agenda

- Writer indicates the agenda is not clear, it does not spell out topics, lacks description and the verbiage is terrible.