

Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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COVID-19

Topic *

Universal masking in schools

Full Name *

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What is your relationship to ACPS? *

Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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I am writing to ask the school board to continue to require universal masking in ACPS schools until the CDC advises otherwise. The layered mitigation efforts to prevent widespread transmission of COVID-19 (including universal masking) have made the difference for parents like myself whose child is at risk for complications from COVID-19. Please, continue to advocate for children who are at risk, and for children who have family members at home who are at risk.

We cannot compare ourselves to Europe- we do not have their universal healthcare systems, and our transmission rates, death rates, and subsequent GoFundMe webpages show it. Alexandria's COVID-19 transmission rates have dropped considerably in the past month, but we are still in a "high transmission" phase. The local libraries still do not have a supply of rapid tests available to the community. Please, do not allow emotions and a desire for all of this to "simply disappear" to cloud judgment. Continue to stick up for the kids and families whose lives have been and could be upended by this virus. At the very least, conduct a survey of teachers to ascertain their thoughts and feelings on the matter. Thank you.
