

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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I would like to provide: \*

Written Public Comments

My public comments are related to: \*

COVID-19

Topic \*

Masking opt-out

Full Name \*

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What is your relationship to ACPS? \*

Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

Enter your comments here OR upload below:

ACPS must always work to communicate as clearly as possible with parents and guardians.

Given the new law permitting parents to opt out of masking for their students, ACPS needs a plan in place for this communication. An online form in which parents can affirm their choice to opt out of masking for their students is essential for both clear school/family understanding and teacher support.

ACPS must also provide a format for parents of students with specific health concerns to communicate their needs in an environment with unmasked peers in order to ensure their access to school.

For the sake of not only students and staff but also our wider community, it is essential that ACPS continue 100% required masking during periods of high or substantial transmission, as allowed by law but not outlined in the current plan. This will communicate a clear plan with visible metrics, and eliminate confusion as well as reduce complaints about changes in plan.

Lastly, I am concerned by the lack of policies posted on the ACPS School Board website regarding any potential actions to be taken tonight. It would be ideal to have this information in advance rather than comment on assumptions of what you will cover.

We are grateful for your service as school board members.