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Select the meeting date:* * February 3, 2022 6:30 p.m.

My public comments are related to: * COVID-19

Topic * Mask Mandate

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I'm the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Norther VA and the father of two young kids who would be attending ACPS when they are old enough. I want to respectfully ask you to obey the executive order and end your mask mandate. We now have empirical evidence from all over the world that schools are not a major vector for the spread of Covid. This includes areas that never shut schools down and areas that never instituted mask mandates. Allowing children and staff the right to choose whether or not to wear a mask will not cause increased spread.

We now know benefit from masks would depend greatly on both the quality and the wearers ability to wear it properly. It strains credulity to believe that the soaking wet \$1 cloth mask being worn improperly by a kindergartner is doing any good.

I'm not asking anyone not to wear a mask should they choose to do so. I simply ask that you let people decide for themselves. Respect the rights and decisions of your neighbors.