

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #122

My public comments are related to: * Continuity of Learning 4.0

Topic * Masks for Hearing Loss teachers

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Hello,

Whenever we are back in school, I would like to share my suggestion that our teachers who work with hard of hearing and deaf students wear a clear mask or shield to allow better visibility for lip reading and emotion.

Our Teachers of the Deaf (CBES's April Bullock and Dr. Annette Asfaw) can ultimately choose the best style but I would recommend a clear face shield (the type with an attached scarf) and/or a clear mask (prefer this type: <https://www.theclearmask.com/>).

My son is in the CBES hard of hearing cluster and wears hearing aids. I expect his Teacher of the Deaf and general education teachers to have clear masks so he has full access to language.

It is worth noting that 55% of people use lip reading as a support to hearing. Also, seeing a face and emotion decreases fear in children.

Thank you for considering this request.

Jennie