

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Continuation of requirement to wear masks

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I am a community member, grandparent of an ACPS student, and a tutor. I support continuation of the requirement to wear masks. I understand some are pointing to European country decisions to eliminate all requirements based on decreasing incidence of coronavirus, hospitalizations, and deaths. The jury is still out. Rather than mirror their example now, perhaps we ought to wait and see what the impact of this decision is on their rates. After all, a new coronavirus, (more transmissible and more savage than Omicron) first identified in Denmark, is supposedly already present in 47 states.

I live in a condominium complex. I don't continue to wear a mask as much for myself, as for the small numbers around me who are immune compromised. It doesn't strike me as overly onerous. I understand, in even closer quarters, the school environment, that wearing masks has served to decrease the incidence of not only coronavirus, but also colds and flu. I urge the community-minded to demonstrate a level of civic responsibility and concern for their fellow citizens, their own and other's children, particularly those immune compromised, by continuing to wear a mask. If for no other reason, think of the teachers. They are on the receiving end of 30 plus kids. My attention is gotten (I ring my hands a bit) when the one child I tutor has a runny nose, raspy cough, etc.

My advice is wear a mask...it just isn't that hard.

I'm not concerned about psychological impact and effect on socialization. Haven't seen an iota of negative impact. It strikes me the children have demonstrated themselves more adaptable than their parents.