

Hello TCDSB members, I am a concerned mother of two young children ages 3 and 7 that are being forced to wear masks for 6 and half hours a day, while trying to get a proper education in an emotionally healthy environment . We have finally reached a point now in the pandemic where we scientific and factually know that, "young children don't get as sick from Covid 19 and don't pass it on as well as others". This is a direct quote from B.C's Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry. Data from around the world support her statement! Masks have not been studied for their safety in children and there is no data to support the masks in an educational environment are beneficial. There are however countless documented physical, mental and emotional harms associated with children wearing masks. You cannot claim to be concerned about health and safety of your students while failing to acknowledge that face masks are threatening to physical and social health and impede normal social interaction between student and peers / teachers. Is there any scientific data or proof that a face mask on my child all day will not in fact cause irreversible adverse side effects? Will children be more susceptible to the virus from touching their faces all day adjusting their masks? And should there be long term irreversible effects who will be made accountable? Please confirm with me the answer? Parents will join together and consider notices of liability to those responsible for implementing policy that is harmful to children and not recommended by the highest of scientific organizations such as the Who. Remember that 3 times more Canadian kids have died or been hospitalized by the flu in past seasons than by Covid 19 and we didn't force them all to wear masks for protection? Please reconsider your mask mandates for children, it's time to listen to the Science and protect the well-being of our children in every way!

Thank you

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