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Letter to Board

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To: Henry Schantzen <hschantzen@bluffviewmontessori.org>, Sherry Lohmeyer <slohmeier@bluffviewmontessori.org>

Hi Sherry,

I very greatly appreciate you taking the time to talk this afternoon and listen to my concerns regarding masks not being required indoors this school year -- particularly if kids are not sitting 6 ft apart.

As I shared with you, as parents we're not comfortable with our daughter going back to school if Bluffview is not requiring masks indoors given the severity of the Delta variant and the significantly rising cases locally. The pandemic situation at the onset of this school year is significantly worse than it was last year. We would very unfortunately need to look into transferring her to another school which requires masks or look into homeschooling until covid is far better managed. We love Bluffview and certainly hope that concern can be abated.

I firmly believe that it's the school's main responsibility and goal to provide a safe environment for our children. During the pandemic, I believe that requires the sacrifice and commitment to doing everything we can to protect our children. This means wearing masks indoors. Even if there is a small chance that wearing a mask can help one child, I believe it's our duty to do so. Error on caution, rather opt for convenience.

I very much hope that Bluffview makes the responsible and brave decision to protect our children and require masks when people are indoors together.

Thank you again for your flexibility and making the time to talk today. It was greatly appreciated and comforting.

Have a nice evening,

Melissa Mansfield