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## Proposed Covid plan for Bluffview

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To: Henry Schantzen <hschantzen@bluffviewmontessori.org>

Henry, the COVID plan you outlined in your most recent e-mail seems like a solid and reasonable plan. I'm not sure how to send an e-mail directly to the board, but if you could pass along the following from me:

**As longtime Bluffview parents, we wanted to speak in favor of the proposed COVID safety plan. In answering the parent survey sent out in the spring, we had indicated our preference for a maskless start to the school year; however, that was before the developments of this past summer, including the sudden surge in the delta variant. Until all children have the opportunity to be vaccinated, the wisest course of action seems to be to take whatever measures are necessary to prevent an outbreak. Indeed, without these protective measures, we might consider withdrawing our child or schooling him at home. While it is true that children are unlikely to develop serious symptoms or be hospitalized, it is also true that COVID can impact children more severely than the seasonal flu. In the last week or so, we've seen about 2,000 children hospitalized with COVID every day. While it is rare for children to actually die of COVID, it does happen, with more than 400 pediatric deaths recorded so far. Plus, the debilitating effects of long COVID in children are still unknown. Finally, an outbreak in the school could help spread the virus to more vulnerable adults in the wider community. For all of these reasons, we support the proposed COVID safety plan, even as we continue to hope that it will be safe for kids to attend school without masking or podding before the end of the school year.**

**Jerry & Susan Windley-Daoust**

Thanks, Henry,

Jerry