

b. NONE of the students in our elementary schools are eligible to be vaccinated.

5. We know that the best place for our children is IN SCHOOL, and the best way to keep them in school is to reduce community spread and avoid quarantines.

The noise

I recognize there are many, many vocal parents and organizations pressuring you to keep masks out of our schools (some of you on this email even agree with them and are fighting like hell alongside of them). There is talk of lawsuits and there is national media attention, and I'm sure the deluge of emails, phone calls, and opinions each of you are receiving daily is out of control. I truly feel for the position you are all in, and don't envy you at all.

Your leadership

Based on your tireless work over the past year and a half, I know you all take your roles to govern the education and protection of our children incredibly seriously. To that end, I ask that you please put the noise aside and do the next, right thing. The hard thing. The only thing at this stage that will protect our children who cannot be vaccinated, and our community at large who will suffer the consequences of rampant community spread via the school buildings if children are not wearing masks. Please reinstitute a mask mandate in WCS school buildings at the recommendation of the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Thank you,
Meghan Downs

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