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Subject: Special meeting of BOC 9/9/21

Please forward to all members of the Leelanau Board of Commissioners

Dear County Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners this evening is to specifically address the universal masking order issued by the Board of Health to all K12 schools within the two county jurisdiction.

The Board of Health is to be commended for taking this strong positive stand to protect the health of our children and our community. I know that our health board has stayed up to date on best practices for risk reduction in the spread of COVID-19 and I am grateful to them for sorting out the medical facts from alarmist rhetoric.

I do not understand the need for an emergency commission meeting regarding the masking directive as the Commission cannot override a Board of Health directive, although I read a letter drafted by a private citizen for the use of the Commission demanding proof from the Health Board that COVID is deadly and masking reduces infection and can save lives. This documentation is readily available and accessible to the author of the letter as well as all commissioners. A nice note could have been sent to the concerned citizen reminding her that the ONLY protection for children 12 and under is masking. But I have attended plenty of meetings in my lifetime that were called just for the sake of having one, so I have no objection to this one. If I weren't recovering from surgery I would be there.

I have and always will commend the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department for working diligently to protect county residents .

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn C. Kendall

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Sent from my iPad