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To: [Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Alison Middleton](#); [Chet Janik](#)
Subject: FW: Special BOC meeting this evening
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:19:01 PM

Dear Commissioners,
Please see email below.
Michelle

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From: Jan Rygwelski <rygjan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>
Subject: Special BOC meeting this evening

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern about the hastily convened special meeting of the Board of Commissioners in response to the health department's mask mandate for local schools.

As a retired family physician who is following the divisive issue of masking to protect citizens, I am hopeful that the BOC is supportive of the health department's decision to mandate masks in all the local schools. The overwhelming evidence supporting masks as a means of reducing the spread COVID infections is the basis for the BLHD decision, and should not be undermined by a political agenda. The health department's decision is based on scientific evidence, and in light of the rapid increase in infections in our communities, is sound. We need to come together as fellow Americans to do what we can to get this virus under control; the longer it persists in the country, the more opportunity for the virus to mutate into more deadly and more transmissible variants. This is not politics - it is public health.

Thank you for your attention. I trust that the board will act responsibly.

Janis Rygwelski, MD

Sent from my iPad