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Subject: Public Comment September 9th Emergency Meeting
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To the clerk:

Please enter this letter into the record for the Emergency Meeting scheduled 9/9/21 at 6pm tonight.
Thank you

“The press release (9/3/21) from the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department (BLDHD) is based on recommendations from the CDC, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), The American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Family Physicians indication the wearing of masks indoors for all teachers, staff, students and visitors for K-12 regardless of vaccination status.”

It is our duty as parents, grandparents and adults to protect the most vulnerable, our children from this most recent variant - Delta which is more transmissible than the previous COVID-19 variant. It is a fact that there are asymptomatic (i.e. infected yet not displaying symptoms) people who can knowingly transmit this virus to others including our children.

There is a science behind masks:

COVID-19: 1 to 2.5 one person can infect up to 2.5 people

Delta Variant: 1 to 6 one person can infect up to 6 people

Wearing a mask: 1 to 0.5 one person can infect up to 0.5 people

IF YOU WEAR A MASK, THE INFECTION RATE DROPS BY NEARLY 75%

If Melinda Lautner was informed by the County counsel that the commissioners can't legally override an order from the Health Department, why did she & 3 other republicans call an “emergency meeting.” This is political on their part. Wearing a mask isn't political - it's the right and safe thing to do!!

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