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Subject: Re: Masking
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On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 1:42 PM Suzanne Couturier <tpot.suzyq@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,
Please enter this letter into public record.

This letter will be brief as I am composing it on my phone during my lunch break. I am a registered nurse at Munson medical center in Traverse City. I'm also a mother of three kids who attend public schools in the area.

I am alarmed that any school or BOC would even consider, at this point in the pandemic, allowing masks to be optional in schools, or challenging a health department order, especially in schools where the majority of students are unable to be vaccinated. The health department has made a sound judgement in ordering masking in schools where community spread is substantial. The order will minimize spread, protect the vulnerable, and allow schools to stay open. If you were waiting for a sanctity of life issue to come before you, this would be it. Masks save lives.

Masking in schools is what will allow our schools to remain open. Nobody wants to go back to remote schooling. Closing down schools is downright dangerous for kids. Masks are inconvenient and annoying, but NOT dangerous for kids.

There are many differing opinions out there re: masks, vaccines, freedom of choice, etc. I encourage everyone to do their research. I suggest you begin your research in a COVID ward.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Couturier, BSN, RN.