

Mohonasen Central School District

Resolution Requesting Immediate Relief From Mask Mandate for Public School Students

WHEREAS, COVID-19 guidance and policies pertaining to K-12 schools that has come from New York State government has been inconsistent and arbitrary; and

WHEREAS, a June 4, 2021, letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker pertaining to the wearing of masks by students was confusing, leading parents and school officials to believe that masks would no longer be required as of June 7, 2021, only to learn a short time later that students would have to continue to wear masks; and

WHEREAS, policy from the State indicates that students in summer youth camps in schools will not have a mandated requirement to wear masks indoors or outdoors; and

WHEREAS, heat waves and temperatures of 90-degree or higher frequently occur in the late spring and early summer; and

WHEREAS, many New York State public schools, including our own, have insufficient levels of air conditioning and ventilation in classrooms, causing the suffering of students who must endure stifling heat while wearing a mask; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 rates in New York State have been well below 1 percent for weeks, and in particular the Capital Region seven day rate has been below 0.6 percent; and

WHEREAS, many parents of our students have made a plea for relief from the mask mandate for their children; therefore be it

RESOLVED, as the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, we ask New York State for immediate relief from the wearing of masks for our students for in-person learning, and be it further

RESOLVED, that to serve the best interests of our children, the Mohonasen Board of Education petitions the New York State Department of Health to immediately allow K-12 schools to make their own policy decision pertaining to the advisability of requiring masks for their students.

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