AGENDA CARLISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL Special School Board Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Carlisle Community School Board Room Livestream: CCSD.LIVE

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVE AGENDA
- 4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Visitors
- 5. UPDATES/INFORMATION
 - A. Review District Stakeholder Survey Report Face Mask Options
- 6. Business/Action Items.
 - A. Approval of Return to School Plan
- 7. FUTURE MEETINGS
 - A. October 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Carlisle Community School Board Room
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

Character, Service and Excellence in everything we do.

VISION STATEMENT

The Carlisle Community School District, in partnership with students, families and our community are dedicated to:

- Meeting the needs of all students

- Recognizing the uniqueness of each child

- Preparing students to lead productive, moral, responsible lives

VISION 2020 GOALS

Provide a comprehensive educational experience that prepares students to thrive in their chosen pathway after graduation. Cultivate a positive culture, committed to a safe learning environment, based on mutual respect among all district stakeholders. Promote partnerships with parents and community to extend and enrich learning experiences within and beyond the classroom. All members of the learning community commit to collaborative practices that ensure continuous improvement and progress.

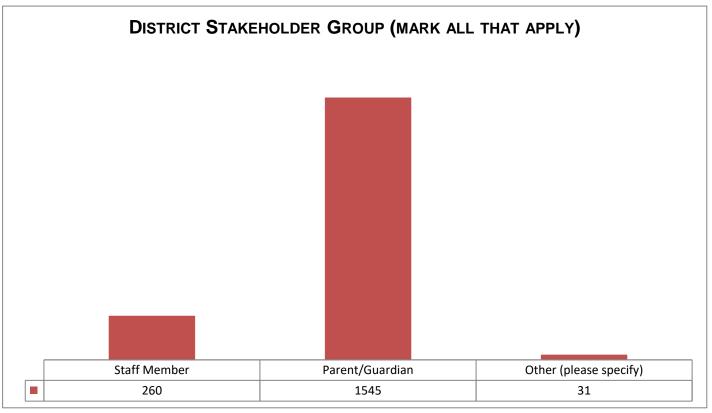
DISTRICT STAKEHOLDER SURVEY REPORT FACE MASK OPTIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

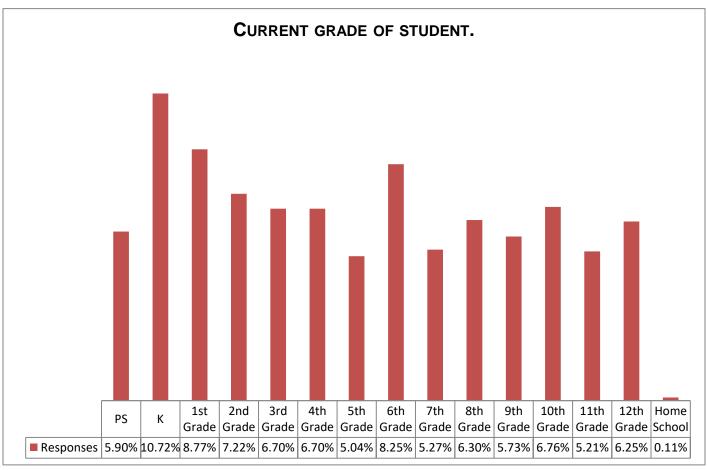


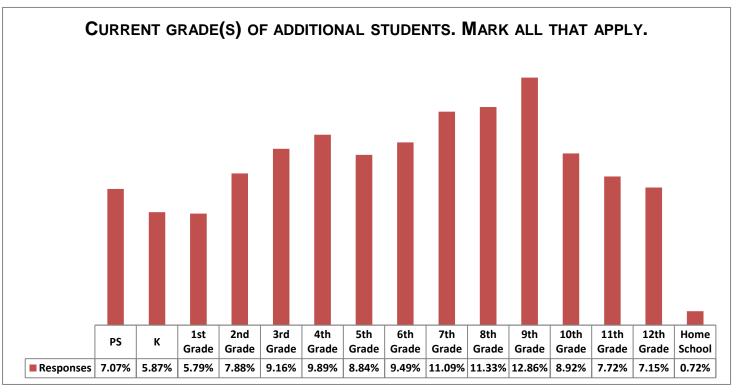
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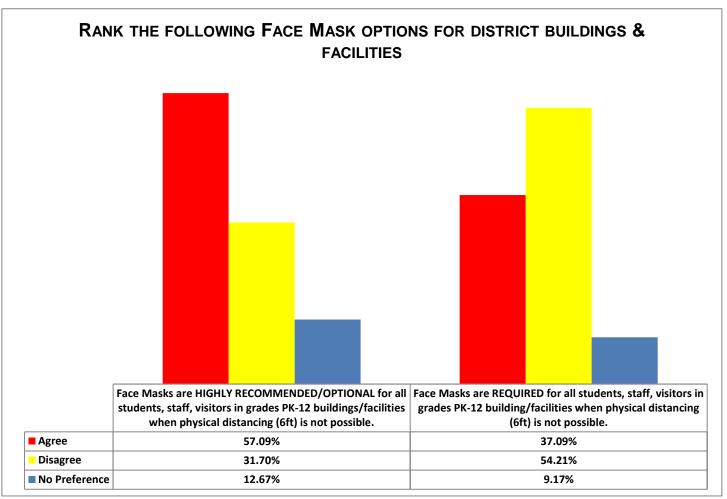
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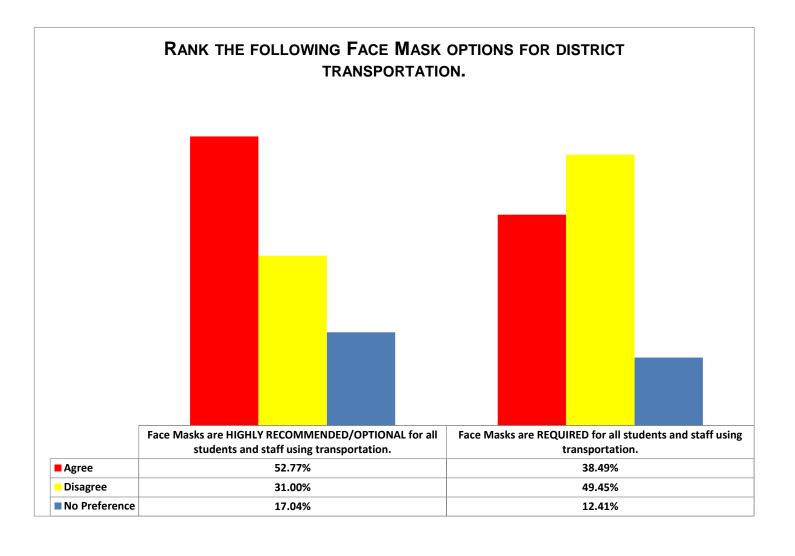
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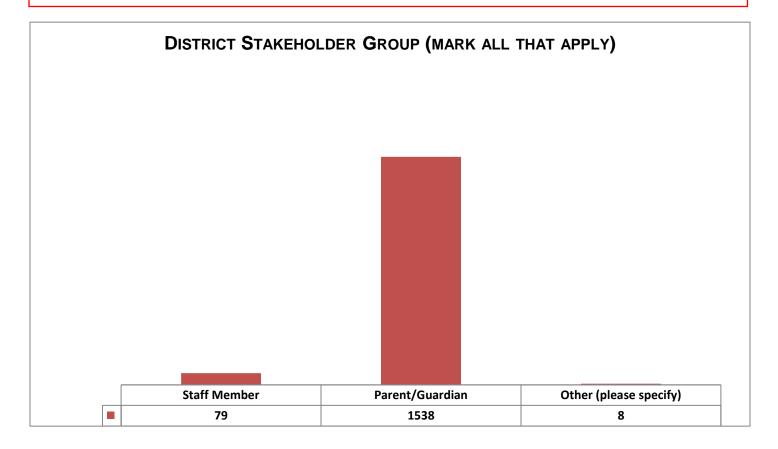


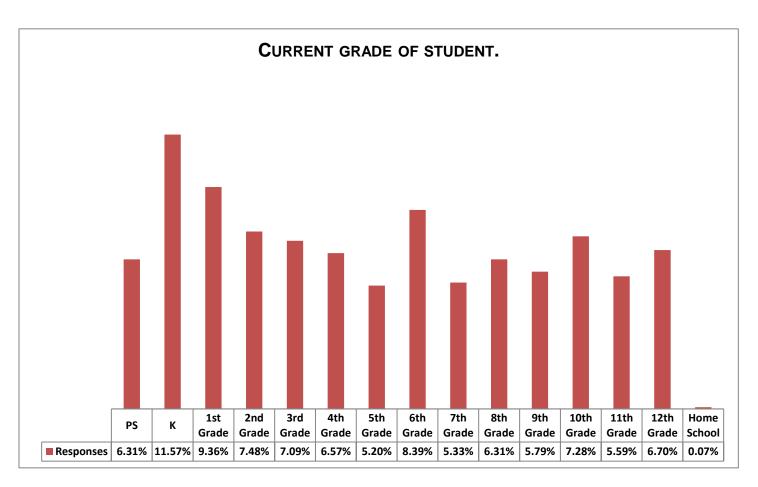


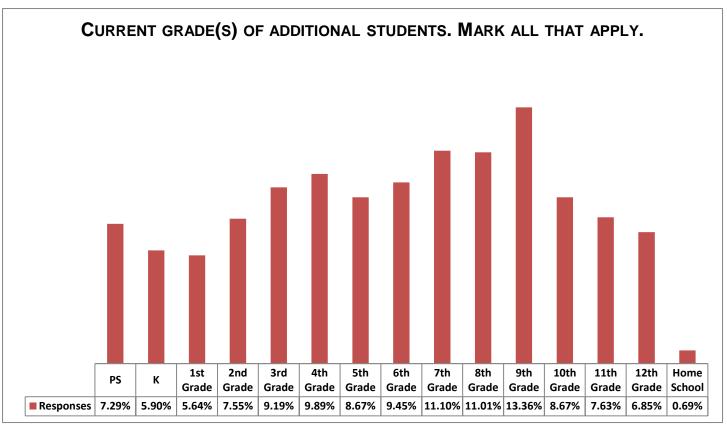


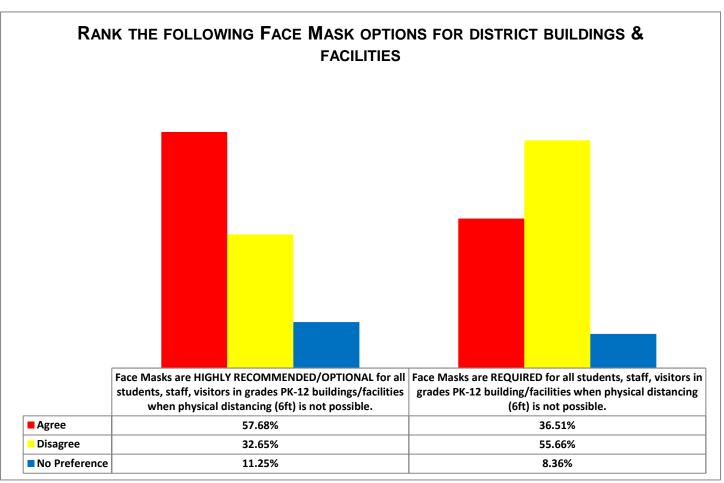


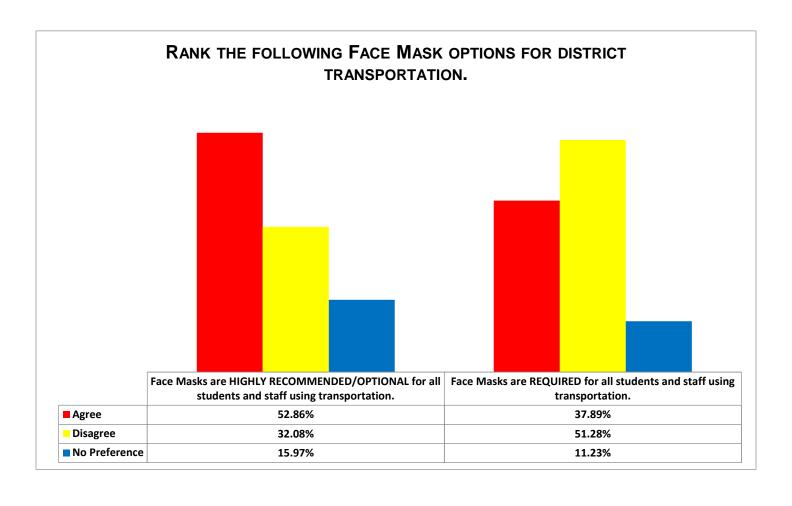
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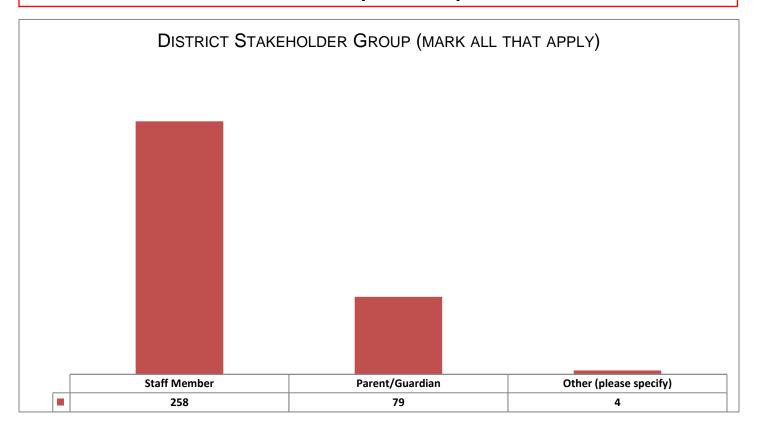


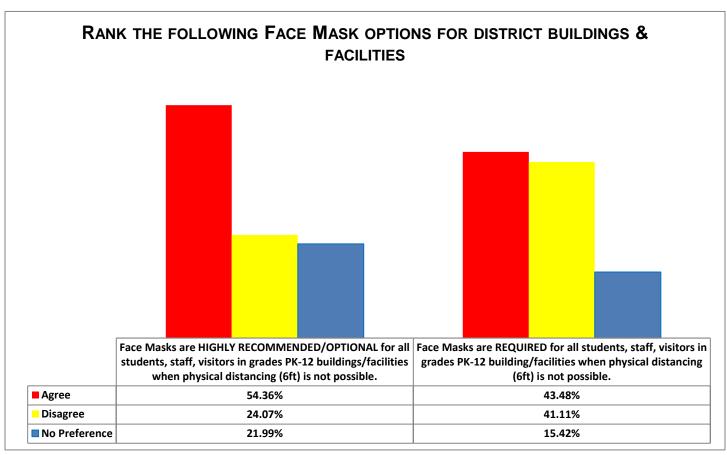


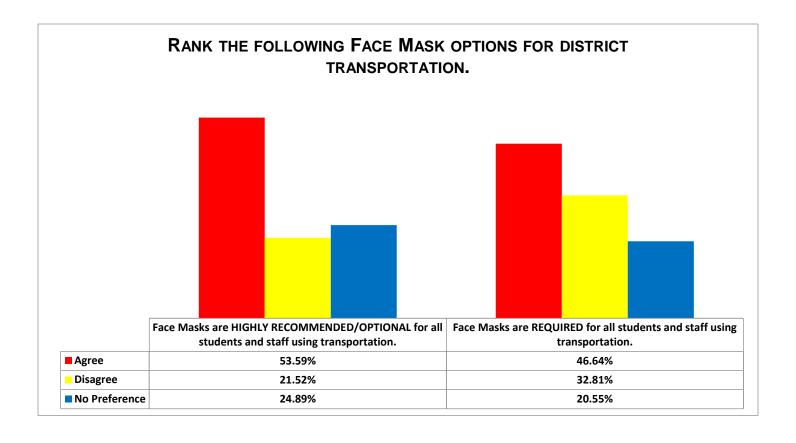




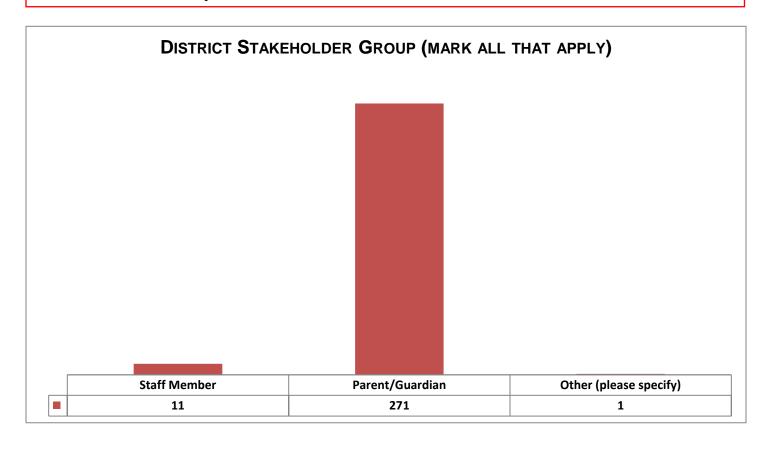
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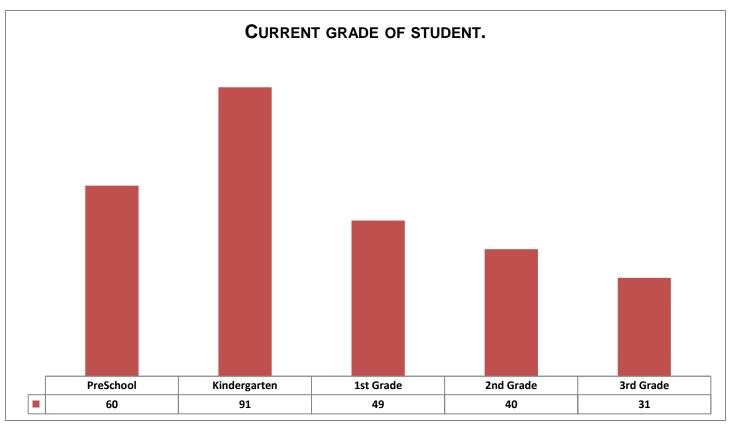


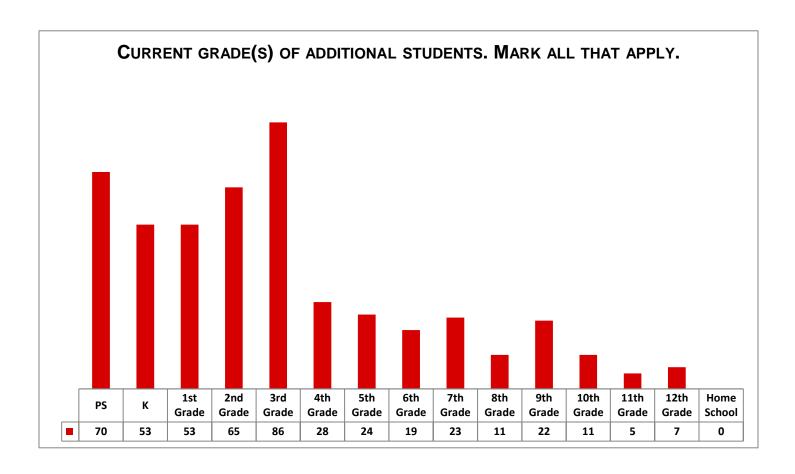


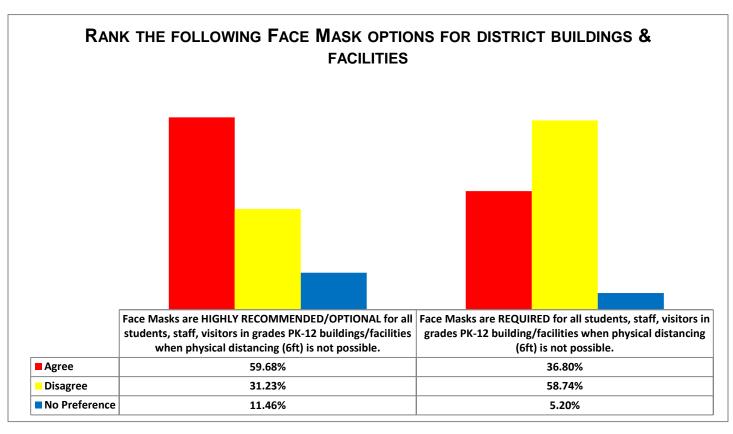


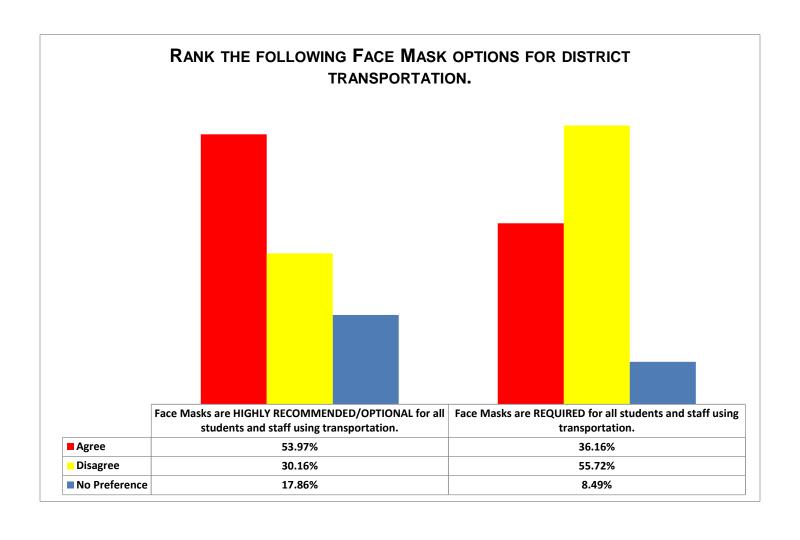
PARENT/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES PK-3



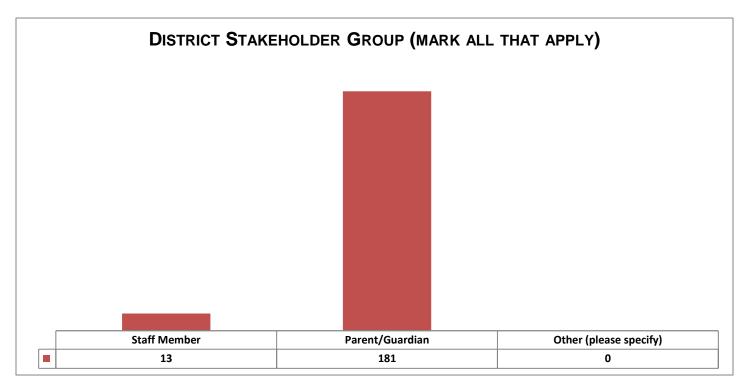


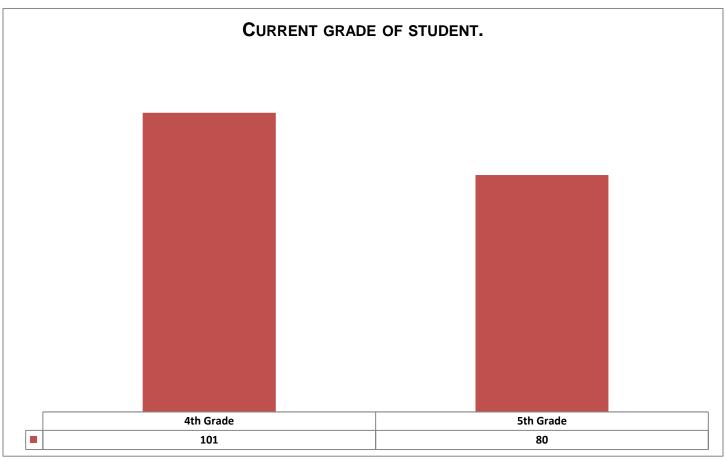


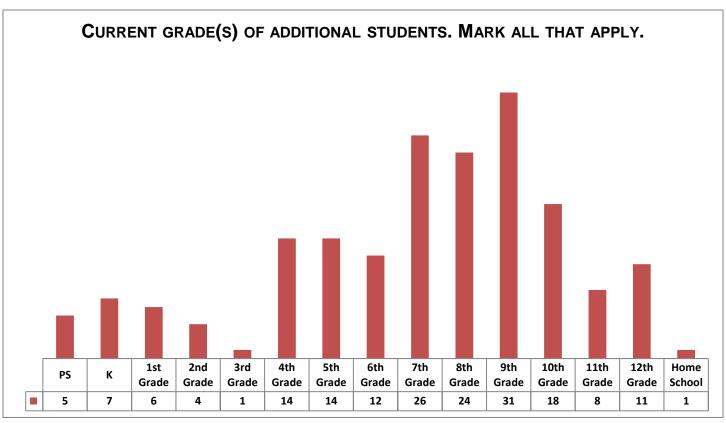


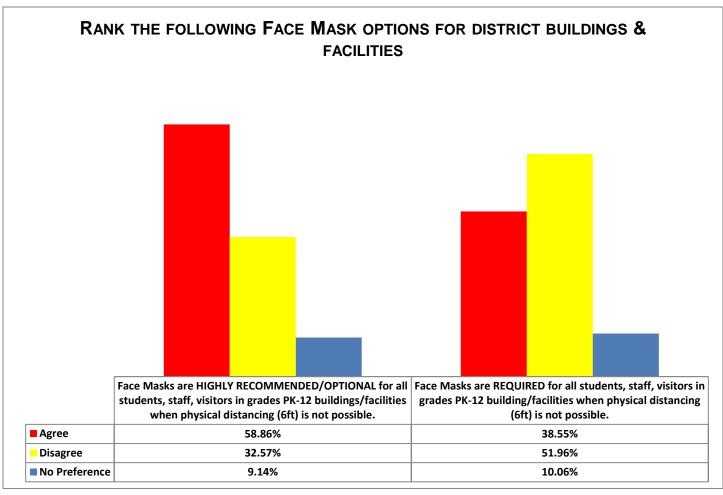


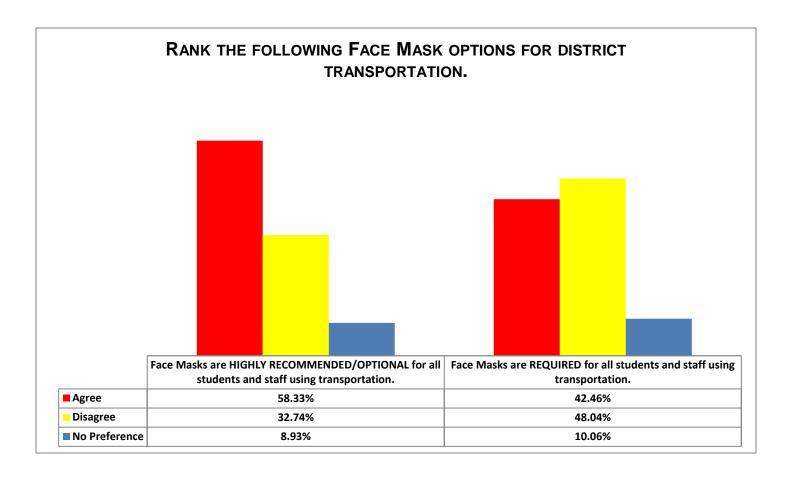
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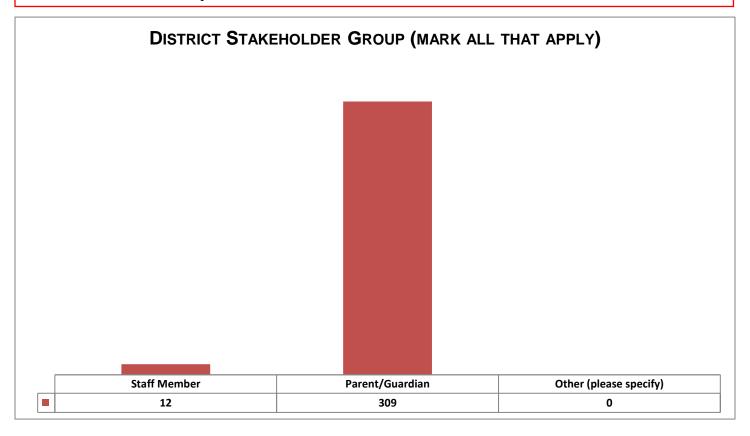


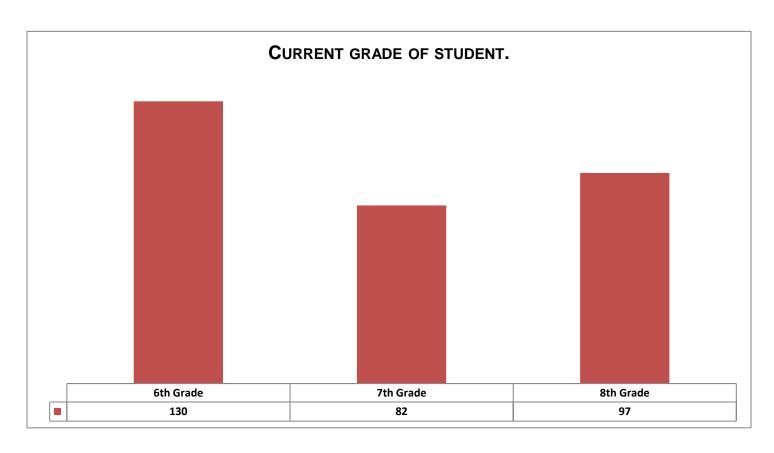


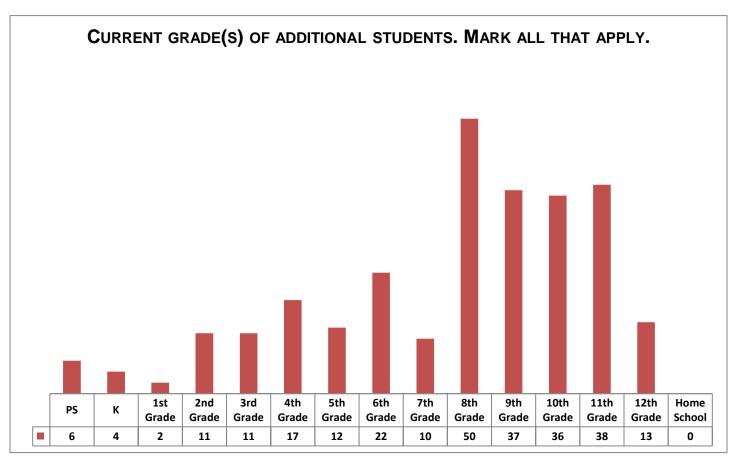


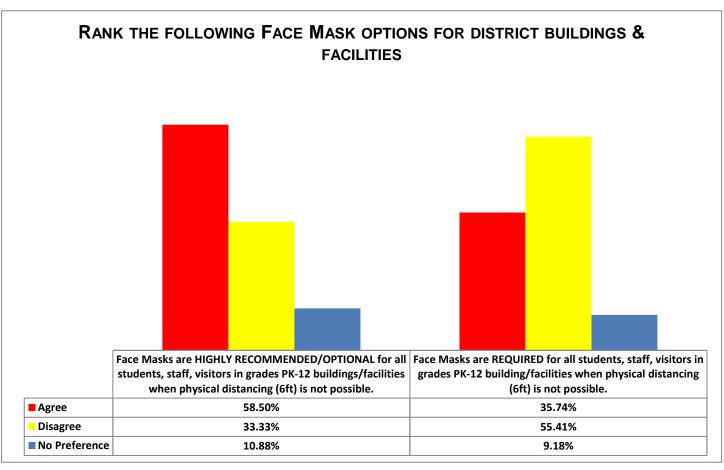


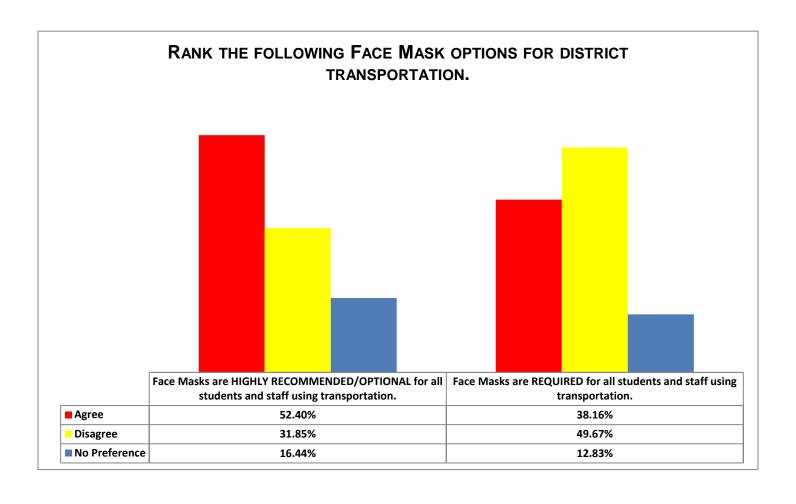
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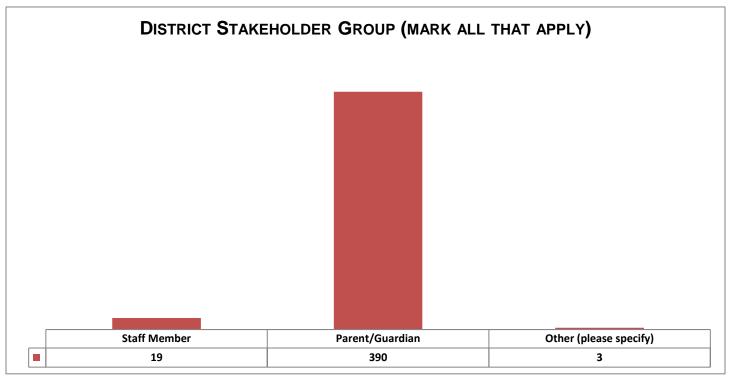


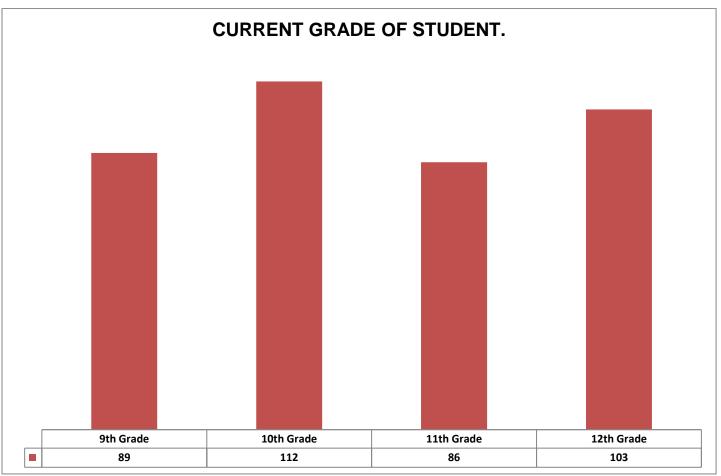


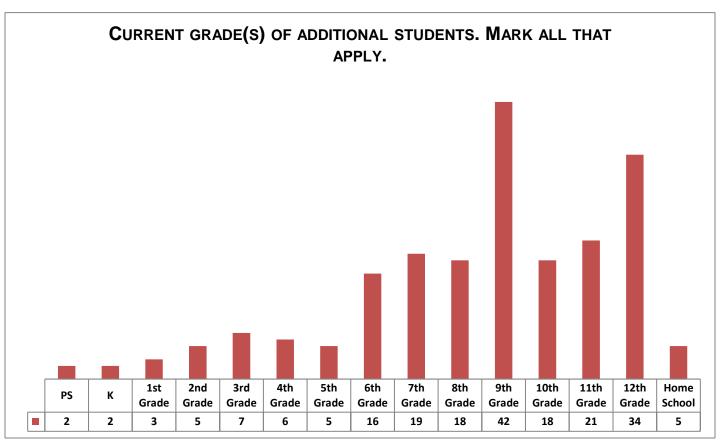


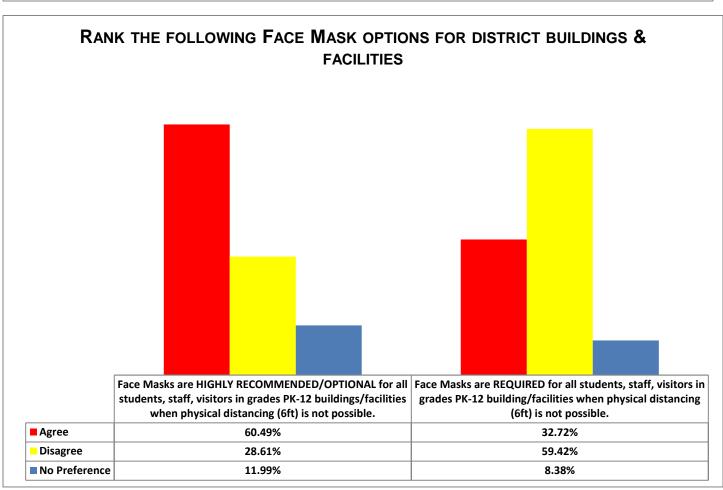


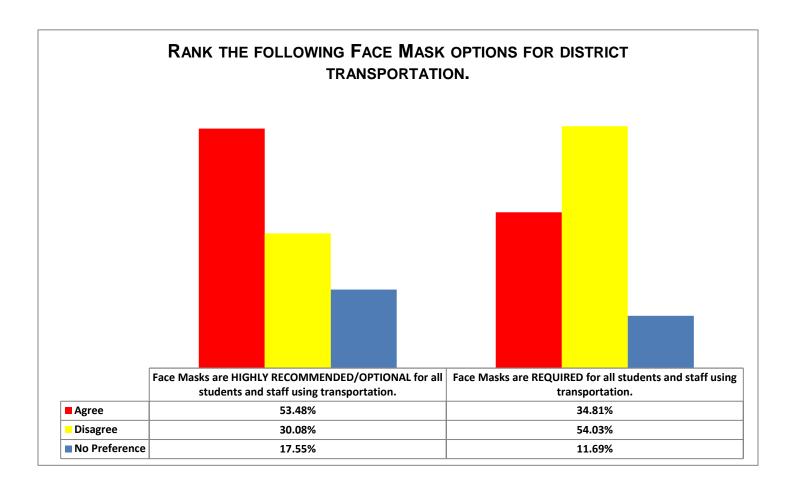
PARENT/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12











PK-12 STAFF

Rank the following Face Mask options for district buildings & facilities. (44 comments)

Masks should be required in the buildings were students are currently unable to have the chance to be vaccinated.

Face masks are already an option. It's their right to wear them same as others right to not wear them. Period. Why is this even an issue?? Free will. Do it or don't. We literally have bigger issues to address in the schools than a piece of cloth. I'm not attacking you I promise. There is a bigger picture that is missed out on. I appreciate you all reaching out to the community to get their perspective. Thank you.

I believe having masks in schools where students are too young to be vaccinated would be a great idea. Even though these students are less likely to face to be hospitalized they are still able to spread Covid along with other illnesses. Students with specific medical or sensory issues should be exempt.

Unvaccinated individuals should be required to wear masks.

Not required but always a personal/family option. Nothing should prevent the individual or family from wearing a mask if they chose.

I believe we should follow CDC guidelines that kept schools operational in a sustainable way last year

Please mandate face masks

We should be following CDC and AAP guidelines as well as the federal requirement for masking in busses!

Masks should be REQUIRED for everyone in the buildings at all times.

I also believe if masks were required we should consider the needs of children that have difficulty wearing masks. But without the majority wearing masks we are not thinking of students the have health concerns they need more of us the wear masks to keep them safe. I really think this should be considered since there is no remote learning option for these students.

I feel that students and staff should have the option to wear or not wear a mask. I believe that masks are not good for building a strong immune system. That masks store germs and that covers your face all day breathing that is not healthy as fresh air.

I think it should be optional

Protection of the students and staff is important, I prefer mask mandate but I understand if not

There are many students and staff members getting sick. I had over 20 students gone on multiple days last week. Many sick students are coming back before they are well, which is causing more students to be absent in the following days.

With the numbers continuing to rise and cases affecting children more than they have in the past, I think it would be best for everyone to wear masks to increase the safety of the school environment.

Masks should be required

Others wearing face masks is the only thing that will protect me.

I think it would make the most sense for elementary grades at least to require facemasks since the vaccine is not yet approved for that age group. The older grades could have them be highly recommended.

I feel like it has been communicated that those who choose to wear their masks have that choice. I have witnessed people using nothing but respect towards people no matter what their choice is. I would hope that our district would continue to let people make their choice.

As a teacher, I do not want to have to enforce students wearing masks correctly. Last year, it was challenging to get students to wear the mask correctly. I would rather have masks be optional so it takes the responsibility of monitoring mask wearing away from teachers.

n/a

They should be required so we can stop the spread and stay on site.

I am okay with either of these options. While I think it is in the best interest health-wise for everyone to wear masks, I understand people's opinion that it is an individual right/choice.

I would like to see options for all staff and students vs mandates

I think it should be our choice as well as students. Take precautions and distance when possible, and stay home with any symptoms. But having a choice matters. Recommended (not required) would be my opinion.

With quarantine rules as relaxed as they are, it seems like masks could bridge the gap. When we have students IN school without masks with parents who are at home positive at Covid, school no longer feels like a safe environment.

At the very least "Strongly Encouraged" is a start. I don't think parents realize how relaxed the quarantine rules are and the realities of the students their children are in class with--some with positive family members at home.

The most recent data available suggests that masks are one of the best ways to prevent the spread. I feel it would be irresponsible to not have us wear them.

I feel as though there have been more students in the first few weeks of school that have tested positive for COVID than I had all of last year. Many sit at the same groups of tables in my classes. My children are too young for the vaccine, and would be more likely to wear their mask if it was mandated.

It should be a choice.

It's fine to encourage masks, just don't mandate it.

If masks again become required, will there be exceptions? e.g. students with communication difficulties, staff/students who are vaccinated, etc.

Most of my families have really appreciated being able to make a choice for their children and their families. I have even seen students fluctuate between wearing them at the beginning of the year and now they aren't and even the opposite — those not wearing and now they are.

It honestly puts it back on parents to mandate rather than teachers being the "mask police."

It is spreading like wild fire over here at the middle school. Middle school kids like to be as close as they can to each other and adults!

While I would love to have facemasks required by all students/staff, I know that will cause likely more distractions and controversy. My family and friends have had COVID and it has been really traumatic and in some cases deadly. Not sure people will ever understand how COVID affects others. The mask is a simple thing for us all to do but unfortunately, it has been politicized and now people are suffering. So, I will continue to wear my mask, as will my immediate family. We will continue to enjoy good health as we have for almost 16 months now. But requiring everyone to do this, although would be great and likely help the overall health of our community, would distract and possibly ruin a good year we are having.

I would feel safer as an immunocompromised person if it was required. We can also instill the value of community, being helpful, and keeping everyone safe for the greater good rather than a fear based or controlling message.

I would greatly prefer the latter, as a requirement, for the universal protection of all students and staff. Student and family choice creates a situation in which one family's decision ultimately might impact the health and safety of another child or staff member... Therefore, ultimately not providing for much choice at all.

I'm immunocompromised right now and would love to see all persons where masks in the building.

I believe all the data is currently showing that cases/hospitalizations have begun to decline over the last 2 weeks across the United States and that we've passed the peak of this wave. I don't feel it makes sense at this time to start masking again; especially since vaccinations continue to go up.

COVID and other illnesses are spreading like crazy in our buildings, which is leading to extended absences. Students and staff are struggling to keep kids caught up right now. Masks are proven to stop the spread of COVID and other illnesses (last year was proof), so to protect everyone, we need masks to be mandatory for all staff and students in the high school.

I'm not sure if I'm supposed to mark both lines or not. But I for sure believe that face masks should be required for all students, staff, and visitors in grades PK-12. If that doesn't go, then there need to be signs all over the place that say that we highly recommend them.

Please still allow us to chose whether we want to mask up or not.

It would be a hard battle to fight against many kids at this point. I am not sure I want to fight that battle every class period of everyday (again). I support masks and think they are important, but its a battle for sure.

I believe personal choice should be honored.

I do not want to wear a mask, and don't feel that it should be required. Choice should be given. Choices are given for everything and not everyone will have the same stance on this topic so choice is the best option.

Rank the following Face Mask options for district transportation. (13 comments)

Not required but always a personal/family option. Nothing should prevent the individual or family from wearing a mask if they chose.

Would like to see face mask required!

Please mandate face masks

Masks should be required

n/a

They should be required.

Due to ventilation and the impossibility of keeping people at a safe distance from each other, I think this is our most critical setting for face masks.

Allow families decide what is best for their children/students

It should be a choice.

require > recommend. recommend let's people opt out and they are absolved of the responsibility of helping their fellow neighbor, peer, friend, etc.

The bus is where I believe they have the closest exposure because of how close they are to each other.

This would align with CDC recommendations anyway so the question as to why we are not following those guidelines in the first place doesn't make sense to me.

I feel like we should do what the drivers feel comfortable with. They are hard to come by and we should respect their wishes

PK-3 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Rank the following Face Mask options for district buildings & facilities (70 comments)

We are almost there most children will have the option to be fully vaccinated and protected by the vaccine by Christmas. By that time Covid will have been with us for almost 2 years. Please don't cave to the vocal anti mask crowd and thereby put my children at high risk of contracting the virus 2 or 3 weeks before the vaccine is available to children under 12. Carlisle did a good job of keeping our children safe last year lets not throw all that effort away in the last few weeks before vaccines are available.

Face masks are a medical device, not one teacher has the medical authority to treat my children or put a face covering over my child's face without my authorization. You do NOT have my authorization to put medical devices on my children.

There is absolutely no proof that face mask work to prevent the spread of covid-19. Face to face communication with children is how children learn most. When my young ones talk to someone wearing a mask, they don't know where the voice is coming from, or they can hardly hear the person, let alone expand their vocabulary because they can't see, hear, or study how the person is speaking. I don't have the time to sit her and write all the ways in which a mask or vaccine mandate is a terrible idea, but a successful president once said, "those who sacrifice freedom for security, deserve neither". If parents, students, staff etc are bother by unvaccinated or non-mask wearers, then stay home!

Do not agree with masks. No problem if others CHOOSE to wear them, but emphasis on CHOICE.

I strongly oppose any face mask or vaccine mandate in our school district.

I send my child with a mask every day and was disappointed to see he was the only one wearing one, he has health issues that would exacerbate covid if he caught it..

make it the parents choice

Having two kindergartens I am torn, I feel that masks would provide protection but I do worry about how their learning is impacted when teachers cannot access their verbal queues as well.

Wearing masks should be a parent choice, not a school choice.

Until numbers decrease

Can you please add the weekly covid numbers back on the wildcat weekly like you did last year? That is very helpful for everyone! Thank you! Also I agree that face masks should be REQUIRED! It was proven last year that the masks worked and helped slow the spread of covid and many other illnesses! This also helps protect the kids that have underlying health conditions. If they are the only one in the class wearing a mask they simply are not protected especially since the under 12 kids cannot be vaccinated yet.

I wish I had a way to protect my children from Covid. Unfortunately it is very difficult for a child under the age of tend to wear a mask when none of their friends are having to wear them. I tried to get my kids to wear masks at school but it is very difficult because kids can be mean. I feel we need to do whatever we can to protect our children and that do not have the opportunity to protect themselves. I wish that the survey was grade specific.

I feel it should be left up to the parents and student if a mask should be worn. Personally I let my daughter decide what she is most comfortable with.

I would prefer to have my kids in masks.

If the school had documentation that all staff had the vaccine then I would be comfortable with masks being optional. As for the students, I would like to see masks required for all students who currently don't meet the age requirement to receive the vaccine and then students who are eligible to receive it send proof to the school and then no mask is fine. After all what makes this vaccine any different from the standard ones parents need to supply the school.

If you still expect kids to abide by a dress code, you can make them wear masks.

No face mask requirements!

I really wish she would've had options by grade level as I feel those that can be vaccinated and have the option to vaccinate would not be required for facemasks in the high school building. But for children that don't have the vaccine option masks required within those buildings which would be Elementary, Upper Elem, and Middle school.

I want all children to be comfortable and make the decision that is right for them with their parents/guardians.

I have sent my children to school with a mask every day since school started. They tell me they are wearing it but teacher's pictures show otherwise. When asked further they tell me it's because no one else is wearing one that they don't. I prefer to make it mandatory for all until (at least) a vaccine is available for the younger kids.

I believe this should be parents choice.

I think visitors within the school should be required, but I don't think it's practical to require them for students, teachers, or other staff

Masks are a personal option of protection. They create discomfort and learning barriers.

Don't put mask on children. Give choice.

Give people the choice to do as they wish. Thank you

As required based on CDC guidelines.

It seems pointless to make kids, who improperly wear masks, to have a mask mandate.

There's too much disinformation and lack of trust from the media, politicians and general public's opinion to determine what's the correct course. I vote no mask. I might be wrong. I could also be right. I know masks don't stop me from sneezing and a vapor cloud coming out. Masks don't stop me from touching my eyes or face. Masks do force me to breath the same breath for prolonged periods. Our mouthes are seriously full of so much bacteria. Again, I don't know what's right. Best of luck to you trying to find the answer.

The APA and the CDC as well as our own family pediatrician have been requiring face masks to keep vulnerable populations safe, including children too young be vaccinated. The school district should absolutely require face masks if they value the health and safety of our students. Photos of classrooms this year posted to Facebook show absolutely no attempt at social distancing. What legal ramifications is the district willing to accept when children become gravely ill? The district was so successful in limiting transmission last year with the use of masking. Why not continue that success with masking? The district should take counsel from experts and not be bullied into making decisions for political reasons. Please keep our children safe by requiring masks.

I think this is hard to fill out as we don't have district data to support either of these options right now. Meaning, as a parent, I have 0 idea what COVID looks like in the district right now. More information would be helpful. Having said that, research indicates that masks should be used to protect vulnerable populations, and my children that cannot be vaccinated. Knowing what Warren County and the state of lowa numbers look like, I would prefer masks to be required. But, without data my opinion is just that.

Or require all teachers/adults 18+ to wear masks vaccinated or not.

My children cannot breathe in the masks and begged every day last year to not wear them. It also hurt one of my kids with advancing in speech intervention. They enjoy and thrive on seeing the expressions of their teacher and peers. They are having the best year so far and it is due to no mask. Already if the guardians feel it necessary for their child to wear a mask they do. That should be it, do not force this on all of the students. Let it be their choice. They touch their faces 10 times more with a mask and do not use them properly. It is only hurting our future generations by mandating masks.

We want face masks to be a requirement.

3rd grade student with ADHD which has a lot of difficulty wearing a mask. We feel that they are extremely beneficial for their health but most of the time he needs constant reminders and it affects his learning and those around him.

If face masks become a requirement we would like a remote option

Should be by choice

Science has proven that masks when used properly keep people safe.

Carlisle boasts full in person learning, yet 100% defies CDC guidance, AAP guidance, and WHO guidance.

There is absolutely no physical distancing, co-hort groups, or any type of mitigation efforts that are visible to to parents and students alike (a reminder check list each morning that is mostly ignored).

Even the language within the school and learning plans do nothing to encourage/recommend masks. You make it

abundantly clear that they are optional, and not a tool to be utilized.

I appreciate the pressure the board must feel surrounding mandatory masks, but ultimately you are tasked with have our children's best interest at heart. This should not even be a discussion.

There is so much evidence that supports the proof that masks work, and if we'd like to continue in person learning to the fullest, masks are the only way forward.

Each parent can choose what is best for their child / children

It should be personal choice and not dictated by government

I came from a school district in Nevada where it was required that all students/teachers RE wear masks. My child has come home with a mask that was not his own, and the teacher had no clue. She thought that it was his. That in itself is disgusting, and has the potential of making my child sick, not to mention the other child who had his mask. Also, I e watched my son take his mask off, throw it on the ground, and put it back on his face. And just about every day my son would start wearing his mask correctly but by the end of the day, he would have the mask around his chin. With older children the mask mandate is probably more effective, but with younger kids, it simply doesn't work, and I am speaking from experience.

I strongly believe my child should have the option and not be forced to wear a mask all day

There is no substantial evidence showing that face masks are even marginally more effective in slowing the spread of viruses. Most masks are not medical grade and do very little to prevent the spread of disease, especially when they are removed to consume water, food, or generally handled throughout the day. What's more is that they are detrimental in the development of young children's speech development, as they are not able to see the mouth of those talking to them. Also, they carry a degree of psychological effects for the children, again not being able to see facial expressions and learn through facial recognition. There have been studies that have have shown that wearing masks all day can lead to unhealthy levels of CO2 in the body. Children in school should NOT be required to wear masks. If a child or parent/guardian chooses to wear a mask, that should be left as an option. It is absolutely ludicrous to make children wear masks all day in that environment. I could not disagree more with the idea of making it mandatory.

I feel like masks aren't going to prevent the spread of illness when all the children touch the same things as well as physically being in contact with one another. In my opinion virtual learning would be the best option to prevent illnesses from spreading.

If you do not want to wear a mask you should not have to. If people want to they can without it being required.

Our children wear face masks to school and on the bus but to ensure safety to all students, staff and family members.

Our children, our choice.

Masks don't work. Stay home if you are scared. We won't be complying if any mask rules are implemented.

No one should be forced to ware a mask or be vaccinated in order to receive an education or to maintain their job

Look at the scientific data. Masks work in reducing the spread of COVID. Protect our kids. Don't fall to lies and pressure from ignorant people.

No preference but with winter and flu/cold season approaching it would be highly recommended

We do NOT want mask mandates in our schools

Masks are 1) a minor inconvenience, at worst... But 2) a potential life saver, at best.

I don't see how this is even an issue worth debating.

If masks can save even 1 child from needing medical attention then they're worth it.

Covid aside, masks will also help with fall/winter viruses.

Face masks should be an optional, something restricting airways and oxygen should not mandated. Our body our choice.

Things were fine last year. Require masks this year at least until ALL children can be vaccinated.

Should be optional but not required

Would like to see face masks required for all staff and students, especially in elementary building where student vaccination is not currently possible

Nothing to say that the law against mandates isn't going to be the law again soon. Let the parents choose...

I am okay with the option to pull mask down when sitting alone at their desk when applicable, but I fully understand and agree with the mask mandate, due to far too many not following guidelines, which is unfortunate but necessary to protect others/each other. Pretty simple, really.

'Highly recommended' is a bit strong I would say leave it as is that it is your choice.

I guess I'm not really sure how you rank this based on the answer choices? I'd prefer everyone wear masks until Covid numbers decrease.

Pro choice!!!

Parents/students should be able to choose if masks are needed for their kids

We will be pulling our kids out of Carlisle schools if masks become mandatory.

We need masks for everyone

Masks should always be an option and never forced. We all have one life to live. I would hope we would choose not to live it scared!

I don't feel it's up to the school to decide what's best for my family! I also do not want my kids to eat a mask all Day at school! 1000000% against it!!!

As there is no available vaccine for kids under 12 it would be prudent for the school to require face coverings until all eligible school age children are vaccinated.

I think it should be the parent/child's choice Whether or not they wear a mask

Healthy students should not be wearing masks as it has been proven by environmental toxicologists that is can cause more harm.

No face masks

I feel as though there have been more students in the first few weeks of school that have tested positive for COVID than I had all of last year. Many sit at the same groups of tables in my classes. My children are too young for the vaccine, and would be more likely to wear their mask if it was mandated.

Rank the following Face Mask options for district transportation. (36 comments)

Can you please add the weekly COVID numbers to the wildcat weekly like you did last year? I feel it is very important to know the weekly numbers.

Face masks proved last year that they helped slow the spread of Covid amongst many other illnesses. The 12 and under kids cannot get vaccinated yet so this would help that age group tremendously! Thank you very much for your time and consideration!

Can I say America! Freedom of CHOICE!

If it is not required at school I don't know that wearing a mask on the bus makes much of a difference and would just be more confusing for kiddos

Face masks should be a parent choice.

It is a federal mandate and I was very disappointed when our school board made the decision to not follow the federal mandate when other schools looked for loopholes in order to allow them to do so. We need to protect our young children.

Again if the school has proof that transportation drivers have received both vaccines then I'm fine with them not wearing it or it can be optional. As for the students, ABSOLUTELY!!! Especially since the buses can't maintain the social distance and with the colder weather coming windows won't be open.

Masks are not effective in stopping the spread and is only going cause problems with younger kids being comfortable, communicating and understanding their teachers. Dr's, nurses and medical professionals have said this and have advised me NOT to take the vaccine. Don't buy in to what CNN is telling us what to do.

Parents choice

Face masks if not used properly will create more harm than good. This is proven. Good luck getting children properly trained on this.

As requested by CDC

The IDPH clearly states that the CDC order issued in February for masks to be worn on public transportation includes school buses. The district goes against that order when they don't require masks on school buses.

Again, I have questions about the data within the district. My opinion is the same though. Masks should be worn to protect our children, especially in enclosed areas.

Or again, adults 18+ required to wear masks

If face masks become a requirement we would like a remote option

Should be your choice

Again should be the choice of the student or parent and not the government

Same applies to the above comment. This should be left as an option, NOT MANDATORY.

The decision to wear a mask should be left to the parent/guardian of the child its not the school's decision

Our children, our choice.

Masks don't work. Stay home if you are scared. We won't be complying if any mask rules are implemented.

Trust the science. Masks should be required. No kids will die from wearing a mask

No preference but with winter and flu/cold season it would be highly recommended

We no NOT want mask mandates in our schools

Masks are 1) a minor inconvenience, at worst... But 2) a potential life saver, at best.

I don't see how this is even an issue worth debating.

If masks can save even 1 child from needing medical attention then they're worth it.

Covid aside, masks will also help with fall/winter viruses.

Again, things were fine last year. Require masks this year at least until ALL children can be vaccinated.

LEAVE THEM ON. FULL STOP.

Kids riding the bus together are kids that are playing with each other in the neighborhood inside and outside, having sleepovers, playing on sports teams together...a small amount of time in the bus doesn't affect anything.

Similar to the question above, I'm not sure exactly how you rank order my answer. However, I would like masks required for the time being.

Would like to see face mask required!

Pro choice

Face masks should be optional. If parents want their child to wear one that's their choice, but we shouldn't have to be told it's required.

We will pull our kids from the Carlisle school district if masks become mandatory.

It's up to the family to decide what is best for them not the school! My kids my choice!! I will be very very upset about masks being REQUIRED!!'

It should be the parent/child's decision

No to face masks!

No face masks

4-5 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Rank the following Face Mask options for district buildings & facilities (32 comments)

I have been required to work in a small office the entire with 8 people in cubicle due to our food related business we have 2 non vaccination coworkers. One got COVID. I was working with her directly within 1 foot discussions. We have had 0 gty out sick due to colds. We have had 1 out sick due to COVID. 6 of us are vaccinated. 2 are not. I still wear my face mask dealing with coworkers face to face. Face masks work two ways. No colds no COVID.

I would like to see masks for all schools but definitely feel the kids under age 12 need to be protected by a mask mandate in their schools. So I would recommend Elem, Upper Elem, MS for sure along with staff and all visitors into buildings. We cannot leave our young ones unprotected and expect everything will be fine. The numbers of young kids getting this virus have increased significantly and the flu season is also upon us and this will help with that too.

Currently our school district is not following CDC guidelines around quarantining. When we have an elementary and upper elementary where 100% of the students are unable to be vaccinated because of their age and we are not requiring those students who have had in-home exposure to Covid to quarantine, I believe it is imperative that we begin requiring mask usage in the schools in order to protect the younger children in our district. Simply recommending mask usage has proven to not be effective as I have observed only one or two children per class who are choosing to wear masks at this time.

Cant we compromise? If a mask mandate is put in place for inside buildings, I would love to see the option to unmask during recess/outdoor time. And can masks be put into play at a certain number of active cases? Allowing the option to unmask if things are under control.

Each student should be able to choose what is best for them. If they feel more comfortable wearing a mask they should do so. If they dont feel it is the best choice for them then that should be fine as well.

Although annoying, wearing a face mask is one of the easiest and most effective ways to combat the spread of the COVID virus. Both my children are currently some of the very few wearing their masks at school. So far I have received 2 of the positive case in the classroom emails for one of my children and although that's all well and good, and I can ask that my child wears a mask all day, what about in the lunchroom or other times when the face masks need to be off? I am aware that we can not get 100% of students and staff to all wear a mask (correctly) and be completely thorough with hand washing and sanitizing, however that does not mean we should not make the effort to work towards that goal. The last paragraph of said email states that "The district continues to take every step possible to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff." This statement is not/will not be true especially if you do not reinstate the mask mandate into our district. The pediatric hospitalization case numbers are rising. Although we understand more about the disease now than we did a year ago, does not mean that similar precautions should not be taken. Yes, we're all tired of COVID, but it's still here, and until more of us do more to slow it's spread and therefore stop these mutated strains, I am not sure there is an end in sight. Wearing a face mask is not dangerous. Exposing our children to a virus with unknown long-term effects is. Plain and simple. I would also like to see the dashboard reporting of COVID cases like we had last year. It feels like the district is hiding

something when they are not being transparent with that information.

I support mandated masks for students in Elementary & Upper Elementary (due to inability for vaccine). I support optional masks for students in Middle & High School. Staff, masks optional. Visitors, masks optional (unless under age of 12)

Vaccine should be strongly recommended but not mandatory for all eligible staff and students..

Let parents decide. Stop punishing our children for a political virus.

If vaccinated then a mask shouldn't be required and if not vaccinated then should wear mask

Masks should be required for children under 12.

Masks are not what I want my students dealing with again this year. Personal choice, personal responsibility.

This should be a choice not a requirement! If masks can not be worn properly they are more of an issue than help.

Children's immune systems are slightly to almost zero effected by covid. THATS WHAT THE SCIENCE SHOWS, ITS NOT WHAT THE MEDIA SAYS! The damage done by masking and irresponsible irrational mandates is going to cause way more long term Effects to our children. Carlisle schools have done a amazing job through this, don't let politics ruin

the great decisions you have made! Thanks Carlisle school board all but 1, you've served your community the way we elected you to!

I believe each family should decide if their children should wear face masks in the school setting.

Please please leave the medical preferences and choices to the parent and child.

Don't t force a mask on anybody, if they want to wear one that's fine

My kids are getting daily comments and teasing because they are some of the few that actually wear a mask. I don't see why we are recreating the social/political divide in our own schools at such a young age?

First of all, thank you for giving us parents an opinion and feedback on this matter unlike some other school districts near Carlisle. We believe that us as parents along with our children can make the decision on masking. We do not believe that it should be forced upon our children. Our older children should be able to make their own decision and our younger children with the advice of the parents should be able to make that decision as well. Once again thank you for your consideration of all of us parents in the school district and letting us voice our opinions.

As an individual, I don't think that one should be TOLD how to live their life. I think the decision should be left up to each person. We don't dare touch on some topics of individuality or TELL them how to live in other aspects of their lives so we shouldn't let this be an exception to that.

They need to be required for everyone to stop the spread and keep kids safe and healthy. Do the right thing so our kids can stay in school.

I am comfortable with whatever the school board decides to do with masks at this time.

The vaccine is going to be approved for school age children likely in the next 6-8 weeks. I really think we should be requiring masks at this time. Without a requirement I don't think many will wear them as currently only about 10% of students are wearing them and very few teachers. I've had more notes about Covid cases in my children's classroom this year than I did all last school year. Cases are much higher than they were for the first 1/3-1/2 of the school year last year at this time and we aren't doing anything to protect children right now. Please require masks for at least the first quarter then reassess.

Make masks required.

I really hope online schooling will be a option if the mask mandate returns!

I have no preference. I would not be upset if they were required but I do know that my children would prefer not to wear them

For buildings with children at ages that are unable to be vaccinated we would like to see masks required. With Covid cases surging in children we believe this is the only way we are going to be able to keep our child safe. "Encouraging" mask use has only led to a few children in school wearing masks.

The science does not support mask mandates and dies not show that children are at risk. If teachers didn't get the vaccine then they made their choice

My child has asthma and has a hard with the masks. I feel it should continue to be optional.

I feel at the very least K-5 should all be waring mask

Please mandate face masks

It should be a personal choice.

Rank the following Face Mask options for district transportation. (12 comments)

On this and previous question id lean toward Masks REQUIRED but i know thats not going to do anything but cause uproar with those who oppose it. I work in healthcare so I'm sure my view is very skewed Dash Covid very much exists and when kids have poor boundaries in general, why wouldn't we do more to try to protect them when they likely don't know the risk is there. Isn't that point of parenting and adults making better choices for children because children's brains aren't fully developed and therefore they may not make good choices? ...

Definitely need to be required on transportation for all buses even older ages. Social distancing is not an option. I believe there is also a Federal guideline our school needs to follow as other schools are doing.

I was told by a school employee that we are not requiring mask usage on the bus because the CDC is not a federal entity and that the state could sue the school district if we were to follow CDC guidance. When we're more worried about being sued than doing the right thing, I think that's a problem.

I support masks being required for all students; optional for staff.

Let each individual/family make their own decision.

Face masks should be required for students under 12 and those around them.

I believe each family should make the decision on whether their children wear masks on the buses.

This should already be in place according to our state guidelines

I am comfortable with whatever the school board decides to do.

All students and staff should be required to wear face masks inside school buildings and transportation.

Please mandate face masks

It should be a personal choice.

6-8 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Rank the following Face Mask options for district buildings & facilities. (67 comments)

Students and parents should have a choice whether they wear masks or not. A mandate would alleviate the freedom of expression and individuality you strive so hard to instill in these children.

masks should be optional

Should be optional for everyone

With so many non-vaccinated people and variants running rampant, this is the most responsible choice. 6' distancing isn't practiced, even the 15 minute rule was never truly followed (having sat through several school activities where this was claimed to have occurred). We are still facing this issue (covid spikes, etc) because people are individualistic and entitled and aren't willing to do basic things for the good of the community (state/country/world) so relying on individuals to make "good choices" isn't reliable.

I prefer my student does NOT be required to wear a mask

I do not feel at this time that these should be required. If so we need a hybrid offering as my children I feel should not be required as it restricts their breathing and focus

I believe that since the youngest of our students don't have access to a vaccine, mandatory masking gives us the best chance of keeping them safe. I would be open to optional masking in middle and high school for students who present proof of vaccination.

Please add covid numbers back into the wildcat weekly. Also, post the CDC guidelines for positive cases...there is at least one positive family in the district that is currently sending their children to school and per CDC guidelines - if one household member tests positive, the entire household must quarantine for 10-14 days. I personally would prefer children not have to wear masks all day but if people can't follow guidelines then unfortunately masking would be best.

I think more options are needed. Kids 12+ can be vaccinated so they should be optional for wearing a mask. Those under 12 it makes sense to wear a mask.

I don't believe anyone should be forced to wear a mask, they should do so based on their own feelings and their own medical beliefs/history. At least for those age 12 and above they have the option of getting the vaccine. I could see an argument for masks at the elementary and upper elementary schools (maybe for 6th and 7th graders) but only because they are not yet old enough to get the vaccine.

Needs to be required as recommended doesn't work.

The CDC changed the physical distancing to 3 ft. I believe the school district needs to take into account what the WHO and the CDC recommends to do to keep each other healthy. Last year, the students did great with it! It is mostly the adults that balk at it due to their beliefs about the virus, which have been proven false by the CDC and WHO. Although we live in a rural area, we are ignorant to dispel what the experts are telling us to do to protect ourselves. We need strong leadership to do what is right. If we expect students to trust and follow expectations from our leadership, we must do the same and follow the leadership and expertise of the WHO and the CDC.

I feel the "normal feel" of school is more important mentally/emotionally than the extremely low possibility of infection/adverse effects. Please do not put another mandate on this year. Thank you for considering this request and the hard decisions before you. Your servitude to the community and these students is truly appreciated. Thank you.

Students do not wear the masks, And teachers are not equipped to enforce the rule

Face masks are the only way to keep our children and staff safe.

There is zero reasons why we aren't listening to science right now on keeping our kids safe. We know that masks only work if both parties are wearing them. So the argument of making it people's choice, is absurd.

We all deserve to feel like our kids' health is taken seriously at the school and we know that masks can help mitigate that.

My kids will no longer wear a mask. Period

Masking should be optional for high school 9-12 as all these students and staff are eligible for vaccinations.

No to face masks!!!

Personal choice and responsibility.

No masks required only optional

I would like more support for masks and adult staff to model wearing masks. I would support requiring masks for unvaccinated people in school buildings

I am counting on the school board to do the right thing here and show we care about our students! Masks are proven they are effective against this virus. Time for you guys to take action like Des Moines.

Please do what's right to protect our children. Leaving it up to individual adults clearly isn't working.

My opinion is that face masks should be worn for all students under the age of 12 that are unable to get the vaccine as they do not have the opportunity to protect themselves. Which means all teachers/staff around students under the age of 12 should also wear a mask. For students over the age of 12 and HAVE been vaccinated I believe they DO NOT have to wear a mask. For students over the age of 12 that HAVE NOT been vaccinated I believe they should wear a mask. In regards to staff of kids over the age of 12 if those teachers/staff have chosen to not be vaccinated they should wear a mask. Obviously, this is a touchy situation as it divides vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals but protects those that are unvaccinated.

Face masks are optional now, so no change is needed.

If a child has already had Covid there's no need for a mask and if a child gets Covid they have minimal symptoms and should stay home. I think mass do more harm than good. Breathing in their breath all day long can't be good for them. If all the adults have had vaccines and the children over 12 that should be sufficient

Vaccinated students and staff shouldn't be required to wear a mask. Make optional

We should all have the right to choose what is best for our own family.

Face masks should be worn if not vaccinated

Face masks have been proven to be more problematic. Then helpful. Many people that have caught the virus were wearing a mask. And many were even vaccinated! They definitely should not be forced on any one. Especially children. If the children's family wants them to wear one, That should be their choice. Not anymore else.

Constitution needs to be upheld. We live in a free country! Federal government is overreaching! No masks!

It should be up to the parents and the students. It needs to be their decision.

Require masks. My children are both vaccinated & I still require them to wear masks.

I do not want my child to have to wear a mask at school.

Strongly disagree with face mask mandates and requirements

Would like to see face masks required for everyone, otherwise nobody wears them at all! It's embarrassing to be the only one and they are subjected to being bullied if nobody else is wearing them.

Do NOT mandate/require masks for students. 1) they do more harm then good for younger people still developing. 2) Do not teach our children to live in fear. 3) It should fall on the parents and children to make informed decisions about wearing masked and being responsible for their health, not a government institution or school

I think the only way to help keep COVID under control in schools is to mandate masks

Face masks do more harm than good. Thank you for listening and considering.

We appreciate you!

No face masks at all

Masks are optional now. Nothing else is needed. And courts don't give you the authority to do anything. Lawmakers do.

I think that it should be optional for students and staff. Mask should not be mandated

Freedom of choice like we live in a free country.

The way the first option is worded is very confusing. We strongly disagree with any mask mandate and believe that it should be up to the parents and students as to whether or not they use masks.

Masks do not help!!

If face masks become a required again my child has a significant chance of struggling with anxiety again and now there is NO REMOTE OPTION. This is discriminatory.

To clarify my answer, in my opinion, those that cannot be vaccinated such as under the age of 12 and immune-compromised, should all be required to wear a mask and further, anyone in contact with this age group or demographic should be required to wear a mask regardless of vax status.

Face masks should be optional and a parent's choice if their kid wears a mask or not. It should not be forced!

I do not want my child to be forced to wear a mask.

Should be a choice for everyone involved. This is American, the land of freedom

Please leave this decision up to the parents.

My kids had very bad issues going to school last year because of the masks I do not agree with having them wear them again

No masks

I would be ok with the high school not wearing masks if they're vaccinated

I believe this should be optional and a parents choice

Enough's enough. Masks don't do anything anyway. The virus (if it really exists) is much smaller than the holes in the fabric.

Enough with the masks already. Kids need oxygen to thrive. Science proves masks do not work. My body my choice. No to mask mandates.

The school is currently doing a great job of giving families the option to do what they feel is best for them. Please keep it that way.

Please allow parents to make this decision for their family.

Let the kids have a choice

I do not believe face diapers need to be mandated. If the parents are concerned, they can mask their own child keep their child home

Only if not vaccinated or if exposed/symptomatic regardless of vaccine status.

I want to make the decision on whether my children wear a mask or not.

We should be following CDC and AAP guidelines as well as the federal requirement for masking in busses! Masks should be REQUIRED for everyone in the buildings at all times.

Rank the following Face Mask options for district transportation. (33 comments)

masks should be optional

Optional for everyone

When kids report that kids are virtually sitting in the aisle of the buses because of overcrowding, this goes without saying.

Again, maybe required for those under 12. If that is too hard to do then maybe it should be required for things like to/from school in order to protect those not old enough for the vaccine, but optional for things like high school teams traveling to/from games, etc.

Again, needs to be required as recommended doesn't work.

Bus drivers cannot be distracted by trying to enforce mask requirements

Face masks are the only way to keep our kids safe.

No masks

If Carlisle school is seeing a rise in Covid positivity rates among students, I feel that before we mandate masks again, we need to look at the distancing factor, are all other safety measures in place etc. mask mandated should be the last resort.

When all grade levels are in the bus. Masking doesn't work to protect people if all don't mask!

No face masks!!!!

No masks required only optional

Should be parent or students preferance if they want to wear a mask or not

It's our constitutional right not to be required to wear a mask! We are a free nation remember?

Again it should be the parents and students decision.

Again, I do not want my child to have to wear a mask on the bus.

Strongly disagree with face mask mandates and requirements

Would like to see required for all students, otherwise nobody wears them. It's embarrassing to be the only one and they are subjected to being bullied if nobody else is wearing them.

Masks should be REQUIRED indoors/in busses

I think that it should be optional for students and staff. Mask should not be mandated

Again, the first option is confusing in wording in such a way as to still sound as if pressure would be placed on the students and staff to wear even without a mandate. We strongly disagree with any mandate! It should be left to the parents' discretion for their students.

Same as previous clarification especially on a bus where 6' will never happen.

Face masks should be optional and a parents choice

Build your immune systems

I do not want mask required

This is a family decision.

No masks

My body my choice. No mask mandates.

I believe this should be optional and a parents choice

This is a family decision.

Again, no reason for face diapers to be worn as they have clearly been shown to be ineffective at best, harmful at most.

Only if not vaccinated

I want to make the decision whether or not my children need to wear a mask.

I feel like we should do what the drivers feel comfortable with. They are hard to come by and we should respect their wishes

9-12 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Rank the following Face Mask options for district buildings & facilities. (85 comments)

If My children are forced to wear them we will not have them wear them

I am concerned for the kids' health and due to risk, especially concerned for my own. I am immune compromised as are many other students' relatives throughout the district. Quite simply, more people will die (easily preventable deaths) if masks aren't required. Those incremental deaths would be a tragedy and disservice to all affected families. People shouldn't die if the prevention is so easy. Thank you.

Vaccinated should be ok to not have to mask unless too many are not vaccinated and are not wearing

I know the students don't want to wear masks, and I can't blame them, I don't want to wear one either, but I feel masks are a measure we all need to take to slow the spread of COVID.

The teachers need to focus on teaching the students. Teachers already have enough extra irrelevant duties that are put on them. The vaccinated people I know have also gotten sick from Covid. This action continues to cause division. Please do not add to the fire of dividing this school district. If parents want their students to not wear or to wear a mask, then it should be a decision held by the individual family.

Follows CDC recommendations

Strongly disagree with requiring masks again. This created alot of obstacles for our child last year. Masks are uncomfortable, unhealthy and do nothing to stop OR slow the spread of C19. If the school district makes the decision to require masks we are prepared to begin homeschool

Body autonomy is so so important and should be taught in schools. Your body. Your choice.

No mask requirement needed. If students and their parents want to individually wear one fine but do not require the entire school to mask up.

Allow personal choice

No masks!

I will not support any school board or administration that supports a mask mandate. We had no more issues with spread without mask than with, there effectiveness is minimal and not worth the social, emotional, developmental and educational issues created. How could my child lip read during the mask mandate? They couldn't- and suffered in the classroom. Do not be a pawn in the biggest overreaction in American history. The disease is real- but this is not the bubonic plague. Children do not suffer from this disease and teacher have the option to vaccinate and mask up. Anyone who wants to mask should be able to but DO NOT mandate making children breathe through a cloth incapable of holding back a microscopic virus particle. Legionnaires Disease is real. Inability to Lip read and inaudible mumbling in class are damaging long term. It is time to stop living in fear and it is time to return to normal!

I believe it is free will, my daughter has the vaccine shot, why force more ubond them

The recommendation is already all over the school for wearing masks and the percentage of students using them is very low. Unfortunately masks are not cool. However they can limit the spread. Time for adults to make adult decisions.

Face masks don't work. They are more of a distraction & students are more likely to touch their face more frequently and don't even wear them correctly.

I would exempt 3rd grade and below students

Please don't place a mandate!

Parents/students should be able to choose for themselves what is best for their individual situation.

Once the students and staff are vaccinated and have proof, masking should be optional

Required

This issue should be a Parent decision 100%

This ruling may be overturned which is setting ourselves up for unnecessary drama in reversing the decision.

The Covid numbers in our district do not reflect the need to require masks

The push-back the school may encounter by trying to enforce requiring masks sounds like a complete nightmare

Our younger students are unable to be vaccinated and should be protected.

Students should be spaced out more. In classroom to help with this sitting them.in tables 4 to 6 together just spells for more issues to happen

I am 100% against a mask requirement. Allow people to choose for themselves. However if there is a mask requirement there is no logical way you can justify any sports / arts if masks are necessary for safety. Last year not allowing kids to shake hands after a wrestling match because of "safety" i hope you can see how ridiculous that is.

I totally disagree with the use of masks

I have a grandson who has asthma; he has difficulty breathing with a face mask in; however I also am concerned about him getting Covid without other kids not masking. My preference is that physical distancing, contract tracing, and close contact notifications still occur like they did at the beginning of the school year last year, rather than the more relaxed approach things have taken more recently with no close contact notification or contact tracing. With family members who are immune compromised, we have no way to take additional precautionary measures if one of our kiddos has been exposed to reduce contact with other family or community members during the "wait and see" stage.

No face mask mandates. If people choose to wear them, fine. But please please do not mandate them.

Strongly, emphatically disagree with requiring face masks

Masks are un needed.

Allowing children to freely breathe clean air, is more important than preventing them from getting a virus that has almost zero effect on children.

I have one child that thinks masks should be worn and the other does not.

Mask don't work period! Each student should have the right to decide if he or she wants to wear one. Their body their choice!! The government doesn't make the laws and can't mandatory you to do something you don't want to!

Leave as optional

Will consider a school change with a mandate.

I will seriously consider removing my children from school to homeschooling if there is a required mask mandate.

As a nurse, I cannot stress enough the importance of masks to help contain. We had a great school 20-21 with no shut downs and that was because of mask wearing in Carlisle schools.

I'd like the school board to follow CDC and WHO guidance on face masks and social distancing.

Vaccinated kids should have the choice and unvaccinated kids should be required to wear one.

Face mask I am high risk

Unvaccinated individuals should be required to wear masks

No masks period

Students and parent's choice

I think the decision to wear face masks should be up to individual families.

Masks should be optional

Choice should be made on an individual basis.

What about vaccinated students? I am against a mandate, but if one is implemented vaccinated students should be excluded from the mandate.

Wearing a mask while doing PE or any exercising is very difficult on our child, so if a mask mandate happens, I would like to see if this could be a time that they can distance themselves and not wear a mask. If this is even possible at all.

If masks become "required" for in person classes, my son will not be physically in class.

Absolutely its a new way of life.. my child is vaccinated. Kids need to be kids.

Please allow personal choice

Each parent should retain the choice on whether masks are appropriate for their child. We would never tell another parent their child can't wear a mask, so we expect the same respect in return. If masks are made mandatory again, we will move our child to a different school.

Most people have or currently are sick with Covid. It cannot be stopped. The students did not wear their masks "properly " the first time. This is America, land of the free, let us as parents decide what our children do. I do not need a mandate telling me to keep my child safe. The school/teachers have more important problems to deal with than making sure students are wearing a mask. Our family has had COVID and thankfully we are well now.

I feel that masks should be optional and left up to the parents and family unit to decide what's best for them individually.

DO NOT MANDATE

Our HS Child is currently wearing a mask...he is immune compromised. His mask protects others. Others wearing a mask would help protect him. In addition his mom is getting medical treatments... He did remote learning all last year because of both of these reasons. Remote is not an option this year...we would like Carlisle to consider our family. A mask is not asking a lot from the kids, they adapt. They did it all last year.....but getting Covid yet alone the new variant could take everything from our family. Therefore we'd ask Carlisle to take a stand for those with immune compromised systems and family members that are compromised. Thank you.

No masks. Enough already.

If you need or want any proof of the facts they don't work and are actually more harming and will cause more short term and long-term affects harmful the people in general but even worse for kids. I have factual info including studies done at multiple colleges and straight from the CDC even. Be happy to help share or speak anytime

No facemask will prevent airborne transmission of a respiratory virus. Anyone that thinks otherwise should not be teaching children anything. Stop being hypochondriacs immediately.

All students of all grades + teachers snd staff should be required to wear masks!

First of all I want to thank you so much for thinking to ask us our opinion and let us have a voice in this. Secondly thank you in advance for trusting individuals to make the best choice for them and not creating division over this silly issue.

Optional is more than sufficient. There is a negative impact in communication, mental health, and community in mandatory mask requirements and they should be reserved for the most severe circumstances. While concern regarding COVID is justified it does not meet a standard of extreme risk. Common sense, comprehensive cleaning, and encouraging each family and student to make informed decisions teaches proper decision making skills. This would be far more effective that making this a mandatory political statement.

Even if kids have symptoms they don't get tested or come to school anyway. Parents are not responsible enough to enforce on their own. Before covid Parents would send kids to school sick so my faith that they now wouldn't is none.

They must be required. Parents are not doing the right thing.

NOT NECESSARY

Step up and have people wear masks in school. Especially since some are so opposed to being vaccinated. Also, it's just as troubling when a school board member has chosen to endorse a rally this past summer w/ a Dr. Simone Gold, an anti-vaccine physician, who has profited off fueling the hysteria and misinformation around Covid-19. Oh and who also stormed the Capitol this past January.

It is hard for my asthmatic kids to breath in the masks

Not required but always a personal/family option. Nothing should prevent the individual or family from wearing a mask if they chose.

With the current rise in cases, the low number of youth vaccinated, the trend of breakthrough cases with the vaccinated AND heavy, heavy load on the medical system I think masking should be strongly considered. It has been proven to mitigate the spread of Covid and will help keep those in the school safer AND help lower the chance of disruption to kids education and activities. It is the best hope for maintaining as close to normal for our kids and staff as possible during this continued pandemic.

NO to face masks, esp with my child being vaccinated.

Mask wearing should be free choice, not forced, especially since it's gone through the state legislative process

I will not make my kid wear a mask to school. Masks do more harm than good.

I feel face masks should be worn at all times while inside the building

Cloth and paper masks do not stop a virus. Anyone can wear a mask if they choose, they should not be forced or required.

My daughter is fully vaccinated, as are most of our relatives. One, out of state, still caught Covid, while fully vaccinated, and was hospitalized for 2wks, but is recovering at home, now. Ww were NOT exposed to her. My daughter wants to wear a mask at school, but gets ridiculed by classmates.

My daughter will refuse to wear a mask.

Masks are killing our kids

It should be an option for each student and family to go by. Anything else go against our rights

I would like face masks to be required.!

PLEASE do NOT make them required.

Masks are absolutely not necessary. Requiring masks, especially for students who are vaccinated, only tells everyone that the vaccines are worthless. If a parent wants their student to wear a mask, they should send them to school with a mask NOT require the rest of the students to suffer. If masks were required, I would allow my student the option of just staying home to protest the ridiculous hysteria of the uneducated parents.

Mask mandates are ridiculous. They violate our rights and they prevent nothing. NO MASK MANDATE!!

Look at cases already let's protect these kids

Should be required. The point is to help keep the vulnerable and unvaccinated safe. So allowing people to be unmasked is showing that we don't care about the vulnerable.

Don't take my rights away.

I also believe if masks were required we should consider the needs of children that have difficulty wearing masks. But without the majority wearing masks we are not thinking of students the have health concerns they need more of us the wear masks to keep them safe. I really think this should be considered since there is no remote learning option for these students.

Rank the following Face Mask options for district transportation. (38 comments)

Bus drivers do not need to be the mask police. Bus drivers need to be focused on driving safely. Vaccinated people are getting the virus also. Kids will be kids. Once the adult/parent is not watching they probably will do whatever they want with their mask. This is stirring up division once again. The school promotes tolerance, so the school should continue with the optional choice of not wearing a mask.

Follows CDC recommendations

See previous comment

No masks!

Optional only

While on transportation, I believe that masks should be required by all.

The required masking should be reviewable when the national rates go down. But as the nation is in red it is not logical to risk a community for the sake of a face mask. There are plenty of trade workers that wear masks at work to prevent cancerous agent inhalations. The kids will stay healthier with them.

Required

There is no need for masks on the bus / transportation when they don't wear them the rest of the day This issue should be a Parent decision 100%

This ruling may be overturned which is setting ourselves up for unnecessary drama in reversing the decision.

The Covid numbers in our district do not reflect the need to require masks

The push-back the school may encounter by trying to enforce requiring masks sounds like a complete nightmare

There is no opportunity to separate the kids that much

Parents should have option if child wears mask and also if child is vaccination requirements are met

Face masks should be required to prevent bullying and to protect unvaccinated students.

Optional is great! Highly recommended should not be Included.

Strongly disagree

Leave as optional

It is personal choice

Vaccinated no, unvaccinated yes

Should be they have to have them

None period

Same comment as above.

Masks should be optional

What about vaccinated students?

We should trust in that everyone is responsible

Same principle applies. Masks are not a no cost, all benefit solution. Each parent should decide what is best for their child.

Who will be the police, the bus driver? The bus driver has enough to worry about driving the bus and getting the students to their destinations safely. Do not make them responsible for any more. Most of the students will not keep their mask on anyway. Too hot!

DO NOT MANDATE

So if someone feels better protected then by all means it's their right and let do as they feel, but no mandate or forced cuz anymore then 45 min to an hour it's a health concern of many levels and reasons. No tests by the Government supports the benefit of there use and also caused many cases of strep and pneumonia last winter due to moisture accumulating in the mask is a breeding ground for bacteria which is

inhaled back into our lungs and require washing periodically during the day and who ever washes them even once a day especially kids

No masks.

Masks have been optional...majority don't wear them and covid already spreading within the school district.

Any school board member that is for masking children should be voted out immediately.

There is no social distance on a school bus

NOT NECESSARY

Not required but always a personal/family option. Nothing should prevent the individual or family from wearing a mask if they chose.

If anyone WANTS to wear a mask, it's their option

Please no more masking of the kids

No masks

I thought it was a federal law that transportation required masks. No idea why this isn't being followed I feel it should be the PARENTS CHOICE on weather my child wears a mask or not. This is not the government's or schools choice.