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Billings Samantha	1126 1st ST SE	I strongly believe it should be the parents decision whether their child wears a mask in school or not. I also believe it should be the employee's choice on whether they need to wear the mask or not. Especially since we don't know if this temporary order will hold up in the next court stage. I don't think it's good for the children's mental health for this to go back and forth.
Grant, Bob	411 20th st sw	I have Covid-19 I am sure I got in my school Bus.
Martin, Chi	1040 Maple Drive	Please require masks.
Benson, Nikole	915 9th st NE	I do not want my kids wearing masks
Zeglen, Michelle	315 16th St NW	I think they should be optional
Wendel, Tyler	1143 Manor Drive	Please keep mask wearing optional
Reibsamen, Heather	24 10th Street NW	I would like the mask mandate to go back into effect. My children still wear masks but there many students that do not.
JAMES,BOBBIE	912 n madison ave	If mask provide safety they require mask
Wyman,Cak	2622 Forest Dr	The choice should be left to the parents if they want to have their child wear and mask or not
Hjelle Jamey	309 18th st se	It should be optional
Meyer, Hollie	1315 South Pennsylvania Avenue	NO!!
Angela Peters	3315 12th Street NE	No masks please. Optional .
Menning, Jillian	436 25TH ST SW	No mask mandate! Masks optional!
Smith, sheree	15440 Winnebago ave	No masks !!!!! It is up to us to decide
Albrecht, Megan	120 23rd St SW	If this is once again mandated, I will pull my kids out and homeschool.
Gott	115 24th ST SW	Masks should be optional
Besco, Kelly	440 28th St SW	I don't think it should be mandated. It should be parents choice
Peterson, Sara	10134 250th st Clear Lake	Please require them! My children are attending virtual unless masks are worn by all or until they can be vaccinated
Ashley	418 10th st ne	No thank you on mandatory masks. Gonna cause more issues then needed
Ramires Alexis	1703 N Delaware Ave	Optional
Lage, Kelli	1160 250th St. Sheffield, IA 50475	I strongly believe masks should be required for all students and staff in the Mason City School District.
McGee, Allison	515 s. Pennsylvania ave	I sincerely believe it should be at the parents discretion. No one is saying you cannot wear a mask, there are just those of us who believe it should not be mandated.
Blumer hanna	1230 Plymouth road #2	I believe it's the parents choice if they want their kids to wear a mask..look at the study on mask wearing I don't want my kids to wear them
Hurd, Jessica	1425 N Adams	Wear them, especially for the kids that can't be vaccinated yet
Kincade, Marc	235 Boulder Road	Absolutely not! Do not require kids or staff to wear a mask.
Clutter, Jody	1428 N Virginia Ave	Absolutely not. My daughter has been vaccinated and I don't think they need to wear them. I would absolutely oppose the students wearing masks
Hays, Amy	1911 S Harding Ave	Should be up to the student/family.

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Ray, Genevieve	619 3rd Street SE	Please keep our kids and community safe by reinstating a mask mandate. The Delta variant is killing children
Wirtjes, michelle	719 elm drive	I agree with it
Loberg, Jessica	525 19th St SE	Yes even though older staff and students are vaccinated they still come in contact with the younger children that are unable to be and those are the students that cannot afford to miss in person learning.
Thompson, Daniel	1000 S Illinois Ave Apt 306	We are certainly going through another surge at the moment. For the past week I have had an eighth to a quarter of my students missing due to illness on any given day. If we are not doing contact tracing, a mask mandate makes sense.
Free Josh	708 12th st ne	Good less rona spread.
Hergert, kim	307 9th st nw	It should be up the parents as to whether or not masks are worn. Please do not mandate masks again.
Daley, kristin	1339 S Louisiana Ave	No.... Not necessary
Mcminn, Jeremiah	718 s Harrison ave	Masks should be voluntary
Samson, Jamie	19 SUNNY CIR	The use of masks should be on a voluntary basis. There is no need to require masks. It should be up to the parents to decide what they feel is best for their children.
Hulsing Cassie	735 3rd St	Keep it optional unless rates are over 15%
Gerrietts, Molly	22 River Heights Dr	If numbers in the physical building, not the whole district, warrant more precautions, I am in favor of temporary mask mandates.
Ausborn, Kaitlyn	319 S Maryland Ave	I would like the schools to require masks. My husband and i are both fully vaccinated but my preschooler and infant son are not. I want to protect them when my preschooler and teacher husband is in school.
Jessica alberto	518 16th st se	Not acceptable
Prehn matt	1111 8th St Sw	I do not think that it is necessary I'm against it
Garrett, Marty	2621 S Grover Pl	It is a bad idea to require anyone to wear a mask. It is a good idea to allow people to choose if they want to wear a mask or not.
Moeding, Marilee	730 15th St Ne	I think masks should be worn.
Reisdorfer, Nicole	735 Hemlock	I would like a mask mandate for all students and staff
Verhalen, Nathan	109 N 14th St Clear Lake 50428	I believe it should be voluntary.
Pride, Abby	30 12th St SE	I believe it should not be mandated and it should be an individual choice.
Smith Brandon	smith20brandon@gmail.com	I do not want masks
Brown, Daniel	1306 N President Ave Mc, Ia	It's needed and reckless not to. I'm super happy to hear a federal judge blocked Kim Reynolds mandate. There is absolutely no data backing a decision to not make masks mandatory. Don't listen to uneducated parents who get their news from Q memes on Facebook. Please, for the safety of our kids.
Rodman andrew	2323 south taft apartment. 10	No mask
Frein, Colleen	128 10th St NW	I think masks should be required until young kids are able to get vaccinated.
Miranda Fielder	722 N VAN BUREN AVE	Yes. They should be required. Especially considering the low vaccination rate in our county, that it isn't approved for those under 12yo, and the CDC recommends wearing them - our community transmission is in the red. Mandate.

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Buckroyd Iara	1122 Maple Dr	I feel like it should be required to wear them.
Courtney Billings	1221 6th St SW	I think that parents should use discretion on the masks. If the staff wishes to wear, fine, if others wish to wear, fine. My children will not be wearing masks. They are unnecessary.
Jenifer Hohenfield	223 North Hampshire Avenue	I believe that it should be up to the person, not focus on someone
Ondoma, Cissy	20 Oak Run Drive	I think students and teachers should wear masks to decrease spread of covid
Berding Herman	130-5thNW	Yes I believe in requiring mask
Blake	917 7th street se	No on masks. They cause students to touch their face more often. This virus has been circulating for the last two years. It's a new rna virus and it's never going away. The mutations will keep coming.
Kingery Adam	19210 280th street	It should NOT be a requirement.
Jensen, Mallory	946 8th Street Southeast	Keep the masks off of our kids. I will not send my kids to school in a mask another year. Those who want their kids to wear a mask abound and those who don't want their kids to wear one should have that option.
Schulze, Ryan	644 12th St. NE	It should be decided by the parent and or child
Beals, Jenny	423 9TH ST NW	I would like to keep it how it is. If you want to wear a mask you can but dont mandate it for everyone!
Prince, Samantha	38 S Yorktown Pike Mason City IA 50401	Please do not require these kids to wear masks again.
Humburg, Samantha	721 BIRCH DR	Either way doesn't bother me.
Hickey, Sheri	1469 7th st se	No! I find them gross and unsanitary
Lumsden, Sarah	120 Johnsen rd Rushmore mn	I would rather my child didn't wear a mask.... He is a healthy kid who doesn't get sick often, and honestly this whole covid stuff is no different than the flu! We have never had to wear a mask for that I'd rather we didn't start putting muzzles on our kids now! Let them be kids!
Frana, Jessica	13 Country Circle	Wear masks. Keep kids safe.
Onder, Aaron	21342 275th St	Mask requirement is a good idea especially since kids under 11 aren't eligible for the vaccine.
Burchett, Nathan	682 3rd St NE	No you shouldn't require them. If you want to wear them, awesome, but please don't make anyone that isn't comfortable with it wear a mask.
Ferrie, Jeffrey	708 South Georgia Avenue	I believe masks should be mandatory for all school staff and students for the health and safety of our students and community.
Henriksen, Mikkiah	710 N California Ave	I feel it should be the child/teachers choice to wear masks.
Jacobs, Heather	6 Highland Park Court	Absolutely not!
Wood, Kaytlin	8 Field Road	My children already wear them and will until they qualify for a vaccination. It makes transmission minimal and more effective when all parties wear them, but I do not necessarily believe in mandates one way or the other.
Moe, Angelina	1424 N President Ave	It's shameful that it's taken this long to consider. Our children have no defense. The number of children being hospitalized is rising. This is not a political issue. Protect our children and institute a mandatory mask mandate in all school buildings, effective immediately.
Brandau, Teresa	1035 1st Street Northeast	Parental discretion

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Michel, Jeff	1815 S Coolidge Ave	Leave decision up to parents if they want their child to wear a mask.
Shelton, Phoenix	1004 North Quincy Ave	Let the parents decide to send their kids to school in masks or not. Don't issue a mandate just recommend it.
Wendel, Kirstin	410 N Jefferson Ave	I think it needs to be students choice. If the student or staff feels better about wearing a mask then let them. I don't think it needs to be mandatory.
Jamaica, Jaime	120 28th St SW	No masks
Brand, Britny	1017 n. Ohio ave	I feel that parents can volunteer to have their own children wear masks, however not mandatory, I have beliefs that do not wish my 5 children to wear them
Boelsen, Julie	1945 S CAROLINA AVE	Should not be mandated students and parents choice to wear a mask.
Jensen, LaRae	815 17th St. Northeast Mason City Iowa	No mask on students, and since I have little kids I feel like it would be helpful if the teachers could read their lips and see their expressions so I prefer they not wear them either
Beyer, Mark	1216 12th St NE	My kids will have to switch districts or change to home schooling if this is implemented.
Carrier, Carly	429 2nd Street Northeast	I do not agree with a mandate, I think it should be a personal choice of teacher or parents and not mandatory.
Allen, Bo	1131 MANOR DR	My kids are younger and they have been wearing masks the whole time. I believe everyone needs to be wearing a mask. The younger kids are not vaccinated and are at a great risk of their health and lives. Regardless of vaccination status everyone should be wearing a mask. I actually find it hard to believe at the lack of mask wearing in the schools. It's really disappointing. Thanks!
Bartell, Hillary	105 President Ct	I think it should be voluntary.
Cooper, Aimee	3566 Spruce Ave	No mask mandate! Let the kids be free.
BARBEE, ALYSSA	314 9th street northeast	I think kids and teachers should wear masks at all times since kids can't get the vaccine. I have one in 6th grade and 1 in 4th grade. It is better to protect the kids and be safe.
Fichter, Marissa	205 5th Ave S	I believe it should be a choice. I would rather have a mask mandate than a vaccine mandate, but I think neither is necessary.
Gall, Jody	1702 4TH ST SW	I will make sure my children follow the rule, whatever is decided, but I know they were frustrated with wearing masks last year.
Nathan Ruge	629 S Mississippi Ave	I would appreciate the mandate being back in place until vaccines have been approved for grade school children. Appreciated how effective it was in keeping our kids in school and keeping them safe last year. Thanks for all you do
Manson, Tara	30 Concord Ln	No mask mandate. Please continue to allow students, faculty, and parents the ability to decide for themselves.
Simpson, Jill	1012 N. Tyler	I am 100% for requiring masks for all students and staff. It only makes sense at this time.
Roen, Eric	16225 245TH ST	You don't uphold your zero tolerance on bullying and can't keep our kids safe, so why should you be concerned about keeping them safe from a virus.
Oelkers, Karen	600 briarstone dr. #3	Required. So many children positive
Bruce Bailey	21517 250th St	I don't think masks are necessary and I feel they will do more harm than good but would agree to masks only as a last resort to keep the kids in school if they try to implement online learning again.
Hooley, Ashly	171 N Yorktown Pike	NO MASK REQUIREMENTS

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Chiri, Casi	647 S Grant Ave	I think it should be the parents choice if the children wear masks or not. It shouldn't be anyone else's choice but the parents. I brought them into the world no one else should decide what is good for my kids other then myself.
Trappe, Katie	1055 Crestmore Way	It should be a parents choice. My kids are vaccinated therefore I don't want them wearing masks..
Denwiddie Italy	2421 s Taft apt 3	I think they should be mandated because my kids didn't catch covid until they came back to school without the mask mandate , the whole time covid been around they never caught it , I think it would be a good idea and you will be keeping alot of kids safe... you never know what type of environments other kids are exposed to but it will be a way to keep everyone safe
Jamaica, madelyn	120 28th St SW	No masks
Lee, Abigail	18 Asbury Place	Our current infection rate is under 5% with no mask mandate. I do not see a need for any student to be forced to wear a mask. If they want to wear one, they can - just like they're doing now. I will consider homeschooling my kid if masks are mandated again. We have proven that we are doing fine just the way things are. Leave it be.
Cooper, nolan	1633 8th St SW	Required for all students and staff.
Pyatt Tim	117 s vermont	Masks should be voluntary for anyone vaccinated, mandatory for anyone not vaccinated.
Hutchins angie	N6081 WOOD LAWN RD	Absolutely against masks
Northrup, Shanna	1326 south Pennsylvania ave	I think it needs to be a parents choice, I do not want my child to wear a mask all day and try to learn.
Priebe, Sabrina	801 N Jefferson Ave	Disagree with a mandate.
Christensen,Andy	Mason city	All unvaccinated students and faculty must wear masks. Fully vaccinated students and faculty do not. Must have proof of vaccination
Nava Chelsea	2619 S Jefferson Ave	Yes I feel all students should wear masks until more people can. be vaccinated and numbers are down trending.
Hitchcock Shelly	1130 MAPLE DR Mason city Iowa 50401	Yes - because of the cases rising and this new Delta strain i think it would be wise.
Bayer,Nicole	310 N Taylor Ave	Should be required that all students and staff wear masks for safety
Halloran, Chris	2344 20th St SW	I am grandmother to 2 students. YES PLEASE REQUIRE MASKS FOR EVERYONE.
Follmuth, Jessica	13 N York Ave	As a hospital employee and a witness first hand the increase in COVID cases since school has started, I would love to see a mask mandate placed into effect. Our children are resilient and are not bothered by a piece of cloth. In the midst of a pandemic, it is a small sacrifice for the greater good. Please mandate masks.
Cresswell,Elizabeth	815 12th St NE	12 and under yes but if vaccinated their parents choice to have child wear
Miner, Corey	1020 S INDIANA AVE.	I do NOT think we should require masks.
Murray, Tara	120 N Taylor ave	I don't see the harm in requiring them. We wear masks to protect one another. Yes they can get uncomfortable but if it saves a life what is the harm in it? It's not taking away liberties, it's making sure a life isn't taken! My oldest child is vaccinated and she wears a mask when in close quarters with others. My youngest isn't old enough for the vaccination so she wears a mask. They both wear it to protect their immuno compromised grandparents that care for them after school, who have also been vaccinated. We should be willing to wear a mask to protect our kids, staff and teachers until a vaccination solution can be found!!

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Tobin, Heather	70 Country Circle Mason City	I think masks should be required until the positive cases settle down. I am 9 months pregnant and am even struggling with my kids being in school right now. I'm worried about getting Covid myself.
DeLacy, David	306 North 5th Street	I think there should be no mask mandate at school. Students and teachers should be given the option to wear masks. For me, as a PE instructor that works in a gym with no air condition, it would be really tough on me to wear a mask in the hottest part of the building.
Broers April	2020 12th st ne mason city iowa	No, please don't mask our children. It should be a choice. My child had a hard time focusing when he had a mask last year. Keep them free please
Jamaica, Lucy	120 28th St SW	No masks
Rivera, Maria	100 4th st SW unit # 429, Mason City, IA 50401	Yes , this a must .. we need to protect our students and staff.
Myers, Chris	3386 Saratoga Ct. Mason City, IA	No Mask Requirement. Optional Only
Phillips, Jake	Jphillips@masoncityschools.org	I believe it should continue to be optional
David Duncan	3349 S Birch Drive	No mask Mandate. It's a choice for parents, staff, and students to make if they want to wear a mask. The staff that continues to push towards the mask mandate are the ones not wearing masks around their groups of friends or going to larger gatherings without masks on but feel unsafe at school.
Schukei, Steve	721 so Monroe ave	Let the student and parents decide. Mask ok, no mask ok, let parent and student decide NOT the school
Wagner Audrey	707 11rh st ne	Please do not force our children to wear masks! Kids need to see facial expressions to help understand feeling and emotions. If the parent feel they need a mask than they can but don't force it all kids
Chavez, Alexandra	725 12th st ne	Masks should not be required for students or staff but optional for all.
Thompson paula	814 N Delaware Ave	I dont agree with forcing kids to wear masks.
Garrison, David	1417, N. Virginia Ave.	You should definitely NOT make it mandatory if some parents want there kids to where a make then they can to that and nothing is stopping them from having there kids putting one on.
Brooke starbuck	540 16th street se	I do not feel comfortable with this. And it doesn't stop the spread. They breathe in their own carbon oxide and how is that safe for anyone? especially young kids. My kids will NOT BE WEARING ONE EVEN IF THE SCHOOL SAYS THEY DO!
Kari Jim	108 14tu St NW	I agree with a mask mandate. With current covid infections affecting children more now. Better safe than not.
Miles sarah	410 22nd Street Sw	It should be the parents choice if you want your child to wear a mask in school or not
Heinz, Jonathan	1424 7th St SE	Should be required for all staff and students until more are vaccinated or case counts drop.
Faught, Jamie	248 Lakeview DR Mason City ia	Doesn't bother us
Despenas, Sarah	1517 Limestone Ct.	I believe people who are vaccinated should have the choice to wear masks or not. Those who are able to be vaccinated, but choose not to, should be required to wear a mask.
Sanchez, alysha	121 14th st nw	Children 11 and under including staff should be required to wear masks in school.
Beaver, Lana	725 N Van Buren Ave	Voluntary mask wearing
Ochoa, adam	1326 s Pennsylvania ave.	Absolutely not, unless you wanna start disinfecting the bathrooms and door handles after every student then maybe we'll talk, until then the masks are a joke and completely useless

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DeMaris Kylie	503 24th PI SW	I personally feel like kids focus better without them and im not forcing my child to wear one! She can't stand them!
Pals, Brittany	2339 21St St SW	I believe it should be the families choice as to whether or not their child wears a mask at school.
Helland, jenn	716 S Fillmore Ave	I think masks should be a personal choice.
Emery, Heather	322 S Rhode Island, Mason City, IA 50401	I HIGHLY encourage wearing masks for everyone in schools. My husband and I both wear masks at work. We want our children to wear them, but they refuse in fear of bullying. Being a staff member and seeing our sickness/absence numbers starting pretty high, it scares me.
Suntken, Christopher	22 Asbury PI	Yes. Please require. I can't make my kids mask in school but you can. I told my vaccinated family I plan for all of us to get COVID at some point. Higher probability of Kids transmitting to parents than vice versa in our family.
Boehmer mariaah	1611 north Washington ave	Most definitely yes
Lyles, Stephanie	518 9th St SE	I hate it. I do not think masks should be mandated. I think it should ultimately be up to the parents and/or student.
Myers, Allison	3386 Saratoga ct	I do not agree with mask mandates. I don't feel that mask stop the spread or decrease chances of getting the virus. I also know the kids don't properly wear the masks when in public so the masks aren't doing any good. This should not be a requirement.
Jenkins, Beth	2327 South Taft apt #6	Think all students and staff should wear them if its proven to help stop spread of covid and keeps kids in person learning.
Bartell, Matt	105 president court	Should be parents choice.
Atherton patrick	2928 sunrise court	I would like everyone to wear one
Muncy, Edward	1766 Hillcrest Dr	No need for masks as they do not help.
Smith, James	1064 Park Lane	I think that all staff and kids should wear mask with numbers going up again the only way to get back to normal and kick Covid is to wear masks again and until all that can get vaccinated get vaccinated to stop the spread!
Wright, Jennifer	813 17TH Court SE Mason City, IA 50401	It should not be required!! If you want to wear a mask then wear one and if you don't want to wear one you shouldn't have to.
Bonwell, Camrean	961 17th st NE. Mason City Ia	I would like to see masks required by all staff and students. My children all have disabilities with learning and if we have to go back to home schooling again I fear not only my children but all children will continue to fall farther behind.
Crooks, Darin	509 16th Ave Charles City	Absolutely ridiculous. Kids are not contracting or communicating the virus. Also it is proven that masks do absolutely nothing to control covid. If a kid or parent wants their children to be masked then by all means feel free to do it. But there should not be a mask mandate whatsoever.
Farghum, Chris	819 7TH ST SE, Mason City, IA 50401	I believe masks should be voluntary only.
Sandelin, Ashley	610 1/2 4th Street NE	Good, hopefully the school was only NOT requiring masks because it was in a position where they could not do so. I'd hate to think the staff educating my children are ignoring science and the CDC.
Draheim, Desiree	517 S Washington Ave	My son has asthma and to force the kids to wear masks makes it harder for him to breath even with top of the line masks it interferes with his breathing which decreases his attention in school.

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Billings, Ashley	103 South Tennessee Avenue	I don't see them as a requirement as they inhibit learning, are a distraction and children will be touching their face even more so due to masks therefore getting more germs. I feel social distancing will work with this age group. Important thing is for parents to take responsibility and keep sick and exposed children home.
Klatt, Amanda	Mason City	I believe a mask mandate would be beneficial at this time for students and staff safety.
Harriman, Sheri	87 Country Circle	I'm not against masks by any means but my son is in 2nd grade. Last year he would come home SO overheated from wearing a mask all day. I would have to keep him home the next day just from being overheated. It's a no win situation. If the masks are required mask breaks for the kids would be wonderful! I like having my child protected from covid but hate him getting overheated!
Ihlenfeldt, Tim	502 S Jersey Ave, Mason City	We do NOT want a mask mandate.
Knoch, Amber	1306 N Rhode Island Ave, Mason City	I think at this point in time we should require masks, especially for students ages PK-6th who have not been given the opportunity to be vaccinated. I was hoping a mask recommendation would be issued at the beginning of the year, but even if it was, it was not publicized enough and not followed enough. With COVID cases being similar to where they were in the winter (when masks were mandated), I think we should still require students to wear them, especially those who have not been given the opportunity to be vaccinated. My young children have been only one or two of their entire class who has been wearing masks this year. COVID is still prevalent and very contagious and can be very dangerous. I am not overly concerned that my children or family will be affected by this negatively, but you never know. I also don't want to have to rearrange my schedule and kids' activities around quarantines and exposures, so in order to minimize this risk, I think masking (along with other measures) truly does help. Medical professionals have been wearing masks for protection for years and years. Of course this helps prevent disease. My family and I are happy to do such a simple thing as wearing masks to help those around us feel safer and to help us avoid this virus as best we can. We also think the only way most people will wear them is if you require them. Most people are not wearing them when given the choice. I believe this pandemic is a public health issue, and not as much a "parents choice". Parents have the choice to send their kids elsewhere, do the virtual academy or homeschool if they are not happy with mandates (just like I have those choices if I'm not happy with the opposite). Thank you for your consideration and asking parents' opinions. We appreciate the ability to have some input.
Amber Broers	12548 Olive Ave	I do not want my child to be masked unless he chooses to be. He is sent with a mask everyday and it's up to him if he wears it. It was detrimental to his mental health last year with almost daily behavior emails being sent home. I do not feel he is at risk of getting Covid 19 given his natural immunities from last years infection nor do I feel our lifestyle places him at a huge risk of contracting it. Please do not mandate masks again. I feel it will be a huge step backwards.
Sprecher, Cameron	926 14th PI NE	I don't believe mandating a mask policy is the right thing to do for our children. The district already has, what I believe to be pointless, policies in place that detrimentally affect the youth in the district. There should not be any mandatory wearing of masks.
Meyer, Kyle	2002 S Georgia Ave	Masks do not work. If you want masks on the kids you might as well put handcuffs on them as well so they cant touch there face as well. Better yet put them all in full hazmat suits
Broers, Daniel	2020 12th St Ne	I believe it should stay voluntary.
Burt, Sherrie	1029 Prairie View Place	Very simple...I trust the science and YES, masks should be mandated in the schools for everyone.

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Holt Brandon	1416 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason city IA 50401	In my opinion I've seen it from both sides but I think it would be a bad idea to force the children to wear masks all day long and teachers. There are students and teachers that are hard of hearing and it makes it more stress on the student and or teacher when they cannot read lips. So then this causes more stress because the student is not able to understand what the teacher is saying properly. I feel it also, makes it harder for the student to stay focused because that it makes them feel more fatigued with a mask on.
Hoffman, Courtney	1606 North Carolina Place	I believe mask wearing should remain optional. I don't like us losing the ability to make informed decisions for ourselves.
Mutchler, Sarah	1040 2nd Street nw	Seriously going to try and commit child abuse on my children again ? Masks don't work and never will so don't try and put one on them! I'll homeschool my kids if this crap starts up again. Bunch of lies from the worthless government.
Jackson brittnie	109 19TH ST SE	I believe it should be voluntary.
Blakely jon	1004 1st st ne	It's dumb As hell u making the kids it should be up to the perants if they want there's too fine but not everyone should have to to make others happy should be it's your body your choice
Pearce, Robin	1435 N Madison Ave Mason City Ia	Not necessary. Kids don't wear them the right way anyways and you can still get sick with them.
Kirby, Thomas	403 Prairie View Ct.	Masks should not be mandated 7-12 as that population can (and should be) vaccinated. K-6 should only be masked if a school reaches a 7.5% positive case threshold. Music programs and sports should proceed as normal. Outside visitors should be masked if unvaccinated.
Sainci, Katherine	212 n Hawkeye Ave Nora springs IA 50458	I want it to be optional.
Van Steenhuyse, Steven	904 6th St SE	The decision to use or not use masks should be the parent's alone. The risk of school children contracting the virus is low, and the vast, vast majority of those children who do get it are asymptomatic or have very mild cases. I believe in my ability to weigh the risks and am able to make the best choice for my children. Thank you for soliciting our opinion.
Willis, Megan	610 4th Street Northeast Apt 1 Mason City Iowa 50401	I think everyone should have to wear masks.
Miller, Jessica	1326 South Hampshire Ave	I support a mask mandate
Bergman, Tonya	1140 1st Street SE Mason City, Iowa 50401	I believe wearing masks is an added protection and I appreciate masks being worn by all.
Hansen. Brianna	8 Williamsburg Cir	I think you all are idiots for not requiring them. I believe in science and kept my daughter home to virtual learn during this pandemic for a reason.
Schulze, Kaylea	760 W 7th St (Garner, IA)	If the goal is to keep students in school as much as possible, then mandating masks is the obvious best choice for ALL students. It does not hurt anyone to wear them, but it can hurt many students if we do not require it.
DeGabriele, Sethanne	1030 W State St	For the safety of everyone involved, please reinstate the mask mandate at Mason City Schools.
Kinney, Keri	1212 9th St SW	I support it!! I have asked my daughter to wear hers in school. She said she is only one of a few in the high school wearing it.
Dietrich, Aaron	546 16th St SE	Mask wearing should remain voluntary by students, and staff.. Risk of other illnesses due to mask wearing- bronchitis, rsv, and other illnesses are becoming more common place and more harmful .

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Tupper, Jenna	103 27th st sw	I feel that it's acceptable to allow parents to choose whether their children wear a mask or not especially for elementary to middle school age children. These children have a hard enough time concentrating without the distraction of a mask plus there are other ways to isolate illness. Like keeping classrooms or ages separate etc.
Paulson, Katherine	60 Oak Run Dr MC	Masks should NOT be required. They can be used as chosen on an individual basis, but NO MORE MASK MANDATES.
Onder, Brooke	21342 275th Mason City	I want mask mandates in classrooms. Masks optional outside.
Lee, John P	18 Asbury Pl	I know my sons, and this will make them miserable. I am speaking as a parent, not as a teacher right now. Both of my sons have gone through some emotional times when we were in the heart of the COVID, it was very easy to see a difference in the mental health when we went away from mask and the students were able to smile and interact with other students. I am still fighting one of the boys mental health, he goes back and forth, the other sons has been great ever since. I would not want to revisit it again. DO NOT MANDATE MASK. PLEASE
Shipman, Teresa	1610 8th St. SW Mason City	I strongly disagree with mask mandates, I stand with our Governor, and believe it should be the choice of each individual.
Alm-Lipp Cynthia	705 N Iowa Ave	I think masks should be worn if the person wants to and wears them correctly. Many people wear masks but incorrectly .
Rodemeyer, Andrea	147 N Crescent Dr	There is little to no change from the numbers of COVID positive cases this year when masks are voluntary vs. last year when masks were required. The number of COVID positive cases has remained very low among the various school buildings. I feel as though the current policy of voluntary masking is working and I don't see any reason students should be forced to wear masks.
True, Jordan	1117 4th street southeast APT #5	I believe we need to require mask as the new variants are attacking children 0-17 and it is dangerous to have 500+ in the school without mask
Carmody, Lennice	252 15Th St SE	Continue the policy of voluntary mask wearing. So parents can still decide whats best for their child/children and they can experience school with seeing full faces/expressions that help them in developing.
Frost, Amanda	122 n madison ave	No, they should not be required. Voluntary, sure. But I will not force my child nor anyone else to wear a face diaper that doesn't work. The sars-covid-19 particle is still small enough to get through the fabric. No mask works not even N-95. If anything were to be effective it's the respirator masks.
Worthy, Nia	323 8th St Se	I think this will be good!
Munson, Stacy	226 7th st NE	I have a child at the Alternative school and JAMS. They both went to school without issue the first day and both arrived home that day with runny noses and cold symptoms. I understand the need for masks with COVID, but also realize theyve been exposed to few germs since masks came into effect in 2020 which has decreasing their immune systems. I wish to continue with voluntary mask wearing, and am not in agreement with required mask mandates. Each family can participate if they so choose.
Sadler, Jennifer	629 S. WASHINGTON AVE	We do NOT recommend it at all! We will most likely pull our kids from school if they mandate mask! Mask do Not work and their unhealthy for kids to have to wear them!

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Ramirez, ruth	251 Parkridge drive	There's been people that hadn't been vaccinated and people that want the vaccines but are not able to take the vaccine . Some kids don't qualify for the vaccine yet . We are far from over or getting to the new normal. We all as citizens need to do our part. Unfortunately people are making this political.
Peveerill , Larissa	539 19th Street SE	I believe that parents have good judgment of how to take care of their children. I believe that everyone should have there own opinions, meaning the parents can choose to mask up or not. I don't think it should be required because many students may suffer from anxiety, and nervousness, even skin problems. I think it should be an option. Not a mandate.
Poulin, Brian	8 S Pierce Ave	I believe that is should be voluntary
Kayla	Hoffmann	No masks. 100% I feel it is unhealthy to constantly wear one and personally, my daughter has a hard time breathing in it. I feel it is ridiculous to mandate it. It should be optional up the the parent, teacher, student etc. If they want to wear it, it should be completely up to them! NO MASKS!!
Dhabalt, Allison	12228 Partridge Ave MC	Masking provides additional protection from spreading viruses and respiratory infections during cold & flu season keeping our children in school learning vs home ill.
Fiser, Holly	1433 6th Street SE	I believe we should wear masks!
Andy Evans	98 Granada Dr	Optional mask wearing if the vaccine works why would they need to wear masks plus it's un healthy to be breathing in your own bacteria and co2 behind a mask for over 7 hrs it should be the individual's choice to do what they want last time I checked we still live in the U.S.A
Jonathan Marinero	159 14th St Nw	My 9 year old son tested positive today. The school sent out an email last week saying he may have come in contact with someone at the school. I firmly believe students and staff need to be masked when in classroom and hallways.
Maynes, Beth	636 8th St NE	I believe that it is our responsibility to do everything we can within reason to keep our community, all members, safe. As the CDC advises "CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." I strongly support the return of a mask mandate.
Myers-McArthur, Maggie	15 3rd ave SW, Hampton, IA	My opinion on this will not change, no masks should not be required. Having it be a choice? Yes. Everything in this life is a choice and should be held in that manner. Sickness is something that is unavoidable. My main reasoning though, on not mandating the mask wearing, is because students lose that personal connection with us when our faces a half way hidden from them. In a sense their trust is harder to hold onto if we can't show them our true facial expressions. It's all about relationships when concerning our youth and requiring teachers and educators to hide behind a mask (when it wasn't our choice) is the same as throwing away our true reasons for being here. And that is for our students to trust and connect with us. Please don't take away that.
England, Karen	2 Willow Dr.	I think Students NEED them. Especially if not vacinated ! These are our children, our number one priority!
Ball, Holly	2 Hawthorn RD	As a parent and protector of my child. I feel it is my right to decide if my child wears a mask or not.
Ressler, Brittany	1314 s hampshire ave	I think it should be the parents choice and if they want their children to wear one then they should, like it is now. My children don't like masks and it would be difficult to make them wear them all day. It's a proven fact that masks don't work anyway. I put my child back into Public school this year under the impression masks weren't mandatory.

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Michel, Jennifer	1815 S Coolidge Ave	Should be optional. My son is fully vaccinated. If needed, required for students who are unvaccinated.
Zinnel Nick	1159 crestmore way	Required
Brista	Po box 1211	I'm against forcing students to wear a mask I believe it's their choice if they want won't wear a mask or not they're old enough to make a decision if they want to and if not then that is their decision to take the risk that they could get covid.
Jones Nicholas	811 16 st Mason city	I really think it should be up to the student if they feel like they're safer with a mask I don't think it should be mandated
Ketelsen, Tyler	524 14TH ST SE	I believe we should be following the guidelines and recommendations from the CDC, health officials, and health experts. Whatever those recommendation are, I believe that is what we should be following.
Loeschen, Deanna	16391 245th Street	Masks should be on a volunteer basis only. My opinion: If you follow the science (good luck digging thru all the other to find it), the Covid particles are smaller then any mask worn, thus masks have not been proven as an effective barrier for anyone. If anyone is comforted by wearing one, they should be allowed to do so for their peace of mind. Do.not punish everyone else.
Denise McFalls	324 20th street Southeast mason City	Yes everyone should
Usher-Scott, Kayce	114 North Crescent Drive	I think it's vital considering the risks of Covid to staff, students, and those they are going home to. It's our job as decent human beings to consider the safety of everyone and do our best to model our values through behavior. This is a team effort and children are capable of understanding that their actions impact others. We wear masks and we get vaccinated because of science, self interest, and compassion for others. Masks should be mandated and it's unfortunate that there's even a debate.
Mclaughlin, Adrienne	112 south Tennessee ave	No mandate unless numbers for covid cases are rising in the schools. From what I've seen there hasn't been many cases being reported in the schools
Manwarren Nicole	322 N. Pennsylvania Ave.	No mask
Askildson, Shane	1218 N Madison	Should be parents choice and not Mandated
WILLIER Kara	603 n Jackson Ave	Masks should be worn in school . It helped last year it could help again. Working in the hospital it's evident kids not wearing masks is only adding to the strain of services.
Stalker, Thomas	618 1st St. S.E.	Absolutely not, 1000% against it. Let our kids be kids. Let people decide for themselves what is best for their family. If you want to wear a mask wear 1, if not then don't, but the school should not and cannot force us to. There is a reason our governor has stood up against this tyranny for us, the people. If forced to and not allowed to choose for ourselves, then you should no longer teach our kids about the liberty this nation was founded on.
Moe, Neil	1424 N president Ave	This debacle has gone on long enough. Stop using children as political fodder and implement a mask mandate for all school buildings, effectively immediately.
Sgontz, Courtney	1145 1st st sw	I dont have an issue with our child/staff being required to wear a masks.
Dalila Sajadian	65 Pebble Creek Dr	Should be required ASAP
Brownmiller, David	1 Old Farm Rd	I believe that at this time masks should be mandated for students and staff.

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Bohach, Lisa	812 N Polk Ave, Mason City, IA 5040-	I do not think they should be required. I believe mask usage should remain voluntary. We have been in this over 18 months now and many studies show the masks have been ineffective and are a detriment to mental well being especially amongst our young children as they are unable to see facial expressions and we are unable to read their facial expressions. My daughter hated school last year because of these mandates but has been having a much more enjoyable year this year without them. Studies also show that COVID still remains quite low among children. Many parents that continue to live in fear have already chosen the online options for learning. I think you will find another shift in the student body if you enforce such a mandate. Yes I mean loss of students to other districts/options/private schooling, etc.
Frazier, Carolyn	777 S Eisenhower Ave Trlr 313 Mason City, IA 50401	I feel that masks don't help and people are tired of being controlled by the government masks should not be mandated if a child wants to wear a mask that's their choice to do so but making a person wear a mask is taking away their freedom of choice. My children will not be wearing a mask. There is a such thing called herding humanity for a reason. When we had an outbreak of the H1N1 there was no mask mandates then so why now with this Covid. I'm a firm believer that if it's in my path that has been written by god for me or my children to get the Covid then so be it. Take your mask mandate to another country and stop forcing us Americans to wear a face diaper.
Gula, Ryan	417 S Tennessee Pl Apt 5 Mason City, IA	Yes, i like the idea of requiring masks in our schools for all students and staff.
Germundson, Heather	228 21st St. S.E.	I believe masks should be worn by all students and staff.
Lucas nate	3 west south street	No Mandate
Mortimer, Chanel	1408 S Pennsylvania Ave	I think we need masks. Better safe than sorry. Especially in the elementary schools.
Kotta, Jaremy	605 S Mississippi Ave	I am absolutely against requiring masks in the schools for either students or staff.
Orozco Tricia	1420 N Monroe Ave	I feel to keep the childern who are not old enough to get the vaccine masks should be worn by all students and teachers
McGowan	1438 9th ST SE	I feel all unvaccinated people should be required to wear a mask. This would include all those under 12 who at this time can't get vaccinated and those who have chosen not get vaccinated. If it's voluntary it's to difficult to enforce and opens the door for teasing/bully to occur for those that are choosing to wear one, especially w/children at Lincoln, John Adam' s and High School.
Chase, Darcy	116 13th St NE	No masks, this should be by preference not by making mandatory.
Nessett, Jaime	1003 N Jersey Ave	I think it should be a personal choice. Nobody should ever be forced.
Rabourn, Sandra	1523 South Hampshire Avenue	I think masks should be required as long as there is a pandemic
Arndt, Chad	1 Barberry Rd Mason City, IA 50401	I'm 100% against a mask mandate or a vaccine mandate. If a person is vaccinated it's their choice & I support that. If they're not it's also their choice & I support that too. A mask mandate is all about the visual & control. Almost no one wears a mask correctly anyways & the very few who do are not using a medical grade mask. What's the point? What's it's real contribution? In my opinion the cons considerably outweigh the pros. A person has the choice to protect themselves with a vaccine or by avoiding large groups in public. If a person also chooses to wear a mask I hope they wear it correctly & wear a mask of proper quality. It should be a persons choice.
Faraoni, Daniel	301 4th st NW	Yes to all students and staff
VanHooser, Danielle	905 8th Street NE	We would agree to have mask mandated in the schools. This could help with everyone's health and decrease the spread of COVID.

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Burchett, Dianna	682 3rd St NE	Would prefer not to be made to have my student wear a mask all day
Thomas, Derek	2016 S Monroe Ave	Masks should not be mandated. Kids need to see other kids and teachers smile. Masks are a distraction and I don't believe they provide much protection.
Khri Scheppler	539 14th St Se	I think mask cause more health problems for the youth than the virus. So no mask mandate. Let the parent's and students decide what they feel is right for them.
Arp, John	1323 Limestone Dr Mason City	I think it should be personal choice if you want to wear a mask, my son is vaccinated, as is the rest of my family. If you are concerned about your student, there are on line options or have them wear a mask.
Shawn Rasmussen	12 n York Ave mason city	It is a proven fact that mask do not stop this pandemic people are still getting it including the people that have gotten the shots if we treat this like the flu which that is what it is and let everyone build up there immunity to this it will get better I work in the hospital and around all the Covid and have not gotten the shot and still have not gotten it again because I did have it and body build up it's immunity. So stop the mandate it should be up to the parents not the school. My body my choice. So if we can kill babies with that then we can us it to not where a mandated mask
Grove, Jessica	676 15th ST NE, Mason City	I would like masks to be required, or at least strongly recommended.
Shipman, Travis	1610 8th St SW Mason City	I disagree with mask mandates it should be the choice of each individual
May, Michael	661 9TH STREET NE	I do not think masks should be mandated. I feel the risks of Covid in school aged children is low and thus we should not be subjecting our children to wearing masks all day. I feel if the student or their parents want their kids to wear a mask then by all means wear a mask. No one should tell them they cannot. However in the same respect no one should be telling anyone they are required to wear a mask. So long story short I am NOT in favor of a mask mandate.
Fails, Heather	P O Box 66	They should not be required, or if they are, only for those that are not vaccinated
Cooley, Jennifer	120 Woodbine Rd	I absolutely believe there should be a mask mandate until 2 weeks after all school age children are eligible to be fully vaccinated. It's the least we can do to protect our children. When everyone is fully vaccinated that wants to be then I feel masks no longer need to be mandated but until that point every child should be wearing one to protect everyone. Masks are harmless and my kids have adapted better than most adults have to wearing masks and it hasn't impacted their learning one bit. As a healthcare professional and an airway expert there is zero reason for not wearing a mask. The local hospital is almost full again of Covid patients and we are seeing sicker kids with this surge. Totally healthy kids are dying in this country all because this has all been politicized. It's not political. It's science. Masks work. As a parent of a child with asthma, if something were to happen to him from covid, I will never forgive those who have paved the way for this perfect storm of disinformation and mask mandate bans. We have the opportunity as a community right now to put the mandate back in place to protect our kids. To not do so would be a huge mistake in my opinion. Does covid only kind 1% of children, maybe. But if that 1% were your children, grandchildren, friends, etc. that statistic isn't going to matter to you. If we can help to protect every child, why wouldn't we do it?
Blankenship, stephenie	1620 S Hampshire Ave	I think they should be required due to no vaccine being available for the younger children.
Arndt, Jordan	1437 N HAMPSHIRE AVE	Rather be safe than sorry absolutely support requiring masks in the schools for staff and students.
Schulz, Paige	402 Hampton Street	I think it should be up to the students, parents, and staff themselves.

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Annie	1316 Limestone Dr.	Schools must mandate masks to keep everyone safer. We are currently doing online academy until our children are vaccinated in part because schools aren't allowed to mandate masks. We do not feel safe sending our kids if everyone is not wearing a mask. Children are not safe without masks.
Terhark, Amanda	117 Parkridge Drive, Mason City, IOWA	I recommend we require masks in our schools. We have a lot of students who are still not able to get the vaccine and they are at risk. We have staff members who also have health concerns, and we need to protect each other as well.
Zach Scott	816 N Monroe Ave	I feel that making our kids wear masks when they are not feeling great is one thing, but forcing them to wear masks all the time is ridiculous! Not only is it a breach of our rights as a citizen of the United States, it is 100% pointless just like getting the covid shot! If they can guarantee me that is is working or at least helping some I might consider it but they can't and won't ever be able to. Scientist and doctors alike have both been asked many questions on the shot and mask mandate and all they could say was we are unsure that it actually helps, then I'm sorry but I feel my son should not have to wear something that you cannot deem helpful. Just my thoughts.
Prestby, Mike	635 10th Street NE	Not necessary. If parents want their kids to wear them then they can have students wear them. Should not be mandated.
Rozen, Patrick	31 Oak Dr Mason City IA 50401	No masks for students and staff
Garner, Emily	92 Country Cir.	I believe the masks our students wore last year kept them safe and I feel they should be worn this year as well. There has been a spike in kids with RSV and COVID and feel to best keep our kids/teachers healthy masks should be required.
Michael	2705 Sunrise Court	I am in favor of a mask mandate.
Gauley, Ken	609 1 street N, Rockwell, IA	We believe that individual's should have a choice on wearing masks.
Schutz, Bailey	418 20th st sw	As a nurse at the hospital I am seeing the benefits of wearing a mask. My children are wearing masks currently and I would fully support a mask mandate.
Michelle	3397 St. Augustine Dr	Parents, with the input from their student(s), should be the ones making the decisions on whether their children wear a mask or not at school. I do not support a mask mandate, nor do I believe the data shows the schools need one at this time.
Baker, April	112 S Tennessee Pl	I believe the mask choice need to be 100% up to the parent or guardian. If our children are sick, they need to stay home.
Dettman, Mackenzie	801 17th court SE Mason City Iowa	I do not believe that the students or staff should have to wear a mask if they choose not to
Lorentzen, Jordan	1131 s Illinois ave	They do not have too!!
Cooper, Amanda	521 15th street NE 50401	I don't like the having our children wear mask 8 plus hours a day. I can tell a difference in Kinsley when she has to wear a mask for that long. She becomes sluggish and ready for bed at 6. Kinsley needs oxygen to be able to learn at her best capability!
Graves, shannon	616 South Tennessee Place	Masks should be required!

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Donald, Abby	1443 Garnet Ct	I agree that we should require it. My daughters are too young to be vaccinated. We have told them to wear masks to school, but our 4 year old has not been wearing hers as she feels bad that no one else wears one. We've tried to get her to wear it but her teacher says she keeps taking it off. A classmate of hers also goes to preschool and doesn't wear a mask so even if my daughter wears one if there are cases in her class, it will likely be brought back to her. So when it's a choice even parents who are basing our choice on recommendations don't really have a choice. Our policies should be based on recommendations from experts on infectious diseases and public health not on political opinions.
Bentzin, Chris	818 S Georgia	With the information on mask changing all the time back and forth, I have read lots of studies on people say that they work and that they don't. My biggest problem with masks are our children's brains are developing and need oxygen. A mask restricts air and increases CO2. In my honest opinion is they don't work and think that our children are suffering because of them.
Teepe, Missy	23 23rd St SW	I think it should still be a choice if the family wants their child to wear a mask to school or not. I have 3 kids in the district K, 5th and 9th my 9th grader along with myself and spouse have been fully vaccinated even though it doesn't stop you from getting the virus it does help the symptoms of it. I don't feel masks should be mandated on anyone and should be left a choice as to what we think is best for our children.
Hauert, Lawona	301 4th St NW	Yes to all the staff and students
Christianson, Brigid	2399 Lark Ave Sheffield	I would love it if you implemented a mask mandate. Thank you!
Osborn, Chelsea	309 Maple St Thornton IA 50479	I believe mask wearing should be by choice and not forced in schools or buses.
Edwards, Christopher	25 10th St NW	I do not support my perfectly healthy young children wearing masks in school. I believe the long term emotional damage outweighs their risks associated with COVID-19.
True, Julie	13 Clover Lane	Students and staff should wear masks.
Winter, Dee Dee	655 East State Street	No mask mandate. It should absolutely be a choice. If you want to wear a mask that is completely your right but it should not be forced. We are over 18 months into this and it is not going to end. I am personally tired of feeling my rights and beliefs do not matter. I am COMPLETELY against any sort of mandate. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.
Featherston, Laura	1432 N Adams Ave	Please DO NOT mandate masks! There are peer reviewed journal articles that prove masks do not prevent the spread of viruses. If necessary, we will enroll our children in home school. We will not subject our kids to wearing masks at school.
Schaer Deven	310 North Georgia Avenue	I am 100% against a mask mandate. It's not fair to the kids to be physically forced into wearing something on their face that restricts breathing. Not only that, but makes them more likely to get sick from getting germs on the inside of the masks that have no where to go but inside our kids lungs. Our own government doesn't follow these mask mandates they're trying to force on our kids when they're unaware of being on camera. They only do it for show. Why force kids to restrict their breathing for 8 hours a day, when the people telling them to do it only do it when there's a camera pointed at them for an hour at most.

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Estaris, Graziella	PO Box 337 Manly, IA	Please wear a mask. There is nothing wrong with being proactive with your ability to protect yourself and others at the same time. Would wearing a mask really kill you? No!, but the virus will and (the virus) will never ever care. You have the right to refuse this very simple gesture that has been proven to have some semblance of efficacy in protecting yourself, but for what reason? Be selfish. Until a member of your family, a loved one, succumbs to this real and devastating virus. Then who are you going to blame? Everybody is entitled to his/her opinion. You can be as opinionated as you want. Go for it. But please be well informed and be well educated on the subject at the same time so you can argue your point until you're blue in the face although nothing will negate the fact that this virus is out there and wearing a mask would be beneficial for you in the end.
Peshak, Leah	715 S Tennessee Pl	Mandate them in schools.
Gott, Dustin	115 24th st sw	No
Bohls, Jennifer	1141 Maple Dr	With the resurgence of Covid in our community, the number of young children unable to get the vaccine, the Covid cases currently hospitalized, and the amount of breakthrough infections that are occurring, I am strongly in favor of a mask mandate.
Suby, Amber	108 Fairway Drive	Leave it up to the discretion of the students. We raise them to make informed decisions and to take responsibility for their actions and well being. They take far greater risks than contracting a virus on a daily basis when they get in the car and drive to school. That being said, if the community gets to a high enough rate of illness if like the board to step in and reassess.
Fenton, Madison	227 24th st sw mason city	i don't agree with mask mandates at all, it should be a preference, if you wanna wear one then wear one, if you want your child to wear one have them wear one. i have a 4 year old daughter that's currently enrolled in head start at roosevelt and she refuses to wear one and i will not force her to wear one everyday while she is at school.
Kearns, Pamel	1426 South Kentucky Ave.	Absolutely need to make mask wearing mandatory within the MC school district. We need to protect our students/teachers and be proactive not reactive. If students are given the option to wear masks, they will not wear them so mandatory mask policy is necessary district wide.
Hankins Centrail	633 s Rhode Island ave	I believe the kids should be required to wear the mask
Blankenship, Christine	115 1/2 1st St SE	I would like the school systems to require masks again. I shouldn't have to worry if my kid will get Covid because another parent sent their kid to school even though they had symptoms. I am constantly in fear of who will get my kid sick. Even if my kid was wearing hers, that doesn't protect her. That only protects other people around her from getting any sicknesses she may have. Where is the protection for my kid.
King, Hanee	110 E Main st, fertile is 50434	I think masks should be optional
Anderson , Jim	1050 Meadow lake drive	I believe it should be up to the parents to decide whether their children need to wear a mask. I am not ok with a mandate if you are a concerned parent then mask your children. We should not force it on everyone. If you are sick you quarantine you don't lock up the heathy.
Atherton April	2928 Sunrise Ct	Yes, they should be mandated until our numbers are at a safe amount.
Patel Jignasha	715 hemlock court Mason City	Wearing masks very effective to stop transferring viruses. All we must wear masks until everyone get fully vaccinated, specially under 12 years old children needs to be protected by wearing masks.

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Becky Heagel	4037 killdeer avenue	Masks should be mandated to keep kids safe. As a parent of an immunocompromised daughter, I feel that she should have the same access to in person school as everyone else. That is only somewhat safe is all kids and teachers are masked.
Walker, Angie	748 3rd SW	Its up to the family and individual. Most of the time it was not inforced like it should of been.
Brunner, Stefanie	110 S Ohio Ave	Should be the choice of the family of the student.
Beck, Madeline	21 River Heights Dr. Mason City, IA 50401	I think that we should be able to require students to wear masks, they have stopped elective surgeries at the hospital due to Covid-19 numbers taking up the beds at the hospital. We also should be able to continue to require students to wear masks because many students do not follow the guidelines to stay home when they are not feeling well. I appreciate their effort to come to school, but when they are sick they should stay home. Especially if they have poor hygiene skills.
Hart Victoria	1306 South Georgia Ave	When social distancing can't be observed
Adams, Amber	705 9th St NW	Even with the vaccine, it is still spreadable through everyone. I feel as a parent of three kids, a school full of children and teachers who have families and loved ones, everyone should be safe. I think masks should be worn again, continue to be cautious, and clean germs from everything like they did last year. I don't feel like opinions really matter at this point, it's what is right to stop this pandemic.
Reb, Jeremiah	1452 9th ST SE	I do not believe that masks should be required. I think it should be the parents, students, or staff members choice whether or not they decide to wear a mask. Thank you.
Edwards, Rebecca	25 10th St NW	I do NOT support a mask mandate for my children, they are healthy and will continue to be. NO mask for our children please.
Yaggy, Sarah	807 10TH ST NE	I think it would be in the best interest of students/staff if masks were mandatory.
Erin Peterson	910 e state st mason city iowa	Against mandate at this time - at least in the high school where our child is as vaccination is available
Love, Shannon	2103 S Madison Ave	I don't think the school should require masks. Let the students/parents decide.
Carr, Kayla	1423 N Carolina Place	Masking should be a parental decision only. This is a public school and we should have the freedom to choose what is best for our own children. Those who want to wear them can, those who don't, should have that option as well. The government should not choose what's best for my children and quite frankly neither should the school board.
Farland, Tracy	1219 Moonstone Ct	From the studies I've read, over half the people in the hospital either have rsv or are asymptomatic and only found out about covid while they were in the hospital for something else. I also read fauchis letters that the masks most people are using are very ineffective against covid. One study claims they are only 3% effective. I don't want any child to be sick but the fact is these kids are in public all over without masks. I would vote no against a mandate and let the kids decide what they want to do in their specific case. Tv constantly spreads fear and leaves out facts to make the stories scarier. Maybe there could be a note sent out to parents with actual facts about how many kids are hospitalized because of covid, what symptoms to expect, what mask studies tell us about their effectiveness etc. .
Heinzerling, Teranie	428 23rd St Sw	I feel that requiring masks again would be in the best interest of the the health and safety of our students. Especially the younger ones who are not eligible for the vaccine. I want things to remain in person learning because I believe it is what is best for students.

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Ebbers, Sheena	816 6th Place SE	I feel it should be requested and encouraged but not mandated. My daughter is in elementary and has been wearing a mask so far this year. We have asked her to wear it similar to last year with the exception of a break while at recess an while sitting at her desk. She did have a cough for a period of time in which we asked her to wear it at all times (even with a negative covid test).
Neggesmith , Leana	815 , N Carolina Ave	I think masks are not good for children's immune systems.
Oetken, Lynda	1039 8th St SW. Mason City	Personal choice
Rye, Victoria	654 E State Street, Mason City	As a grandparent of 3 students in the Mason City School System, it is my feeling that masks should be mandated at this time. One of my grandchildren had already contracted Covid since school started. I think that masks should be mandated because, without a mandate the kids wearing the masks feel pressured to conform and not wear the masks. Also, masks work. It is especially important until the younger students are able to be immunized.
Edwards, Emma	25 10th St NW	I do NOT want to wear a mask, it affects my learning.
Peshak, Bob	715 S Tennessee Place Mason City IA	Yes- should be required. It seems to me that if the school district was concerned about our kids that they would help protect them by wearing masks. Mandate or no mandate!
Garfin, Justina	21 20th St SE	Yes require them
Davis, Michael	83 river heights drive	I am for he mask mandate.
Beals, Courtny	19 Charlestown Sq	We do NOT want a mask mandate. The current policy allows those who want to wear a mask the right to do so. So many students have either had the vaccine or have had covid already. To mask them again is setting things back, mentally, emotionally, physically, and academically. Again WE ARE AGAINST another mask mandate.
Tom	103 S Jefferson Ave	Absolutely Not! Against our rights. It's not a law. Mandates and laws are very different. Law suits will follow along with parents getting involved. Do the right thing. Freedom!
Swanson, David	1458 9th Street SE	I am not for mandatory masks mandates for the following reason. The virus is small enough to pass through any mask material that people generally wear as masks. It is harder for the students to breath as well and makes learning harder as the can not always hear as well or is a general distraction.
Hill Robbin	2 Farmstead Square, Mason City, Ia.	Yes, please do. Thanks
Shipman, Todd	4231 19th St S.W.	Keep voluntary please
Heinzerling, Joei	1616 7th place SW	I believe it should remain a choice. I believe it will create some Major behaviors My child is deaf and reads lips to understand. This would hinder her learning as well. I think it should remain a choice.
Cornish, Dana	1760 S Rhode Island Ct	Masks should be optional for those that feel more comfortable with one on, but not required for all. No mask mandate.
Kerlin, Felicity	1616 South Hampshire ave.	Wearing masks is a simple and effective way to help protect our most vulnerable, especially the ones that can't get vaccinated yet. The people that feel masks are unnecessary should consider themselves lucky. Doing these simple things is part of living in a loving and functional community. I have 6 children and the 4 that go to school feel the same and do not mind masks. We should always refer to the experts when it comes to these things (like the CDC), after all, that's what school is for.

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Bree Ingersoll	932 N Adams Ave	Masks should be worn.
Marovets Kim	102 E Congress Nora Springs	I support mask
Luong, Erin	813 N Carolina Ave	I think it would be well advised to reinstate mask mandates for everyone's safety. Our whole fam is vaccinated, but still got sick starting last week.
Reb, Amanda	1452 9th St Se	I am strongly against a mask mandate for our children! I believe masks should continue to be optional (nobody is stopping those students who want to wear a mask for their own protection). My children were so relieved at the end of last year when they could go to school and breathe freely and see the smiling faces of their teachers and friends (which they were not able to do for months). I believe the mask mandate last year was excessive but we complied with the understanding it was a short term "solution" until other measures could be put in affect (plexi glass, social distancing, hand washing, etc). Masks do NOT stop the spread of covid especially for students who don't wear them correctly anyway...these kids touch their mask and leave it laying on their desk or the floor which picks up more germs for them to place on their face again. Perhaps they should find out how many parents/teachers want a mandate and those students and teachers can be matched in the same class...the teachers and students who don't live in fear can keep their faces clear of a mask and celebrate the freedom they are blessed with.
Johnson, Mindy	136 Meadow Ln, Mason City	The decision to mask a child should be a parents. Not an elected school board member who isn't an epidemiologist. Adult staff should be able to make an individual decision regarding mask. Sports have taken place entire summer without mask.
Jason	255 willowbrook dr	I believe the children should not be mandated to wear masks.
Edwards, Daniel	25 10th St NW	I DO NOT want to wear a mask. It is distracting and unnecessary.
Farghum, Holly	819 7th Street SE	Masks should not be REQUIRED. Especially masks that do not protect against covid.. (says it right on the box) It should be the parent's and student's CHOICE!
Thompson, Erin	3402 Brandywine RD	I feel it should stay an individual's choice to wear a mask or not. My high school kids are vaccinated which we chose so they wouldn't have to wear masks and would stay healthy
Stephens, Krisia	34 N. Yorktown Pike	I am a firm believer that masks help fight COVID. I think that at this time all students and staff should be mandated to wear a mask whether fully vaccinated or not. This could help protect those who have chosen to not be vaccinated, have at risk family members at home, as well as our selves.
Tedder, Jeannie	217 2nd St SE Nora Springs, IA	I strongly believe there should be masks. There has been way too many positive cases especially in children since they stopped forcing masks. Also it hits home for our family as we recently almost lost my husband to Covid.
Miller, Vicky	534 12th St SE	I think the school board should definitely require masks again. It's better to be cautious and I know of a few students in my daughter's class whose parents are anti vax and think the pandemic is fake. I'd rather all students be safe from such irresponsible parents and wear masks.

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Yarrow, Allia	9 Willowbrook Dr.	Current CDC and American Association of Pediatrics guidelines recommend universal masking for everyone in an indoor space, including people who are vaccinated. Because we have many students who are not, or cannot, get vaccinated yet as well as students and staff who are immunocompromised, we need to make sure our students can stay in the classroom and learn. Sick students and sick teachers impact our community in a great way and could potentially spread COVID to the community at large. Mercy Hospital is already limiting visitors and have stopped elective surgeries. Over 10% of our students were out of school sick at the high school the past two days, which is past the absenteeism touchstone set by Cerro Gordo Public Health. If this is not handled correctly, Mason City could blow up with cases and stress our North Iowa hospital system. This could potentially even cause problems for neighboring communities who rely on our hospital system. The best way to avoid the spread of COVID is to mandate masks in places where everyone is indoors and forced to be within less than 6 feet of each other. Masks should be mandated in the district, and vaccines should be encouraged for all who can get them.
Borel, Jacob	23320 Pheasant Ave. Mason City, IA	I am completely against a mask mandate!!! Vaccines are available and the risk to children are minimal. It should be up to the parent to decide if their child should have to wear a mask. If a mandate goes into effect I will send my child to a school that does not require one.
Dietrich, Heather	3 Silver Lane	yes, wear them so everyone is safe. Those who have health issues and can't then they don't but it's on them if they do get ill. Safe and stay in school
Burk, Morgan	20 Oak Dr	I strongly encourage mandating kids, staff, and all who enter the buildings to wear masks
Huebner kyle	1627 s carolina ave	Mask should not be required. Option to wear them if you would like
Ebeling, Ben	128 11th st ne	Voluntary only
Duren, Shelly	Wear masks	Yes

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		<p>If masks are working as a preventative for Covid19 (which obviously it's not if you look at the numbers from last year when there was a mandate) than great. Each family, student, and staff member should be granted permission to choose whether or not they want to wear a mask.</p> <p>If your child has a suppressed immune system than feel free to take further steps to prevent them from possibly being exposed.</p> <p>If distant learning is an option in addition to in person learning than chose to do what you are most comfortable with.</p> <p>If you are more comfortable with your child wearing a mask great, if not that's great too.</p> <p>Parents are well aware that masks are still an option (even if their not madated). If they're not comfortable enough yet to send them without wearing one than just simply don't.</p> <p>Staff members should also have the option as well. If parents are concerned for their child's safety and they're wearing their mask than the option should be left to the staff member.</p> <p>Every family and staff member has different circumstances so I feel giving everyone a choice to opt in or opt out is the fairest way to go about it!</p>
Stull, Brittany	1016 1st street ne	
Jennings, candice	107 15th St NE	They should wear masks
Briggs, Lacy	1448 3rd st se	I don't think they need to wear the masks. I think it should be up to the students and staff each themselves.
Sehlstrom, Kyndra	310 North Georgia Ave, Mason City, IA 50401	I would prefer to stick with VOLUNTARY mask wearing.
Miller, Haylee	715 16th street NE	I believe that wearing a mask is a choice to all students and staff and should not be mandated.
Otto, Michael	2823 N Carolina Ave	If the number of cases of children getting COVID start rising to a level that is concerning I don't have a problem with my child wearing a mask.
Patterson stacia	1801 s Hampshire ave	I dont want my kids in masks nor do they wanna wear them
Burke. Daniel	1447 N Hampshire Pl	They should not be mandatory. People can choose if they wish to ware a mask.
ReCupido, Jamie	2720 S Jefferson Ave	I prefer it to stay voluntary. I believe that with proper mitigating at school, hand washing/sanitizing and everything else schools have been doing to work to prevent a covid outbreak it will continue to keep cases down. My son is more happy to be able to go to school mask-free, he doesn't have sores behind his ears from wearing them all day, and he no longer has a cough from breathing in his own air. I hope you consider keeping it voluntary. Thank you!
Orton Scot	212 5th St NW	Ridiculous! Especially not fair to the younger kids who need to see the teachers mouth form making words so they can learn how to speak properly. Please DO NOT make any of the kids or teachers "have to" wear a mask!
McClemons, savanah	1123 Eastmoor Dr.	Should be a choice; not mandated.

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Mariner, Sarah	1470 3rd St SE	I am against requiring masks in school. Allow the parents, students and staff to decide what is best for their situation. My child more than struggled when masks were required. Not being able to hear the teacher or read their lips makes learning how to read and write very difficult. I will enroll my children in private school or open enroll into another district that does not require masks.
Shipman Sue	4231 19th St SW	Keep voluntary please
King, Jessica	548 12th St SE	I support a mask mandate due to rising numbers of covid cases.
Andersen, Cortney	657 4th St NE	I have 3 students in the MCCSD. Two within the Harding Elementary Building. My head start student made it one week before both of her teachers were gone. The next week she was sick as well as the rest of our household and we are still under quarantine. Masks could have prevented this. Elementary students don't think about germs or social distancing. They also can't be vaccinated. Elementary students need some kind of protection or covid will continue to spread like wildfire within the elementary buildings.
Kranz, Amy	224 14th St SE	I think if they are not vaccinated they should be wearing them.
Cornett, Jessica	517 13th st se	I am fine if my child has to wear masks during the school day. He doesnt seem to mind them either. Currently, he is provided with them and he gets to make his choice. However, last year when required, his biggest complaint was 100% recess. They should not have to wear them outside. It is suppose to be break time. Kids need breaks just like adults. Also, he wasnt a fan in gym class.
Brass Jessica	124 North Madison Ave	No, my children will not wear one
Lonning, Sadie	719 10th St NE	My son started 2nd grade last year online. Shortly after he returned to school (beginning of October) he had Covid. I would feel more comfortable for all the kids and staff if they started wearing masks again. A lot of kids are still playing catch up because of missing school in 2020 — that can be even harder when they miss school again due to quarantine. My son was also unhappy doing school from home and missed his classmates and school staff when school ended abruptly in 2020.
PETERSON, ANN	21270 Hickory Ave	NO MASKS FOR THE CHILDREN, MASKS CAN BE WORN BY STAFF & VISITORS
Chambliss, Anjanay	2605 S. Jefferson Ave	Regardless of the numbers, Covid 19 can kill our children, the future generation of the world. If wearing a mask can help prevent that danger from becoming a reality, why shouldn't the mandate be established and supported? I vote yes to the mask mandate
Bacon, Aimee	14044 Spruce Ave	Masking has been proven to slow the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, we should issue a mask mandate to keep our children and teachers safe.
Brunsvold, Julie	310 Woodbine-Mason City	Parents should choose, like it is now.
Zbornik, Layton	1719 S. Hampshire Ave.	Masks should still be optional and not made mandatory.
Albrecht, Tracy	321 16th St. NW	I think this should be voluntary and and choice between the child and parents. This decision should be made as a family.
Hegwer Jeff	15 Oak Dr.	A little sacrifice on most everybody's part is a small price to pay for the benefit to all . Mask Up !

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Van Horn, Nichole	1020 N OHIO AVE	I work within the school system. I also am a parent to 3 school aged children currently enrolled in Mason City Schools. When masks were mandatory last school year, no one in our family caught covid. However, this school year, I caught covid within the first few weeks of school. I know that it's not for certain that i caught it from a student. But I have managed to avoid the virus this whole time until now. I strongly feel that unmasked children put me at greater risk of catching the virus. Wearing masks is a temporary thing. It (hopefully) will not be a lifelong necessity. It is not hurting anyone to wear masks for the time being. Wearing masks helps to prevent the spread of the virus. Such a simple thing and people go against it so strongly. That's my opinion.
Waters, Stephanie	201 S. Rhode Island	After my children losing a grandparent to COVID, this is REAL to us. My kids wear their masks but when they are around all of the other students, it scares them that they could still get sick from others. I wear mine all day when I am teaching at the Alternative school and would appreciate it if all students were wearing masks as well so I have a very little chance of bringing this virus home to my kids, my grandma, or my little niece and nephew who can not be vaccinated yet. Please consider heavily the importance of mandating masks again.
Servantez ,Justin	24 mission drive	It should be optional and not required, totally against the mandate for mask
Adkisson Tammy	1413 S Wilson Ave	Yes I think masks are a good thing...lets keep the children safe
Abela Nathalie	117 N Crescent Dr	I mean if we have to wear them for the prevention of the virus then I will Covid cases are rising back again so if best requiring masks for the safety of students would be great
Torkelson, Rachel	631 S Pennsylvania Ave	I am immunodeficient and my daughter only has one class in person so it would be safer for families like ours (and everybody for that matter)if everybody had to wear masks. I am for mandating masks at all ages.
Christians, Abra	1562 340th St	I am against requiring masks for students and staff
Ries, Daniel	610 S. Monroe Ct.	Mask should be required in indoor settings following CDC guidelines. Individual or parent choice doesn't work, just like having a choice to smoke cigarettes, you still have second hand smoke that non-smokers breath in. Mask have been shown to be most effective when everyone in a setting are wearing them. Asymptotic spread is common.
Thiner, Alexis	802 north fillmore ave mason city iowa 50401	I personally work in Healthcare and I feel that it should be everyone's personal choice to wear or not wear a mask. I do feel like it hurting the kids immune system by having them wear a mask all the time and then they are not getting what their bodies need naturally
sadler Travis	509 n Madison	No masks
Mussman, Kyle	807 n Washington Ave, Mason City, IA, 50401	I'm for mandate
Heinzerling, Shad	1616 7th Place SW	I believe it should still be voluntary to wear a mask. I have a daughter with hearing impairment and reading lips is one of the ways she processes information, if everyone has a mask she is unable to use one of her tools. Also the staff has a hard enough time dealing with regular behaviors and it doesn't seem fair to add mask monitoring to their tasks,
Thomas, Dylan	1316 Limestone Drive	They should be required. We are keeping our children home because the school's Covid precautions are inadequate
Brooke martin	915 s Louisiana ave	No mask
Schaer, Jessica	1312 1st st NW #13 Mason City IA 50401	Honestly I will follow whatever rules are given to me. If everyone feels it's safer for the kids then I'm all for it.

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Roehl, Julie	807 S Tyler Ave	Personally I would love to see masks required. It worked well last year and with winter coming I would hate to see classes or buildings being shut down because of COVID cases.
Trettin, Tony	Mason City	Absolutely NOT! The COVID risk to the students is minimal. Just look at the lack of any significant number of cases. No mask mandate! It's also an Iowa state law!
Womochil, Devin	1024 State St Garner, IA 50438	I am for a mask mandate
Schulz, Jessica	Po Box 163	I see many students and staff choosing to wear masks and i see many choosing not to, I honestly feel we all know the risks and should be able to choose for ourselves and our own children.
Bills, Samantha	911 14th st Se mason city, Iowa 50401	I think masks should not be required as they make it harder to breath for the kids, make it harder to understand their friends or teachers, they can't see each other's faces and be able to tell facial expressions. I think it is just ridiculous how we are being pushed into doing something as an adult or a child we don't want too. Our amendment rights are being taken away and so our, our children's. If you don't feel safe sending your child to school without a mask then keep your child home and do online learning but don't make the other children suffer because you are worried.
Smuck, Michele	108 Sunny Circle	Our son is a student with the Virtual Academy so masks for him really isn't an option. However, with family within the district, an at-risk husband and young grandchild, I think it would be beneficial to everyone to wear them. Data proved last year that they helped. Do I personally like wearing them? No, but I will when needed and am considering wearing them more and more lately even tho all of our family with the exception of our 1 year old grandson are vaccinated.
Lorence, Richard	1743 S Rhode Island Ct Mason Cith	Everyone should be wearing masks!!!!!!!!!!
Sullivan, Amber	2324 South Benjamin Ave	We need to reinstate the mask mandate. Our counties numbers are rising and if we cannot trust the governor to make the right decesion to protect our children and their grandparent's then we need to be able to trust the schools to do the right thing!
Depies, Jessica	25 South Louisiana Ave	It should be up to the individual student and family
Snieder, Lindsey	8 Deer Creek Court, Mason City	I am absolutely not in favor of requiring masks for all students and staff in the schools. Masks should be voluntary, but not required.
Richardson Jr, Thomas	961 S Illinois Ave	I am against a mask mandate.
Wunderlich, Sarah Beth	1005 2nd Street NE	Masks should always be voluntary and remain the parents choice
Garza, Melissa	406 23rd ST SW	I do not think there should be a mask mandate for our district. I believe each family should be allowed to make their own decision in regards to what is best for their personal health. Those that feel more comfortable wearing a mask can make that decision, just as those that don't want to wear them should be able to. We should not force anyone, especially children to be masked 7 hours per day.
Groves, Courtney	815 N Carolina Ave	I don't believe requiring masks is right. I think it should be the parents choice as to wether their children are wearing masks or not. There is proof of physical, medical and social problems from children wearing masks constantly. Also my daughter has asthma therefore her airways are constricted and wearing a mask would constrict her breathing even more. I don't believe it is necessary or ethical to require masks at school.

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Augustin, Miriam	1027 Meadow Lake Dr	Yes please mandate masks. In order for masks to be effective- all must be wearing them. CDC recommends indoor masking for all individuals age 2 years and older, including students, teachers, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. I think we should be following the recommendations of experts in order to keep our community & school safe.
Redfern, Tori	1250 N Taft Ave	Required masking wearing would create so much more anxiety in my eight year old. He is already anxious and requiring masks would create more barriers to get him to school. My kindergartener would also have issues keeping it on and being ok with it. I don't want to jeopardize her learning either because she is worried about the masking. It is best for all individuals to have choice.
Hubbard, Colin	1875 210th St, Rockford, IA	Masks should be required. Numbers of students being sick are starting to rise and masks will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and students being out because of it.
Ellis, Konnie	424 5 th St NW	I think masks are more effective than the shot . It does not bother me to wear one
Thompson, Shea	201 S Rhode Island Ave, MC	Parents should have the choice to put a mask on their child or not. I don't think a mandate is needed anymore.
Mikayla Halverson	120 28th Street Southwest	No. Everyone should have a choice on wearing a mask or not. Making someone wear a mask against their will is not nice. I choose to not mandate masks.
Schrock, Katie	50 Country Circle	Please require masks for all students, staff, and visitors just as was being done until May 2021. Until all kids can be eligible to be vaccinated and until Delta numbers go down the science points toward masks in school being a good tool to cut down transmission . Thank you for your consideration.
Noling, Shawn	23 Lexington Square	I do not feel students need masks in school
Whitehill, Scott	922 9th Street N.E.	No
Christie, Jeffrey	635 4th st new	I feel it should be required of every individual
Jason Hausman	317 north broadway street manly Iowa	Make there kids/parents make the decision if to wear them or not
Sykes, Rob	703 S HARRISON AVE	Do it. There's absolutely no reason not to require masks. Its was ridiculous the governor's order took that decision away from the community. Its required on the bus. I'm required to mask at work. I support mask mandate, 110%!
Michele Boone	744 11th St NE	Having a immune compromised person in our home , plus seeing my parents quite often I feel the best thing is to require students to wear a mask for the safety of them, there families, the teachers and other staff.
Larry	830 12th SE Mason City Ia. 50401	I trust in our school board members and teachers who have a better understanding of what the in house situation should require. Therefore, I support any decision they feel necessary to provide a safe place for our children. Thank you for all you do. Sincerely, Larry Collins
Hoskinson, Russel	1616 S Hampshire Ave	I am for the mask mandate, requiring masks in school for all is my vote.
Lorentzen,Alecia	1131 S Illinois Ave	I think it should be everyone's choice if they want to wear one or not, and or up to the parent of the minor to decide. Thank you!
Boelman, Angela	9 Quarry Dr	Yes mask mandate
Kershner, Amanda	1544 N president Ave	Yes mask should be worn for those who are unvaccinated.

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Ihlenfeldt, Tonja	502 S Jersey Ave	We DO NOT want a mask mandate for the school. Each student can decide, not told what to do. Uphold freedom to choose!
Martin, Ashley	403 W River St	I don't see the benefit of mask, with kids pulling them down to talk or eat or drink or mask falling below their noses.
Elliott, Rei	1424 North President Avenue	I find it absolutely stupid that the mandate was ever lifted in the first. This virus has effected everyone and I'm tired of people being blind to it. I don't want to end up 6ft under and put into another statistic that idiots will ignore. Reinstate a mask mandate for the love of whatever god is out there.
Kingery, Ashley	19210 280th St	Parent choice/no mandate
Deleon, Kylee	817 N Taylor Ave	Absolutely not my child has asthma and it's difficult enough the way it is for her to breathe.
Duncomb, Cindy	1502 S Harding Ave	Masks serve absolutely no purpose. Half the time nobody even has them on correctly. It's just one more thing that everyone has to worry about and the students that have medical issues have a lot of problems wearing them as well.
Case, Sarah	48 Stony Way	I have children too young to vaccinate and high risk family/friends, so my kids are all currently wearing masks. I think it would be nice if more people were choosing to mask, or if a mandate could be put into place without people being threatened. Given the charged environment we currently find ourselves in, perhaps it is safer for our teachers and staff if we leave it optional.
Nichols, Melissa	823 N Jefferson Ave.	As a medical professional who is seen and felt the effects of COVID-19 firsthand, I believe it is important for our children to wear a mask. Although I understand the social and emotional hardships that go along with wearing a mask while children and teachers are trying to teach and learn, I believe it is more important that they all remain healthy so that they are able to stay in school. I believe that wearing a mask while in crowded hallways and classrooms is a simple way to keep children and school staff healthy and safe.
Downs, Acacia	59 Westview Drive	I believe it should be your own choice. If some feel safer with masks on, then they should be able to wear them. If some don't, then they shouldn't have to.
Fitzgerald, Liz	2110 South Monroe Ave, Mason City	If the CDC, local health department, and/or the School Board/Administration recommends masks be worn in schools, I support this and will ensure my child wears a mask.
Ptacek, Colombia	812 1st NW	Masks should not be required. If for any reason a person feel protected by them or feels at risk then that person should chose to wear it.
Johnson Kyloe	136 Meadow Ln	We should not have to wear masks. It should be our choice. If someone is scared there going to get covid then they can wear a mask or stay home.
Dettmer, Carol	662 East State St. Mason City, IA 50401	At this time, masks should remain optional. Local health care should continue to advise if a surge of cases in youth or adult staff takes place.
Borel, Dawn	23320 Pheasant Ave	I would like to see masks mandated for everyone.
Levenhagen Troy	27 Winnebago Way mason City	I think as of right now we are OK without masks we are smart educators if Covid cases increase rapidly then we can wear masks again. Thanks
Hall, Joan	Mason City High School	It is my opinion that all students and staff should wear a mask, especially when there are at-risk individuals [students/staff] who may have a weakened imune system. We have students with unique needs who are not able to protect themselves.
Kruger, Patrick	1700 4th St. SE	No mask mandate. Keep it optional. Personal choice. I have had COVID and the vaccine. Makes no difference.

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Myers, Ashlyn	3386 Saratoga ct	They should NOT mandate masks. The kids don't keep them on and it's hard to breath all day with them on.
Jackson, Jenna	3431 Brandywine Rd	They should wear masks per CDC guidelines. The children in elementary have not been vaccinated.
Vonderohe, Lynne	113 North Madison Avenue	MANDATE MASK WEARING FOR ALL!!!!!!!
Shackleton cassie	118 south Vermont Avenue	I think it's ridiculous to require masks. I believe that if a parent wants there child to wear a mask then they can but I strongly disagree with making everyone wear one. It should be each individual families choice.
Shipman, Natalie	1610 8th street Sw	I strongly disagree, I stand with our Governor, and believe it should be the choice of each individual
Gayle Smith	1303 8th Street SE, Mason City	Voluntary only! I feel it's silly that you did require masks and then you had a tornado drill and crammed everybody into the FEMA room. Granted I know drills are required, but seems contradictory to me. Kids aren't wearing them correctly or all the time either. Plus adjusting them on their faces all the time isn't helping the spread. It's just a nuisance and a distraction.
Schwartz, Dustin	187 lakeview drive	Let the decision be up to the parent. Most teachers are vaccinated, so it would be more of a concern for the kids. I think kids get more sick wearing the same dirty mask because not all parents wash their kid's masks. Our son has Autism and it is hard for him to keep his mask on, they also finally had some normal or freedom, please don't take that away from them. Students were out a lot last year or in quarantine, look at the numbers is the data different now, or are more students and staff out? Do masks really make a difference? Seems like there is way less community talk of kids and teachers out this year compared to last year. Please give parents the right to choose. Most parents have common sense and send kids with masks on when they have a cold, same with the teachers. Trust your community and let the decision remain with us.
Tavenier, Kayla	161, N Yorktown Pike	As a parent to a preschooler it's kinda intense but it's a short period of time. As a contracted school therapist for the district, I sanitize everything in between each child. And children are gross. The amount of times a single child has licked their hands then placed them on the desk or picked their nose and ate it is hilarious. I'd totally support a mask mandate. And I'm cool telling any other parent that I support this discussion.
Hansen, Matthew	14 Old Farm Road	My opinion is that last school year, in tough circumstances, we had a good school year and mitigated risk to the health of teachers, staff and students by mandating mask wear at school. We showed areas of the country that we're not even having in person school that it could be done and done safely. I understand it is not an easy decision, and I enjoy individual freedom as much as the next person. But logically and scientifically, wearing masks helps reduce risk of COVID-19 infections and transmission in schools. Thank you for serving on the board. You have my support no matter what you choose.
Halbur, Stephanie	12201 Lark Ave	Leave the choice up to the parents and teachers. If masks work as they claim, those who are worried about their child/self catching the virus, then they can have their right to wear a mask. Those who are allowing immune systems to do their job and send their child to school maskless, they should also have the right to do so.
Chose, Krystal	337 , 20th Place SW	Mask mandates for all unvaccinated ppl. Must provide proof of vaccine card to be maskless.
Rockwell, ed	622 1st se	There should be NO mandate.

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Patterson, Chasity	311 4th ST NW	Masks should be worn in all classrooms by staff and students especially now Covid cases in IA are at their highest since January.
Goedken, Jacinda	1401 S Louisiana Ave	I don't believe it should be required. I believe each person should make the decision for themselves.
Gutierrez, Eva	1 Field Road	Mask should be a requirement!!!!!!! I already where mine.
Greer, Craig	1460 East State St	I think that it should be you to the parents and students. If they do not want to wear them then they don't have to. If parents and students don't feel comfortable, they can wear them. But with that being said, cloth mask have been found not and I repeat not the right mask to use. It has been found the cloth mask have not been preventing protection from this virus. With that said parents should have the choice and not the SCHOOL BOARD.
Rockwell, ginger	622 1st se	No mandate. Choice only
Maria Abela	No, I dont think is the solution, the mask produce mores	
McGuire, Chad	118 16th St NW	Personally I think it should remain voluntary. If it makes someone feel safer they have every right to wear a mask.
Dedor, Tracie	1045 Park Lane	I would feel safer if all were wearing masks due to the fact that our young students are not vaccinated. I worry about their safety, as well.
Winter, Dee Dee	655 E. State Street	No mandate. It should be a personal choice. If a student or staff member wants to wear a mask I completely respect this but it should definitely not be enforced at this point. We are over 18 months into this situation and it is not going to end anytime soon. We need to learn how to live with it and carry on. School is off to a great start and we need to continue with some normalcy. I am extremely anxious of the thought of another mandate and feel it violates personal choice. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.
Cooper,Justin	521 15th st nw	Needs to be left as a choice not a mandate. Our children deserve better.
Woodward, Sarah	410 S Tennessee Pl Apt 1 Mason City	They should not be required.
Kruse, Mitchell	1243 Moonstone Ct	There are numerous studies on children wearing masks which shows zero effect on controlling the virus. This virus will never go away no matter what we do. Our children deserve to go to school freely without the burden of a mask when this virus is no more harmful than influenza to children. Makes have proven to not be effective. On a more reasonable level children, parents, and staff will not wear masks outside of school such as sporting games, gatherings, or other social events. To have them come to school on Monday wearing a mask makes zero sense. We are all responsible people and can choose what is best for our children.
Hugi, Lisa	1115 Eastmoor Drive	Respectfully, Mitch Kruse
		I believe students/families should be able to choose if they wear a mask or not. If the majority want masks back then I think we should only mandate masks for those NOT vaccinated, especially those over 12 who have the opportunity to get the vaccine. I believe that I did get the vaccine therefor I don't want to wear a mask because others do not want to do their part to get the vaccine.
Clark Nicole	316 North Eliza , Maquoketa Iowa	I think it should be a personal choice I know having children with disabilities like Autism create issues I have 1 child that mask whearing has made his pika issues a lot worse keeping it safe on is a struggle creates melt downs and he would just chew it on it I also know how hard it is to breath with mask

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Trask, Trent	321 Johnston St Sheffield low	We cannot go back to masks. Back tracking would be detrimental to our learning environment.
Myers, alexis	3386 Saratoga ct	There should be no mandate
Jennifer Mccambridge	50 Oak Run Drive	Strongly in favor of mask requirement for staff and students .
Provin Meggan	1417 S. Carolina Ave	Masks are a distraction to students when they need to be paying attention in class. The bacteria that they can hold on to a student's face is alarming. Not to mention that some kids who already have breathing problems, there problems are made worse by wearing a mask all day. This mask stuff has also become political and not about health.
Anderson, Kellie	402 1/2 7th St SE	I believe the school should be able to require everyone to wear masks especially with the new Covid variant targeting small children.
Cadena, Nicole	21946 Owl Ave, MC, IA 50401	I am in favor of requiring masks for all students and staff.
Labby, Amy	23 Asbury Place	I do not want a mandatory mask requirement. People should be allowed to wear one if they want, but not forced to wear one. Please follow the actual science, not the panic mode the whole country was/is in. Especially those of us that have vaccines, we shouldn't be forced to wear masks. We've been assured that the vaccine works, so we shouldn't need to mask up. It should be each individual family making the decision that is best for them. Please do not go back to the last year now that many of us are vaccinated.
Wunderlich, Elias	15791 Nettle Ave, Mason City 50401	This is a personal matter and not one that the government or a school district should be mandating or even have the authority to mandate.
Danielle Crom	3 Briarstone Ct.	<p>Thank you very much for allowing everyone to give input. I feel that we should not mandate mask wearing. This should be a choice for each individual. I know the vaccine is not available for children under 12, but both of my children decided to get the vaccine to protect themselves and others. We are not seeing many businesses requiring masks again.</p> <p>I would be open to providing proof of vaccination to keep my kids from wearing a masks. I feel this is much like the rest of the vaccination we choose to give our kids at a young age. Before COVID we have to provide vaccination records.</p> <p>Here is a little story...Last year after kids no longer had to wear masks. My kids were a little uncomfortable taking their masks off. I finally got them comfortable with not having masks. A group of kids were harassing kids that did not wear masks, but that same group of kids posted a Snapchat photo WITHOUT masks on hanging out in a public business. The inconsistency with COVID rules is the most upsetting part of this adventure.</p> <p>We now have the freedom to not wear a mask, wear a mask, do online learning, vaccinate, not vaccinate (over 12). Everyone one needs to make their own decision on works best for them.</p> <p>Thanks again for allowing everyone to provide input.</p>

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		General....Let it be a choice for the child. Some struggle with learning when faces are covered. Some are hearing impaired an rely on reading mouths. Let them grow having a "normal" school experience.
True, Chelsea	201 2nd ave se Rockford Iowa 50468	Personal....I would like my child and other children to not be required but to make their own choices in a school and personal setting.
Olson, Josh	515 S Vermont Ave	I fully support requiring masks for students.
Klemesrud, Jack	803 4th Street S.E.	individuals prerogative based upon their own notion pertaining
Vajgert, ashley	2206 s pennsylvania ave	It's your own choice to wear one or not
Kiwacz, Darcie	2407 s grover ave	I think it would be a good idea.
Weitzel, Kativa	819 11th st NE	Voluntary preferred
Elizabeth Morales	1109 N. Ohio ave. Mason	Mandatory will be ok for me
		Although I do not live in Mason City, I do work in and spend most of my time in town. As someone who invests so much time and money in the community and plans to move there by the time I have children, I think having the school lead by example would be a huge step forward. I'm also in charge of a student lead Kiwanis group at Lincoln. The fact that children under the age of 12 still can not be vaccinated, even if they want to is terrifying. Their personal choice is negated by the personal choices of those around them. New statistics released today show that 1 in 500 Americans have died because of this virus. Students wore masks when they were in school last year. What is so different this year to make masks NOT needed? If anything, they are needed more with a much more contagious variant that has actually been proven to impact children more. Please do the right thing and listen to health experts. Thank you so much and thank you for taking the time to listen to the public.
Kaduce, Amy	404 4th Street NE Nora Springs (Work in MC/Volunteer at	
		Please don't make the kids wear masks. Kids seem to be at least risk for Covid, and I'm personally not convinced masks make any difference. Not to mention the sheer distraction masks would be for the kindergartners (of which my son is a part) and teachers constantly trying to enforce.
Boatman, Caitlin	311 7th St NW Mason City	
		I feel there is enough scientific data in place that shows mask are an effective way to help stop the spread of Covid -19 and keep our kids in school and parents working. I have 2 high schoolers that will not wear mask because no one else at school is, we have such a varying degree of how Covid is treated in each building in regards to Covid, home sick, exposure, possible exposure ect that we need to put at least this safe guard on place district wise. I am not sure how effective or easy this was to enforce at the elementary level but something has got to be better then nothing.
Miles, Mae	948 S Virginia Ave	
Field, Kristi	1412 N JEFFERSON AVE	I feel it's not necessary. It should ones choice.
Yen, Randy	1003 N Polk Avenue	If the COVID numbers keep going up, I would like to see the mask mandate to be brought back.

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Hesse, Krystle	2314 26th St SW	<p data-bbox="1041 183 1650 207">Are there more kids sick at this time vs same time last year?</p> <p data-bbox="1041 237 1944 313">With an optional mask policy- If I were a teacher or student I would feel peer pressure to not wear a mask if the majority was not. Whether I believe in masks or not. I feel this pressure in the general public.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 342 1961 391">My son and husband have auto-immune disorders. We are supposed to be extra careful. I understand that it is hard to be perfectly careful and still live life.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 420 1944 521">We choose to wear masks most of the time to protect others like us and to protect ourselves family. But we are not perfect and there are times I don't want to be ridiculed or judged by the non maskers surrounding us everywhere so we just aren't as careful as we should be sometimes. And I feel irresponsible and selfish for that.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 550 1944 678">And sometimes we get covid. And have to put our lives on hold for the recommended chunk of time. (To protect the spread to others) Which is a royal pain. Makes me upset and want to blame someone. Is it the fault of others that aren't as careful that spread it or is it my own fault or our own fault for not being 100 percent careful all the time while trying to continue living life as normally as possible? I don't know.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 708 1944 808">I should probably say I want a mask mandate. Because I would be protecting my family. But do I want to enslave everyone in the school to a rule that most don't seem to agree with? And maybe start a war amongst ourselves over it. No. I don't want that because everyone should be free to choose.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 837 1944 992">But if my kid that has a disease that affects .00002 percent of kids that came from a twin pregnancy that only happens to 2 percent of people with a dad who has an autoimmune disorder that only affects 1 percent of people... if my either of my kids end up being the 1 percent that does die from covid simply because another kid breathed in their face and it could have possibly been prevented with a mask mandate.... I could not live with myself that I didn't fight for masks. As much as I don't like to wear them either and it sucks.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1021 1923 1045">My vote is- Yes I don't see why it hurts at this time to mandate masks for a while longer.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1075 1944 1123">I have foreign friends talking about family in other countries that are not allowed to leave their house if just one person in the town gets covid they all go on lockdown.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1153 1961 1201">I value our freedom here but we are still free while simply politely wearing a mask. It could be much worse.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1230 1650 1255">Thank you for asking, I'm sure it is a hard decision to make.</p>
Whipple Chrissy	1220 s Hampshire ave	<p data-bbox="1041 1317 1944 1365">If wearing a mask helps prevent the spread of covid or other illnesses, great. I think there should be breaks throughout the day to have them off if they are required.</p>

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Amundson, Darrin	2020 S. Taft	Last years mask mandate was both both physically and mentally challenging for the students. It also adversely affected them academically. There are zero scientific studies to support wearing masks while there are many to show how unhealthy it is for children to wear for long periods of time. One could argue a mask mandate is child abuse. This year without the mandate has been so much smoother and less stressful on both students and parents and I'm sure the teachers as well. Please do not go back to a system that was harmful to kids and did not work. Thank you, Darrin Amundson
Nielsen, Deb	10 Knollwood Court Mason City Iowa	As this Covid pandemic continues to surge in Iowa and as a teacher who works with children outside of the public school system, I believe it is an excellent idea to mandate masks in our school district. We cannot let this virus continue to infect our children, frail elderly and our community.
Lessor, Nicki	216 8th Street SE	I am a firm believer that mask wearing should be optional!
Fjetland, Candy	409 19th St SE	I would like to see a mask mandate for students and staff. It's been proven that mask help stop the spread of covid. Not knowing who is or isn't vaccinated, putting a mandate in place would help protect those who can't get vaccinated at this time.
Hase, Jordan	4137 Raven Ave., Kensett, IA 50448	I do not approve of the kids being masked in schools or on school grounds. I believe we are all doing the best that we can while still returning to a 'new' normal. It's important for our children to build their immunity to all viruses throughout the year.
Siefert, Leslie	100 4th St SW APT 419, Mason City, IA 50401	Please do not mandate masks in our schools. This should be a personal choice made by each parent and child, not the government and not the school. Many children have asthma or other medical conditions that masking will only exacerbate. I know this personally as I suffer from asthma and wearing a mask only increased my asthma attacks last year. I also have a school-aged, special needs nephew who absolutely cannot wear a mask due to his special needs & medical conditions. Forcing him and others like him to wear masks is not your job. Teaching children should be your first and only priority. You should not be aligning with political agendas or mandating medical decisions that infringe on a person's freedom & personal choice. Please do not remove personal choice from families and individuals. Please allow each parent and child to make this decision for themselves. Medical decisions should be made by parents/families, not the government or schools.
Volk Michelle	1315 10th se	Yes
Wessman, Rachael	37 Lakeview Drive	Absolutely NOT required
Dalrymple, Lindsay	77 Linden Drive Mason City	Please require masks. My three children are not old enough for school yet, but are cared for by school age teens at daycare. I hope you will serve as a positive influence for North Iowa and follow the science to keep our community safe. Masks only work when we all wear them
Schrock Christopher	50 Country Circle	They should require until all ages can get vaccinated
Clark, Bryan	20 Linden Drive	I think Mason City Schools should mandate masks immediately. If you can enforce a dress code, you can certainly enforce measures to keep our children safe.
Sutcliffe, Brenda	972 S. Iowa Ave.	Personal choice. No mandate.

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McCormick, Jaime	1625 South Pennsylvania	I am currently wearing a mask in the classroom as I know I teach with colleagues who have health conditions that would be exacerbated by COVID. I also have family members with health vulnerabilities and I want to make sure my actions are not putting them in unhealthy interactions. I wore a mask the entire last school year and did not have COVID, did not have to quarantine for COVID, did not have to test for COVID. I feel those results speak for themselves.
Morel, Kara	311 16th St nw Mason City, IA 50401	Please require masks.
Wood, ashley	233 7th st NW	I do not agree. If students and staff want to wear a mask nobody is stopping them. My child has breathing issues and she does not do well in a mask and should not have to wear one .
Rand, Megan	2705 s adams ave	Let our children breathe
Stadtlander, Danelle	627 N. Van Buren Ave.	First off I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this subject. I have a son in 5th grade at Lincoln Intermediate. He really loves school and I do believe it's due to the normalcy that the school has brought this year. He's thriving, playing in band, making new friends, really enjoys his teacher, working hard and being a kid. I strongly believe that our children need to feel that sense of security at school but I do not believe a mask will do that. Hand washing is a pretty powerful thing and the first line of defense. I honestly hate that this is even being brought up and that our kids are on the receiving end of it. They are there to learn, socialize and grow not worry everyday about a mask or who might get them sick. Kids are pretty impressionable and at this age they listen, they hear and they worry. I'd love to see the Mason City Community School District leave the mask option up to those families that feel it is necessary for their child/children. I appreciate having the choice/option and would love to see it stay that way. We spent the entire summer having fun without masks, being able to venture out with friends, once again some normalcy and I would really love for my son to be able to walk into school as is and go about his day learning and growing. The Covid-19 numbers are low as per the Return to Learn documents so I do believe that keeping the choice just makes sense. Let's give our kids this much, they deserve this after the past year. Let them be kids!
Severson, Lindsey	2034 380th Street, Grafton, IA 50440	I support requiring masks for all students and staff.
Bergman, Bruce	1033 1st st nw Mason city	I am fully against a mandate and believe it should be a personal choice. The vaccine is meant to protect and if someone is vaccinated they should have no fear of someone without a mask on. To me that is the least divisive stance to take. People that believe they need a mask to protect them are already wearing one. Kids over 12 can have a vaccine, those under 12 are of very low risk of any serious (worse than the flu) symptoms.
Bartz, Brian	179 Lakeview Drive Mason City Iowa 50401	Mask them. It shouldn't be a matter of public opinion, it's science. If you can't take the blowback you should resign. Making tough choices is what leaders do. Mask them.
Mareah Van Zante	403 5th St., Southeast	I feel the parents should make the decision for their own children on whether or not they should have to wear a mask at school. As an employee I feel we should also be able to make our own decisions regarding whether or not to wear a mask. I do not feel anybody should be mandated to wear anything over their face if they are not comfortable doing so.
Hedin, Alissa	824 S Van Buren Ave, mason city, IA 50401	I believe that it should be a choice, until Bidens new law hits your school system. It's already hit my job.

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Bond, Nathan	518 9th St Se	I think it should be voluntary. I do not want my daughter having to go to school with something hindering her ability to breathe, and let alone learn with a mask constantly distracting her. My daughter loves school this year because there are no masks. If you feel safe enough to not wear one great. If you don't feel safe enough to no not wear one great.
Baker, Jeff	1460 6th St. SE	Keep as optional.
Van Zante, Teresa	504 14th St NW, M.C.	Masks optional. Parent, Staff/Employee decision.
Goepel, Marty	1260 Moonstone Court, Mason City	No mandate, I believe this should be a personal choice for the student and parent.
Kingston, Jessica	15499 230th st Mason City, IA	<p>Currently, we, the students and staff, get to make the personal choice weather or not to wear a mask in the building. There are a number of people that choose not to, including myself.</p> <p>However as of now no one is forcing or mandating that the individuals that choose to wear a mask remove theirs.</p> <p>What message are we sending if we allow some individuals to make independent choices, but force others into abiding by ideology that is not their own.</p> <p>I have never seen any of you in my building or classroom even once since I started working for MCCSD. Because of this, I am under the assumption you have never been forced to wear a mask for 8 hours a day while teaching or interacting with students.</p> <p>Last year, MCCSD focused on mandating and enforcing that everyone wore a mask over their nose and mouth. The focus was not on learning. Sadly, this year is turning into a repeat. What lessons did we learn from last year, and the mandate of masks? Was it beneficial to the students and staff?</p> <p>This is a school and we are here to teach and to learn. Calling a school board meeting over a mask mandate when we have students that are struggling with their education and larger logistical issues to confront, seems like a waste of resources.</p> <p>Will it matter 6 years from now when these children are ready to graduate if they wore a mask during the 2021-2022 school year?</p> <p>I can tell you what will matter, the value of their education! I cannot support any mandate that strips away my personal freedom, and jeopardizes the education I am here to provide.</p>
Kerlin Matthew	1203 S. Rhode Island	My daughter is one of a reportedly scarce number of students who wear masks which have been proven effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and it's variants. I am for requiring masks.
Pals Joel	505 main st Swaledale IA 50477	You should not require mask. Keep it the way it is. Let the parents decide what they should have their kids do.
Coe, Leslie	705 N Tyler Ave	Required. My daughter wants to wear one but is afraid others will give her a hard time about it. This is the only way to keep covid cases lower in our school and our kids healthy, in my opinion.
Kliven, Lindsay	718 3rd st SW	Don't want my child wearing a mask
Bram, Annie	600 Briarstone Drive #11	Staff...should not be required if vaccinated.

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Pridemore, Brandon	926 9th St Se	Masks should not be mandatory, it should be voluntary. No kid should have to wear a mask all day unwillingly
Niver, Scott	409 18th S.E	Individuals choice
Bagur, Melanie	423 S. Polk ave	These kids need to wear masks. I'm a pediatric nurse and the amount of Covid is ridiculous when it could be squashed with a piece of cloth. My son missed his entire last year of school because he has an autoimmune disorder and has immunity concerns. He was able to come back and wear a mask. He is overwhelmed with anxiety of all the maskless kids. He loves school and I don't want to have to pull him out.
Baker Brittney	536 20th st SE	Still let it be by choice of the parents/ children. Personally I had more issues with my child not being able to focus because she was always fidgeting with her mask in class, which in turn got her in trouble. She's 7 and should be allowed to be a kid and not have to have fear and anxiety about going to school and getting in trouble for fidgeting with masks. Maybe just increase disinfecting the schools more and good hand hygiene. I work in health care and the world is a scary place and school is one of the few places my daughter doesn't have to be constantly reminded about how scary it is right now.
DiMarco, Lorna	804 - 1st Avenue South	I support that all students and staff wear masks for public safety.
Lee, matilda	1320 south Pennsylvania Avenue	I think that the people that want to wear a mask should wear one and the people that do not shouldn't have to. It should be up to student and staff. My body my choice.
Anderson Dean	12 south Indiana	Needs to be left up to the parents and students
Wendel, Gregory	1143 Manor Drive	No they should not have to wear them if they don't want too. The masks that people are wearing in public does not prevent covid.
Halsne, Derek	1417 N Carolina Pl	I believe that masks should be required again for all staff and students due to the rising Covid cases. I make my kids wear masks because my husband and I are both high risk and my husband's sister is on her death bed currently from covid and her step dad has also passed away from covid within the past two weeks. I know none of us are comfortable wearing them and especially kids I'm sure, but I think it's best for the health of everyone locally. We need to help slow the spread.
Lukes, Angela	1812 Cerro Gordo Way	Mandating masks in the elementary schools and Lincoln wouldn't be a bad idea since those kids are not vaccinated yet. I can see letting the kids/staff at JAMS and the high school make the decision to wear a mask their choice as long as the COVID cases stay low. If the cases continue to increase then enforce a mask mandate at those schools.
Abben Maggie	16103 245th st	From all the studies I have read it's actually worse for people to be wearing mask it can cause bacteria infection in the lungs and make you really sick or cause death
Alyshia Burgmeier	908 6th PL SE	Unhealthy for the children, they need to see smiles. This is a virus with a 99.9% survival rate!
Frye, Melissa	501 S TAYLOR AVE	I think masks are another step at keeping our kids protected against covid and should definitely be utilized. We need to do everything we can to keep them as safe as possible so they can stay at school and continue to get a good education.
Markulec, Thomas	1004 15th PL NE	I think that the school district should keep mask wearing as voluntary, but should be pushing for students and teachers to get vaccinated. School should make sure everyone is aware of where they need to go to get vaccinated and easy it is. Make sure parents understand that they can get it at no cost to them.
Holly	327 13th St SE	Choice

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Jason Berding	144 10th St Nw	Voluntary basis, people need to be able to choose!
Belcher, Shannon	1104 Maple Drive	I am a parent, nurse, and current nurse practitioner student. A child ill with RSV and COVID 19 was discouraged (by a pediatric hospitalist) from going to the ER for early respiratory distress symptoms last week during my NP pediatric clinical rotation because "there were no beds" for him at the hospital. The parent brought the child to the ED after observing his symptoms worsen. The child had pneumonia and being medically worked up, in the ED. I also work as a post-anesthesia nurse in the recovery room and I am aware of our pediatric floor and post-surgi floor bed capacity decreasing to accommodate increasing numbers of COVID patients, including children. Please mandate masks. We know it works. Last year we saw minimal flu and RSV cases. Co-infection with COVID and either of those infections will complicate a child's recovery and possible increase mortality. I am afraid for our pediatric population health. Shannon
Mackenzie Tobin	1143 1st st se	I think it should be up to the parents and students if they should wear a mask people who are for it can send their child with them but I personally don't want my children to be forced to wear them
Davis, Michele	2315 243 St Ventura, IA 50482	I think masks are a good thing for all to wear.
Walker, Shannon	215 5th St N	I believe it should be a choice if someone wears a mask or not!
Kacer, Tammy	8 Bunker Hill Square	It seems that last year when we had the mask requirement, we had far fewer kids ill with general seasonal ailments, flu, colds, etc....I also saw many kids who were compliant with the mandate. Several of us who teach at JAMS (who are fully vaccinated) wear them to help the kids who wear them due to necessity feel more comfortable.
Hackbart Michael	85 N Yorktown Pike	I think masks should be required on all school property.
HOUSER, ASHLEY	917 N washington ave	If the staff and principle of the schools find that cases are increasing, we need to remember that wearing masks isn't only about protecting ourselves and our own families, but adding the extra protection for those that are not in perfect health. To protect us ALL young and old I don't think wearing masks during the winter months will greatly inconvenience us, but what will be if one of us or a family member is in the hospital because of the spread of something that WE COULD HAVE PREVENTED. Although this is just an opinion of a concerned mom that would rather see a bunch of irritated and annoyed people rather than to see yet another family suffer with grief from this horrible virus. Thank you for your time.
Orton, Terri	212 5th St NW	Masks should not be required
Mahaney,Joleen	408 10th St NE	Masks...yes

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Wickman, Chad	6 Sumac Rd., Mason City, IA.	<p>Please share your thoughts on requiring masks in our schools for all students and staff.</p> <p>My family thinks it is very important to protect all students, parents and faculty.</p> <p>That being said. Do the masks that student wear really work even when used properly?</p> <p>I am an asbestos abatement licensed contractor and know the history of protective respiratory devises.</p> <p>Do the masks that are wore by students even work with the limited time used?</p> <p>If wearing mask(s) is mandated by the local school system, state and federal level there should be some sort of standard for a wearing the apparatus and requirements for the mask used in my professional opinion.</p> <p>All members of my immediate family are vaccinated against COVID and can provide documentation.</p>
Labby, Christopher	23 Asbury Place	<p>Do NOT mandate masks in schools! Attendance at numerous activities, meetings, and school events, has made clear that masking in this community is NOT appreciated or valued. You can count on one hand, the number of people wearing masks at any of these events(football games, cross country meets, school associated meetings). Not masking is the predominant choice in this community and it should stay a choice for the individuals and families. Do NOT mandate masks! Last year we saw decisions and rules and processes change like the weather. Parents were unable to plan for all of these changes. It disrupted schedules at work, day care, school, and elsewhere in our lives. Stay the course! Ignore the political tornado! Parents need our community leaders to have resolve and fortitude. Leave the pageantry up to the talking heads in Washington. Let Iowa be a beacon of hope for a return to "normal". Lastly, we need you to focus on educating our kids. Enough time has been spent on Coronavirus grand standing. Make decisions, stand by them, and change them if and only if required by law voted on by our state and federal legislators and signed by executives. Thank you for asking the opinion of the community. I am hopeful and confident you'll receive enough feedback to make a sound Democratic decision.</p>
Stockberger, Kristen	1309 12th st ne Mason City Ia 50401	I am neutral on the mask usage and will follow any rules decided on.
Marquardt, Alisha	15591 317th st	I feel that if it is safest for my son to wear a mask he should and feel the school can make that determination accordingly.
Graf, Kira	18237 Killdeer Ave, Mason city iowa	I do not feel that a school should mandate the usage of masks regardless of vaccination status. My kids do not want to wear a mask and I do not want them to have to wear a mask I am not for mask mandates.
Diaz, Kelly	990 S Rhode Island Ave	Doesn't matter to me either way!
Stiles,Lorra	211 N Sullivan Ave	I would like to see a mask mandate. I feel we need to take care of those around us. Masks don't hurt anybody. you don't know how covid is going to affect a person when they get it so let's take any precaution we can to protect those around us.

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Lee Tiffany	415 S Connecticut Ave	<p>No. If your vaccines work why do they need them. No, no children should not have to wear masks just to pacify others and vice versa. This has gone on long enough and these kids need to feel like they are Americans not under the third Reich. The communist/socialist behavior in this country has gone too far. We are Americans. These children need to learn about their rights and forced mandates on those under anyone is wrong. Step up and do better. If you don't like the rights you have in This country than you should pack your belongings and leave.</p>
Murray, Matt	120 N Taylor Ave Mason City, IA 50401	<p>Follow the science, not the politics. Our kids, particularly those under 12 and those that are immunocompromised, are safer with everyone wearing masks. The CDC and NIH Director say that masks are an integral part of virus spread prevention. Despite what our State political leaders say, many lowans have not done what is right with regard to masks and responsible behavior as it relates to COVID-19. I am concerned for the health of my 11 year old daughter. Additionally, I am concerned that she might pass it along to someone with a less strong immune system. You have our family's support to bring back a mask mandate.</p>
Thomas, Cindy	720 North Federal Avenue	<p>With or without the Mandate personal choice whatever your belief is just that but remember in believing used common sense State can't mandate my child but my child will always be wearing a mask.</p>
Kristelyn tried	24 n willowgreen ct	<p>Masks should be required especially with flu and cold season upon us</p>
Garza Ryan	406 23rd Street sw	<p>I believe there should NOT be a requirement for the use of masks. Surgical mask unlike respirators do not offer protection from the virus since it is too small or airborne. Oxygen levels are depleted inside the mask below safe levels. (Actually tested by a 5 gas meter for confined spaces) OSHA dictates that the minimum "safe level" of oxygen in a confined space is 19.5%, while the maximum "safe level" of oxygen in a confined space is 23.5%. When oxygen levels are too low, that typically means another gas is displacing it (CO2). Alarm sounds and we evacuate that area. In these instances, it's important to know what gas is displacing oxygen and why. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is an odorless, colorless gas. It is a waste product made by your body. To sum it up people should have the choice to wear or not to wear a mask. Let them use their best judgment and if they feel it works, great. My background consists of HAZMAT and confined spaces to back up my statement.</p>
Koenigs Nick	2340 21ST ST SW	<p>Please require mask wearing. Help promote each other's safety.</p>
Dickinson, Tara	107 15 th st nw	<p>As I am required by the CDC, IDPH etc to wear a mask for my job I feel it has kept myself and the ones I have to over see and care for safe from COVID. At this time if I was given correct information COVID is effecting mostly 14 to 30 years old, vaccinated or not. Yes the vaccine makes the effects of COVID less harsh but not 100% at this time. I feel it would be positive for masks to be worn at schools to help keep everyone safe. Let's face it children and young adults don't socially distance very well. My own child does not want to wear mask at school but if required would. Yes our children will not be happy with this again but in the long run may understand how they are each doing their part with keeping themselves and the people around them safe. We don't know who around us may have COVID and be asymptomatic, passing from one to another. So once again let's keep our children as safe as possible. Thank You for your time.</p>

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Lieren	302 2nd St SE Nora Springs	I think all staff, including substitute teachers like myself, adults picking up and dropping off students in the building, and any students who are capable of wearing a mask without it interrupting their learning should be required to wear a mask to keep themselves and students around them safe. Special needs students who are not cognitively, physically or otherwise able to handle masks for extended periods of time, or at all, should be exempt from any mandate regarding masks.
Linderman, Valerie	2227 25th St SW	I think that if they are fully vaccinated they should not be required to wear a mask. And how to know? Ask for proof as you do for other vaccinations
Peterson, Chrisanne	1034 West State	I want a mask mandate to protect the students and staff, so they may continue in school safely.
Smith, Sara	314 Willowbrook Dr	It is important to keep the staff and students safe. Since we do not have 100% vaccinated and with the numbers of cases being seen in our county, I feel required masks are our best chance at creating a safe space to learn.
Ioana gonzaka	1601 6th SE Ave Apt 1F	Disagree to wear mask my daughter is complaining about wearing mask she can't breath good when she's wearing it
Lommen, Kathleen	4720 Jonquil Ave	I do not agree with this policy. As an English Language Teacher, I need to speak clearly where students can view my mouth and clearly hear my words. I find I cannot do my job well when I have a mask on. I also feel safe without a mask. I clean my hands frequently and do other mitigating measures to keep healthy. Thanks for asking.
Jennings,Amber	1745 Springview Drive Mason City	My concern around requiring a mask mandate is really focused on my elementary aged children, not middle- and high-school aged. While my young children have great mask compliance, they do not truly understand clean versus dirty and good mask hygiene. Last year the masks that they returned home with on their faces were disgusting. They were covered in food, juice, milk, snot, dirt, etc. Part of why masks protect us is because we keep them clean and avoid touching our masks and then our face without washing our hands. I strongly encourage you to consider whether there is a real benefit to having young children wear a mask all day when you think about the condition of the mask at the end of the day and how many germs live on that mask that is covering someone's mouth and nose.
Lauritsen katy	420 20th st se	I would feel much better if kids and staff were required to wear masks
Zaiger Timothy	1628 North Pennsylvania Avenue	I feel No one should have to wear a mask unless they want to. It should be on that person if they want to wear a mask are not. It should Not be pushed are mandated on people. YOUR BODY YOUR CHOICE!
Parsons,Lisa	927 Harrison Ave	No Masks it gets to hot and kids really are less social now some kids don't like their appearance from not wearing them now Breathing problems people are meant to have oxygen and some masks are not safe to wear so I Vote No Masks
SAGE, CAROL	413 prairie view ct	Yes they should be wearing masks, especially if not vaccinated
Peterson Paul	1034 W. State Street	Having a mask mandate is an important step in providing a safe learning and working environment for both students and district employees.
Edwards, Katelynn	25 10th St NW	I DO NOT want to wear a mask. Masks disrupt my learning.

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Broers, Brandon	12548 Olive Ave, Mason City, IA	I do not think masks should be mandatory in school. I send a mask everyday with my child and give him the choice to wear it. I feel it is detrimental to his mental health given the behavior emails sent home almost daily last year. I also feel he is not at risk given his natural immunity status from last year's infection nor does our current lifestyle put him at an increased risk for contracting it. I also in the past have seen students and people adjust the mask, fidget and itch their face directly because of the mask without washing their hands after. This would be impossible to do so in a school setting. Please do not mandate masks. I feel it would be a huge step backwards."
Wiemann, Brooke	3302 Brandywine Rd.	I am impartial. I will honor whatever decision the board makes. I do think as an employer of over 100 people in our community, MCCSD should be REQUIRING vaccination for all employees. Then maybe masks for employees would be unnecessary.
Tynan, Steven	1311 N JEFFERSON AVE	Requiring the wearing of face masks by employees and students will help protect your unvaccinated students and teachers, as well as your vaccinated students and teachers. Courts have repeatedly ruled that there is no Constitutional right to circumvent public health measures. When another person's actions (such as not wearing a face mask or not getting vaccinated) endanger my or my child's health to any extent (and therefore infringe upon my or my child's Constitutional rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) the other person's dangerous acts are NOT Constitutional rights of that person, but instead take away my and my child's Constitutional rights.
Servantez, Jamie	16 N CONNECTICUT AVE	I believe we need a mandate. It did some good last year.
Pickering, Megan	1065 Briarstone Drive	I think it should remain as is. Leave health and medical choices up to the parents and health professionals. NO TO A MASK MANDATE!
Carden John	2 twin oak lane	Both the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics have stated that children and personnel should be masked in school. Masks should be mandatory until the CDC says otherwise.
Genzler, Jason	432 south Tennessee place apt 20	I believe that it should be to the discretion of the parent to send their student with or without a mask.
Diaz-True	32 7th St N.W. Mason City Iowa	I think it would be very wise to have a mask mandate. My four and 12 year old having been wearing the mask all year and have no complaints. I wish more students would also.
Cowell, Jeffrey	1508 s Virginia Ave	No, it's been proven that they have little effect on keeping them any safer than not wearing on. Do your research before you make this decision
Loes, Jean	2075 S. Carolina terrace, Mason city, iowa	I feel that school should mandate masks as children do not have a vaccine yet and are very susceptible.
Mariner, Erika	401 10th St Ne	I don't think mask should be required.
Wessman, Reed	37 LAKEVIEW DR	Please don't require masks. They don't reduce the spread of covid-19 anyway. Why make the students suffer more than they have to.
Campbell, Karen	1011 West State Street	No Mask mandates. If parents or employees want to wear a mask they are free to do so
English, Kristina	127 13th st ne	If you want to wear a mask you may. If you still don't trust a mask learn online. There is no reason to make a child wear a mask if the parent chooses they don't feel it's necessary. Let these children learn and have fun and stop with the mask debates!!! Each parent should be able to do what they feel is right for their child.

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Werner, Brittany	427 South Fillmore Avenue	I do not know if masks should be mandatory, the problem I have been hearing is that parents are still sending their children to school sick with covid symptoms. If your child is sick they need to stay home. If that means everyone should wear masks because people are not doing the right thing, then that's what needs to happen. Everyone has the right to choose to send their child to school with or without a mask, but to help stop the spread keep sick children home.
Fabian, Matthew	3 Deer Creek Ct	Do NOT require masks! There is not proven benefit to wearing a mask, and for all we know, it could be harmful. It should be a personal decision. If you can provide convincing scientific evidence that wearing a mask somehow protects either the mask wearer or the others in the room, I'm willing to listen.
Pham, Odessa	331 So Indiana ave	I feel if an adult is not vaccinated you must wear a mask for own protection. For those who are vaccinated personal choice. For kids it is up to the parents. Personally I have my kid wear one to school.
Trainer, Lisa	1121 Limestone Dr	I believe it should be parents choice. Some children are vaccinated as well. Leave this up to the parents!! Our children have been through so much over the past year!! These kids need some normalcy. Have you seen the effects on their mental health? We are all in this together and we need to be better at coming together!
Holt, Jacinda	707 10th Street NE	Yes they should be required.
Carson, Michael	403 20th PI SW	Students and staff should be required to wear masks
Molly Knoll	415 Woodbine Rd	Masks should be required to protect students, especially those under 12 and those with compromised immune systems. This is one way to keep our entire community safe.
Kabele, Ryan	718 N. Delaware Avenue	I believe this should be up to the individual not a committee. In my opinion the masks don't work. In fact they cause more problems than they solve. Breathing in your own carbon dioxide all day is bad for your health. I believe that safe practices such as washing your hands and covering your mouth when you cough are far better options than a mask. As a parent it is my job to keep my child home from school if he is sick. The problem is there are a lot of parents that are not responsible about this with their children. So No I don't think masks should be mandated.
Leland, Wittman	1220 N Washington Ave	Should not be a requirement.
Rowe, John	405 Woodbine Rd Mason City Ia 50401	Request usage, but don't make it mandatory. Open enrollment is going up at Clear Lake, if you do a mask mandate it will cause even more children to open enroll. If you and your children are concerned then by all means mask up.
Nancy	303 19th St SE	My heart goes out to parents that are not able to vaccinate their children. While it is hard to teach when the children's faces are covered, it is even harder to teach children that are not in the class. If mask mandates help bring more children back to the classroom, and keep the children safe, then it is the right thing to do. I could back a mask mandate for any sick child, even after the covid vaccine is available for all ages.
Niesen, Brian	924 11th Street NE Mason City, IA	I am passionate that we should keep the mask wearing voluntary. It seems that mask wearing has not stopped the virus. Many studies have shown that masks do not stop the spread. Students are so much happier not wearing a mask. Seeing their facial expressions helps communicating and building relationships with them! Nobody can talk as good with a mask on. We need the masks off to properly communicate between teacher and student. Please do not require masks!!

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Davison, Amy	1222 N. Rhode Island Ave.	I do not want to be required to wear a mask.
Moyer, Nicole	1004 15th Place NE, Mason City, IA. 50402	I think it should be a personal choice whether a student or teacher wears a mask. It should not be forced upon any child or staff member to wear a mask. We all know the risks of not wearing a mask, so if a child or staff decides those are the consequences they wish to risk, that's on them.
Debates, John	2327 S TAFT AVE APT 1	I will not send my children without a mask mandate, vaccinated or not it's too risky for my kids and myself.
Gold, Shannon	19 Asbury Place	It should not be required, it should be optional. If a student, parent, or faculty is concerned, then they should wear a mask. There should be no reason to mandate especially if a large percentage of people are vaccinated.
Wilson, Chris	845 14th Street Southeast	No, I don't think it's a good idea.
Thomazin Courtney	225 21st se	No mask makes it difficult for my daughter to breathe and focus on school
Rozen, Jessi	31 Oak Dr	NO mask mandate! Allow parents to make their own choices!! NO mask mandate!
Harper melissa	722 N Monroe Ave	I think everyone should wear masks again because our kids can not vaccinate
Billings, Courtney	1221 6th St SW, Mason City, IA 50401	I believe that it is wrong for any governing body to infringe on the rights of me as a parent. Discretion should be left to that of the parent as to whether or not a child wears a mask at school. If the requirements would be such that it would be mandated that the staff wear them, then so be it. If parents decide that they want their child(ren) to wear a mask, then so be it. Neither the state nor the federal government should have any say in the choices I make for myself or my children. It comes down to basic rights and nothing more.
Staley, Jessica	1154 CRESTMORE WAY	Voluntary
Ketelsen, Darleen	1725 South Illinois Avenue	I would really like to see a mask mandate that requires all students and staff to wear a mask. With COVID variants and continuing mutations of this virus, masking will help in containing the virus and keeping everyone safer. I am vaccinated and can still get Covid and/or carry Covid and pass it on to others. I am extremely concerned about the students and the younger students who cannot get vaccinated yet. There is absolutely no reason to put young children in danger and expose them to unnecessary viruses when there is a very simple solution to keep them safer. Wearing a mask! I am a substitute teacher and have not yet subbed because masks are not required. If they are required, I will sub! I do not want to get Covid or pass it on to an innocent child! The masks provide extra protection for students and staff. It is really not a big deal to put a mask on and require this for the safety of all. I am in favor of mandating the requirement of mask wearing! Thank you!
Staley, Jessica	1154 CRESTMORE WAY	Voluntary

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Sanders, Krystal	1103 S Washington Ave	<p>I would absolutely support a mandate in our district. Infection rates seemed to stay relatively low last year when masks were required - not just for COVID, but illness in general. Meanwhile, my daughter has already missed school this year due to illness. I know I'm not the only parent in this situation. I've heard from several parents that their children have already been sick this year as well. If there's so much illness just a few weeks into the semester, I don't even want to imagine what the rest of the year will have in store with COVID cases already back on the rise.</p> <p>I have also spoken to several parents whose children have been picked on and told that other kids won't play with them at recess because they're choosing to wear a mask. My daughter has been scared to wear her mask for this very reason. Other parents have spoken out about dealing with teachers that aren't respecting their wishes for their children to be masked while in class. It is unacceptable for staff to allow their personal opinions to overrule the wishes of parents.</p> <p>Requiring masks would solve these issues all while protecting our young children who are not yet able to be vaccinated. The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics have recommended mask mandates in our schools - because they work! As much as we all want things to be back to normal, they aren't and it's ludicrous to behave as such. Masks are a minimal and reasonable requirement to put in place to keep our kiddos healthy and able to continue in person learning. This should be our top priority regardless of our own personal views on COVID, masks, the vax, etc.</p>
Santos, Josue	251 parkridge drive	<p>It would not be responsible to have children and staff in close proximity without masks. Especially since the vaccines are not approved for children under 12. Adults should be leading the charge in keeping children safe, even if the benefits of decreased transmission are lower with non N-95 masks. In short - masks should be used in schools</p>
Menke, Chris	340 Woodbine, Mason City	<p>All unvaccinated staff and students should be required to wear a mask indoor. Without the ability to socially distance, it is the best way to protect those that are unable due to their age or other health conditions to be protected. The safety of our children and teachers while inside school facilities should be the number one priority for everyone.</p>
Carson, Jennifer	403 20th PI SW	<p>I feel strongly that masks should be mandated for students and staff, as both of my children currently wear them daily. There are many people that are not vaccinated and they send their kids to school unmasked. It is probable that these students are coming to school and infecting their peers unknowingly or possibly knowingly on the parents part. As we all know there are some parents that send their kids to school sick for whatever reason, instead of being considerate and keeping them home. Protect our kids and bring back the masks.</p>
Shelton, Jessie	1004 north Quincy Avenue	<p>I vote no. unless the school wants to supply new masks daily do all the students it is very unsafe to wear the same mask over and over and some parents may not be able to afford new ones which in the end will require the kids to wear a same mask and breathe in germs anyways. My kids for example get sick very easily as is, if you do require it I'm sure a lot of people wont be happy. Online schooling might have to become a thing again. just my opinion. also if it does pass make sure they can take them off for sometime during school, I am an adult and wearing a mask for 8 hours hurts. again just my opinion best of luck. but my answer is no mask</p>

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Bucknam, Sara	2223 21st St SW, Mason City	I feel that the the decision to wear masks should be left up to the parents and staff themselves and not be required. I am an elementary school counselor, and the the mandatory mask wearing made it more difficult to do my job effectively last year. Many of the students I worked with last year as a counselor were soft spoken, and did not articulate their words well. The masks make it more challenging to hear students accurately anyways, but when you add in the soft spokenness and mumbling, it made it near impossible to understand a lot of the students as they were sharing their concerns with me. Being able to read their lips would have helped out tremendously. Plus, I could not read their facial expressions either while they had masks on - which is also a part of understanding the child. In addition, so many of masks were ill-fitted on the children and kept falling down - many students had to be frequently reminded to pull their masks up - and the students (and staff) would get frustrated at all of the redirections. I feel overall, that the children feel less anxiety and experience less frustration when they are not required to wear masks.
Hoskins, Breanna	406 12th st se mason city ia 50401	I'll pull my students if this happens
CJ Dodge	1000 Briarstone Drive.	I think the kids will hate it. Isn't this what we all got vaccines for? I talked my kid into getting the vaccine by telling him he would have to wear a mask to school if he did not. Now he got the vaccines AND he has to wear a mask? That is going to be hard to sell. Lol.
Baltierra, Morgan	1311 S Delaware Ave	No. This should not change to and fro back and forth. You removed the mandate, what is the point of re-installing?
Menke	340 Woodbine rd	I feel the elementary and Intermediate schools should be required to wear masks since that age group is unable to be vaccinated at this time.
Whaley, Jillian	518 N Pennsylvania ave	I masks become required I will pull my children from school. Masks are not to be worn 8 hours a day and have harmful side effects. My children should be able to breathe freely and be comfortable at school. Masks should be a choice made by the parent.
Samantha Severson	13 Lexington Square Mason City, IA 50401	Absolutely! It MUST be done to protect the vulnerable students: including those with disabilities and those whom cannot be vaccinated yet.
Ausborn, Kendal	319 S Maryland Ave	I think the district needs to follow CDC guidelines on mask wearing in schools. Current recommendations state, "Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." I dislike wearing a mask, but am willing to do whatever I need to do in order to protect other students, staff, and my loved ones at home. It would be a shame if students and staff in our district became extremely ill or even died because of an unwillingness to follow CDC guidelines in our schools.
Homan Cathyp	303 7th St Se	Yes need to protect each other. Not fight over something so stupid of wearing mask. Wear ..mask keep everybody healthy!!!!

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Haag, Elizabeth	2251 Echo Ave	I feel that masks should NOT be mandated and left optional. Speaking on behalf of my family we believe mask mandates at school hinder our daughters social skills, learning abilities and MOST importantly her emotional well-being. Masks should be worn by individuals that want to wear them. Our family can eat, shop, attend a vast array of entertainment venues without having to wear masks....schools should not be different. Our daughter has completely come out of the funk she fell into last year from eating lunch alone and having to feel separated and detached because her face is covered all day. Mandating masks again will be a huge emotional digression for her and I cannot stand to see that happen. Thank you for taking the time to hear all of our opinions and I really do hope the concerns of those of us that are opposed are understood and listened to. Masks should be a personal choice- period. Elizabeth Haag
Bailey, Heather Jo	20 South Ohio Avenue	Personal preference please.
Sajadian, Amir	65 Pebble Creek Drive	Mask should be required as soon as possible
Rottinghaus, Shari	Mason City High School	I would be in favor of requiring masks.
Nelson, James	23 S York ave Mason City Iowa	I feel that it's completely unnecessary for masked children in school. No mandate please. If someone is worried then by all means wear one. Don't make my kids do it though. Thank you.
Austin Van Zante	403 5th st. S.E. Mason City.	No masks, No mandates, Let the parents decide.
Eide, Jay	6 Hampshire Ct	Wearing a mask should be optional and not mandated. Kids and parents that want to wear masks can go ahead, they have that choice. Let people choose to not wear them. Every study indicates the kids 17 and under are in the lowest risk category for a poor outcome due to covid. Vaccines are plentiful and available for those that choose.
Mulholland, Tim	15739 310th St.	Masks should be optional. Most kids dislike them. The rest of life is going on without masks—college football games, grocery stores, etc, and if someone wants one, they can wear one. Other local school districts were able to have full school last year with any safety issues, while Mason City had less than full school. Please have some fortitude to stand up to people and to make the same decision Clear Lake did—no required masks.
Lein, Aggi	704 S Tennessee Place	Please do NOT mandate masks for students. Allow parents to make the decision on how they want to proceed.
Conner	1606 N. 8th Place	We had few if any problems with students wearing masks last year. We had fewer other seasonal illnesses like colds as a result as well. It is a minimal intrusion. It is proven to reduce the spread of the Covid virus. If you went in for a surgery at Mercy you might be a little concerned if the surgical team was refusing to wear their surgical masks while operating on you. Kids under age 12 cannot be vaccinated, they are defenseless. We have students with fragile health, their classmates can transmit the virus to them.
Murphy, Kevin	911 N Tyler	No I do not want my kids to be forced to wear a mask, my oldest son has been vaccinated. I feel that if parents want their child to mask up they can make their child mask up I will not force my children to wear masks.
Byrd, Megan	812 S. Harrison Ave.	Please require them! It's a very simply thing we can do to protect the health of our kids and teachers.

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Larson, sara	136 27th st sw	Optional
Gansen, Ellen	803 6th PL SE	I do believe everyone having symptoms of some kind should be required to wear a mask. How we enforce that, I'm not sure. I do not believe we should require every student and staff to wear them at all times though.
Smith, Aurora	1055 17th St NE	We support the mask mandate in schools. I have recently discovered that schools no longer require students to have proof of negative covid tests to attend school when showing symptoms. I was told, "It is up to the parents." For this reason, I believe it is more important than ever to make sure students are not spreading covid. My student does wear a mask, cannot yet be vaccinated, and tries to practice covid safety. However, if other students do not have a mask and are infected, my son is at risk. Cloth masks limit exposure, especially if both are wearing them, but less if only one is wearing the mask. It is important that my son has a right to attend school safely. In addition, we have several members of the family he is exposed to regularly that would be severely compromised if they caught the virus. I have severe asthma. His grandmother I care for has failing lungs, COPD and heart failure. His 2 aunts have cancer, etc. Working for the hospital wearing masks all day long, I dont see any reason why we are not equally safe with our children.
Marken, Amie	1474 A 340th st. Manly IA	A mask is to protect the other person. It does not fully protect the person wearing it. You only get full protection when everyone is wearing a mask. I wear a mask not to protect myself but to protect others. I believe if we cared for our students' safety and well being we would have a mask mandate during this time.
DeGabriele, Drew	1030 W State St	A mask mandate would be a smart idea for the safety of all.
Brock, Lisa	17982 280th St, Mason City	I think it would be a great idea to keep students and staff safe! I work in the attendance office and we're already seeing a VERY HIGH number of absences!
Gangwish, Lesley	102 Granada Dr Mason City, IA 50401	The wearing of masks should always be voluntary, determined for minors by their parents/guardians and determined by faculty and staff by their own choice.

Last Name, First Name	Address	<p>Please share your thoughts on requiring masks in our schools for all students and staff.</p> <p>PLEASE WATCH BELOW!!!!</p> <p>This video shows what I talk about below of the alarming oxygen deprived air you breath when wearing a mask.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/sn_DeBjZTNI</p> <p>I do not think it is right as American citizens to require our children to be forced to wear masks. I think for those who choose to, fine that's great. If the masks really work for you, then you shouldn't have to worry about others choices. If these vaccines really work, why should you have to worry about those who choose not to recieve them? It is proven that we breath out CO2, but we are not made to breath in CO2. When I work in confined spaces I am required by OSHA to monitor the air space I am in. If those levels of O2 move even .1 of a percent off the normal 20.9% that we have at our altitude, I have to immediately leave that space. Same goes for CO2 levels. Can you guess what levels rise and what levels drop when we have a mask covering our mouth and nose? Yep CO2 levels jump to alarming levels on those meters in a matter of a few seconds and the O2 level start to decrease as more CO2 is cycled through our bodies. Are you aware of what some side effects are of dangerous exposure levels of CO2?</p> <p>I will provide some links from the CDC on Carbon Dioxide that is found in the NIOSH pocket guide. I am required by OSHA to have training over these i these Hazardous chemicals since I am a member of the Hazmat Team. This is a 40 hour course that I have taken and it is a 8 hour refresher course taken annually through the Emergency Response Specialist out of Milwaukee Wisconsin.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0103.html</p> <p>NIOSH defines an oxygen-deficient atmosphere as any atmosphere containing oxygen at a concentration below 19.5% at sea level.</p> <p>CO2 exposure, Recommended Exposure Limit: 10 Hr Time-Weighted Avg: 5,000 ppm (9,000 mg/cu m). ... Recommended Exposure Limit: 15 Min Short-Term Exposure Limit: 30,000 ppm (54,000 mg/cu m). National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. NIOSH.</p> <p>Oxygen deprivations symptoms:Headache: When insufficient amounts of oxygen reach the brain, headaches are common and can be an early indicator of hypoxemia. Shortness of breath: Shortness of breath, or dyspnea, is one of the more common signs of hypoxemia. Shortness of breath feels like being winded, or struggling to get enough breath.</p> <p>Changes in the color of your skin, ranging from blue to cherry red Confusion Cough Fast heart rate Rapid breathing Shortness of breath Slow heart rate Sweating Wheezing</p> <p>https://www.webmd.com/asthma/guide/hypoxia-hypoxemia</p> <p>Here is a link on YOUTUBE I highly recommend you watch this! These are the same monitors they we are required to have on hand in Hazmat or confined space situations.</p>

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Starkey, Theresa	1720 S Coolidge Ave	I think it should be required.
Billings, Brandon	1126 1st ST SE	It should be a parent's choice not a school board not the government
Tobin, Stephani	15118 Lark Ave	Masks should be voluntary and remain a choice between a student and parent. Anyone who feels the need to wear a mask can and do or should already wear one at school. Those who, for a number of reasons (medical, sincere personal reasons, social -emotional consideration, etc) do not feel the need to, should have that choice as well.
Linda Pint	804 15th Place N.E.	Mask mandate. We need to protect both staff and students and their families. We should be taking a leadership role in our community.
Lizaola, Nicolas	1055 17th St NE	I think we should wear masks.
Cheryl Ross	666 3rd St SE	The numbers in the county are increasing, with 33% of the cases from ages 0-17. Medical personnel are again having to do more than they should because of the "head in the sand" approach to voluntary masking and voluntary vaccinations. This should not be a political issue. It is public safety and for the safety of students, staff, and their families. Masks should be required of anyone in the school buildings and at school events.
Lamers, Michelle	744 Cypress Ct	There is scientific evidence that masks help reduce the spread of Covid. Therefore as a healthcare provider, I am in favor of a mask mandate, at least while indoors. Masks are worn in surgery, while caring for immunocompromised patients, such as cancer patients, and while caring for patients with contagious diseases. This has been happening since the beginning of the 20th century. It is now 2021 and we are moving backwards in evidence-based practice (at least within the state of Iowa). It's simply common sense that wearing a mask prevents airborne illnesses.
Reidel, Dennis	1430 N Kentucky Ave. Mason City	The board should develop a policy that if certain conditions are met in the community such as high positive tests, high hospitalization rates then masks will be required. If conditions improve then masks are not required. Not entirely sure exactly where to set the metric though. Current hospital rates are alarming. Also should encourage our community vaccination rate to increase and until it does require masks.
Tony Siemons	321 Willowbrook Driver	At this point I think masks should still be voluntary. But if the positive rates continue to elevate, this should be revisited and mask could become mandatory.
Swartwood, David	934 13th St. SE	Please require masks. I am an essential employee in food service. I do not want my daughter bringing home sickness to the family again. Our daughter wears a mask to school currently, although I'm not sure she is keeping it on because of peer pressure.
Pahnisch, Ashley	1009 cedar street Charles city	Absolutely do not require a mask
Heinz, Sarah	1424 7th St SE	I feel this is necessary to keep teachers and kids who cannot be vaccinated yet safe. The best way to prevent them from illness
Ott, Carrie	1130 N Pennsylvania Ave	I believe it should be left as voluntary and each student/family can make their own decision.
Barnish katie	308 south Tennessee ave	
Antal, Christina	123 S Main St S	My 1st grader already wears a mask to school daily. I believe it will cut down on illness not just covid but also influenza and RSV. As a medical assistant last year, our office saw a significant drop in respiratory illness from influenza and RSV and we believe it is due to mask wearing.

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Hollatz, Rachel	1413 N HAMPSHIRE PL	My daughter is 10 and not vaccinated. None of the students at Lincoln Intermediate are due to their age until they are 12, and that's if their parent/guardian agrees with the vaccine. Olivia has had COVID, but that doesn't guarantee she won't get it again or still give it to someone else. Her grandparents and great aunt that we take care of have compromised immune systems due to illnesses. I would like to have masks mandated again at the schools. We know the few students that should wear masks don't due to fear of bullying. Until all ages can be vaccinated, we need to do our part to contain the spread. Mandate masks in school.
Lien, Kelly	1075 Fair Meadow Dr.	I will absolutely do whatever public health and my administrators feel is best for me, my children, and also my students. However, I think that if an employee, student, or parent feels passionate about their choice (mask or no mask) they should be able to make that choice and do what is best for them. If statistics are showing that masks are necessary and proven to be effective (based on numbers from last year vs. this year, etc.) then I will trust the decision my school board makes for all of us. Thank you for considering our thoughts, comments, and opinions!
Anderson, Krista	944 15th st ne mason city iowa 50401	I don't feel that mask help the students in any way, they should be voluntary bases only. There should be NO mask mandate ask prior put into law by the governor.
Anderson, Scott	2401 S Lakeview Court	Firmly against requiring / mandating masks. It should be a personal choice for the student and parent / teacher. A decision and a choice for all to decide if and when to wear a mask. These are personal medical decisions that shouldn't be forced on to people by school districts, city, state or federal govt. Pushing mandates is not supportive of a living in a free society. This is supposed to be the Land of the free, home of the brave...feels like something different these days in many areas across the country. I've been mostly happy with how the school district, local and state govt has handled the covid era. At this point we all understand the risks and can make decisions for ourselves and our families.
Pevevill, Sarah	821, S. Polk Place	I think masks should be mandated, the federal judge overturned Iowa governor to ensure our state could keep our staff and students protected mid pandemic. Our numbers are high, hospital beds are full and we need to do our part in keeping ourselves and others at a low risk. When teachers/Staff get covid and have to be out of school who will teach our students? We need to do everything we can to keep students in school learning and to do that, we should mandate masks.
B., Monica	11914 2nd st	I hate forcing people into it but I feel that until the vaccination rate goes up, due to Delta affecting young people more, kids should mask up at school and on the bus. Not outside, just inside buildings.
Parent, Carolyn	314 25th S W	As a nurse I feel that children should take as much caution as they can and if that requires wearing a mask vs not being vaccinated then they should do so there has been to much death with this virus
Shellhart, Crystal	802 6th Place SE	I think for the safety of all children they should be mandatory!!!
Redfern, Corbyn	1250 N Taft Ave	I don't like wearing masks. They make me feel uneasy and nervous. I like going to school without wearing a mask for me it makes learning more fun and I can see my friends and teachers smile. It doesn't make me so uneasy and nervous. And I don't have to keep pulling it up over my nose.
Stiles, Jennifer	21226 265th St Mason City, IA	We are privileged to live in a country of freedom. There should not be a mandate for masks, let parents/students decide what is best for themselves/their child. We all have access to a plethora of data, statistics and information to make reasonable decisions.

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Kudej, Jessica	1048 2nd St NW	It should remain voluntary. My kids are getting a much better education without being forced to wear one (it's not a distraction). I feel parents should have the choice. We do not live in fear. Thank you for the opportunity to hear our input!
Hockenson, Heidi	301 S Indiana Ave	I think masks should NOT be mandatory. It should be family and child's choice.
Smed kai	21360 315th st. Plymouth ia 50464	I think it should be up to the student or the parents of the student. I DO NOT AGREE with mask mandates, if some ppl are so scared of covid then get vaccinated or wear a mask or both!
Scott, Sakatah	816 North Monroe Avenue	If starting any cold symptoms, that person should wear a mask. Otherwise I don't believe everyone needs a mask.
Crockford Brianna	231 12th St SE	Personal preference for staff and up to parents for students
Fabian, Melissa	3 Deer Creek Ct	Masks should remain optional
Erica Simmer	233 7th St SE	I think currently our students should be wearing masks with the numbers for covid climbing. I have concerns with the possible long term effects that could result from the vaccine and would like to wait before making that decision for my children. Even with the vaccine its still possible to get it. Until we have researched this issue and medicine further I feel its what is safest for the time being.
Larson, Keila	2015 S Jefferson Ave	I believe our parents should have the right to choose weather or not to mask their children.
Amderson Jennifer	1028 east state street	I am not for it! If people are having to stick these back on their face then what is the whole point of vaccines. I feel this should be a personal choice and not a mandate
Redfern, Libby	1250 N Taft Ave	I don't like how I feel like I can't breathe when wearing masks. I want to continue school without wearing a mask. I want my teacher to see my smile.
Bowman, Morgan A.	712 South Polk Place, Mason City	Individual choice. Freedom of choice.
Pace, Danielle	6 N Nottingham Rock Falls IA 50467	My children are both elementary-aged and unable to vaccinate at this time. I would appreciate a mandatory mask requirement at least while Covid Cases continue to rise in our area. I think it's acceptable to review based on current area numbers. I have a heart condition that does not affect me day-to-day, but does categorize me as a "high-risk" if I were to contract COVID. My 6yr old daughter has a congenital heart defect that does not affect her daily, but very well could be considered a "high-risk" factor if she were to contract covid from another student or teacher. I am vaccinated, but she cannot be. Masks have been proven to help prevent the spread and I think it's a small price to pay until numbers decrease in our area.
Tatum, Jackie	520 15TH STREET N.W.	No masks please
Bolles, Mathew	221 13th St SE Mason City, Iowa 50401	I wish they would go back to requiring masks to be worn. Covid isn't gone so why are students not protecting themselves and their families? Bring back the mask mandate for everyone's sake PLZ.
Klein, Jennifer	20 4th St SW	I vote no mask wearing for anyone
Werner, Tina (Johnson)	1015 10th ST NE	Please do not require masks again for the students. I'm ok with voluntary so those that feel like they need to or want to can but I can't get on board again for mandating them. I honestly can't stand to wear one if I am required to in a store, I can't even imagine having to wear it for hours at a time. Please, please do not mandate this!

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Burgus, Liz	19786 280th St.	While we live with Covid, it doesn't change the date we are called home. We need to keep on LIVING. The wearing of masks should always be voluntary and a personal or parental choice. No mandates of any kind.
Clutter, Maris	1428 N Virginia Ave	I think we should. To many people are sick in every class but not getting tested. There is a person in every class everyday new that has the sniffles or coughing.
Havey	945 11th St NE	I believe that the Masks should continue to be voluntary.
Hardy, Jodi	20 Old Farm Road	I would like to ask you to please, please strongly consider a mask mandate for all students, staff, and visitors to all school buildings. I have six children attending school in five different schools-Jefferson, Lincoln, JAMS, MCHS, and NIACC. My four oldest have all been vaccinated. My two youngest have not, so I've requested they wear their masks each day at school. After a week in school, my four oldest all got sick with sore throats, colds, and terrible coughs. My youngest two (attending Jefferson and Lincoln) did not. Masks work!!!
Shipman, Rachel	1610 8th St Sw mason city, Iowa 50401	I strongly disagree with this. I believe we need to go back to normal and for us to enjoy our school year masks should belong a choice. I stand with our governor and her decision to end the mask mandate. Bringing masks back will ruin the school year and how student will feel about homecoming, prom and Sports. We want it to go back to normal and going back to masks will not help that.
Hermanson, Heather	45 Oak Run Drive	I believe it should be left to the parent and child to decide their preference, not mandated by the school.
DeGabriele, Bryan	1030 West State Street	For the benefit of everyone, wearing a mask for all students and staff should be mandated.
Wyborny Nicole	103 28th street sw Mason city Ia 50401	Mandate
Smith, Autumn	319 14th St SE	I feel children in elementary are way to young to wear masks. Especially children with asthma, including my child.
Malek, shawna	252 7th st se	I think the students and staff need to wear masks at all timrs
Vega, Rhea	1135 1st Street NW, Mason City, IA 50401	Mandate masks. Please. As long as there is constant risk to contracting this virus, our community will never get back to pre-mask lives.
Prestby wanda	635 10th st ne	Let the ones who want to wear them do it. It's not a thing to make all the kids do. You'll run into a lot of problems with masking.. Getting on kids to keep them on. Choose the battles wisely. I've heard kids got in trouble because it wasn't on its not worth it.
Rood, Kirstin	No masks. Keep it a choice	
Kern. Bonnie	718 South Van Buren	Personal choice...i do not feel.it should be mandated..government making it too political..
Benson, Denise	516 S Tyler Ave. Mason City IA	Indifferent for many reasons - the children's safety both with and with out a mask -

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Vaage, Jeslynne	504 Lexington Drive, Clear Lake, IA 504258	<p data-bbox="1031 178 1971 211">Dear School Board,</p> <p data-bbox="1031 227 1971 316">I want to start by saying thank you for seeking out the public opinion in this matter and not taking the decision on yourselves to decide what is right for everyone. I trust that you will truly take what everyone has to say to heart.</p> <p data-bbox="1031 332 1971 470">I do not think wearing a mask is what is best for all students. With the key word being all. When you make an overarching rule that masks would be required that is taking away the right of all people to make a choice for themselves and their children. Mandating a mask infringes on the rights of each person, creates communication barriers, learning barriers and is only a blanket of comfort for something that is ineffective..</p> <p data-bbox="1031 470 1971 730">My rights to choose would be to make the choice to wear one or not. There is no one telling those who believe they are effective they cannot wear one. I invite you to our building to get a visual. If a parent wanted their child to wear one then they would already have one on. Lets change the story line here, would you have a mandate that someone could not wear a mask? No, That wouldn't happen because you would not take away someone's right to do what they think is best for their self or their child. I also invite you to look online via Facebook where individuals are not fear filled for speaking their opinion as they may be in person, like myself. Look at the comments section on the KIMT and the Globe. I think you would be surprised how many parents wrote that they would pull their children from school, would vote no, would just refuse and fight a mask mandate in school.</p> <p data-bbox="1031 747 1971 917">The mask mandate creates a learning barrier. When a child is learning to read or work on their speech or hearing impaired they need to be able to see a teacher's mouth and how letters are formed and pronounced. They need to clearly hear, pronounce and sound out words. Last year I felt it was next to impossible to teach phonics/ phonemic awareness to students. When there is a barrier to letter sounds it translates over to poor speech, poor spelling, low reading accuracy and low letter sound recognition.</p> <p data-bbox="1031 933 1971 1096">The mask mandate creates a communication barrier. Research done back in 1967 proved that 93% of communication is non verbal , 55% being facial. When half of our face is covered up children are not able to tell if we are happy, sad, upset, tired etc. Instead we have a learning community of numb emotionless children. Working in an age group that is filled with little people pleasers it is saddening and challenging to build relationships and create a happy and positive learning environment.</p> <p data-bbox="1031 1112 1971 1461">The final point as to why I would vote no to a mask mandate is due to the actual ineffectiveness it would provide. I feel as a district you may get the opportunity to " save face" and say " we have done our part." I hope that you would not make a decision that affects so many to do so. Children, staff and faculty are still going to go out and about. They are still going to see other people and many will not be wearing a mask. So why would we have them wear one for so long at school when it has so many negatives that is not followed through outside of school. Lastly, This year has been an amazing start. I do know of children who have tested positive and stayed home. In their rooms there was not an outbreak and the teacher did not even catch it. As data has shown you can still do so vaccinated or not. There is not enough evidence to prove that we should have a mask mandate. We have not had an outbreak in a single building or even an entire classroom. I think as a district we have provided a lot of support via allowing masks, cleaning surfaces and online academy. I hope you are able to see what is best for our community.</p>

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Kristen prestby	635 4th st ne	No masks !!!!! They dont do any good, young kids dont keep them on they cause more germs then anything, kids touch their faces constantly not gonna work!!!! My kids have been perfectly fine no covid without masks dont mandate the masks, let kids be kids, let the parent make the choice! U want ur kids to wear one let them or if ur so worried then home school ur kids !!!
Heinz, Fred	666 3rd St SE	Science should be followed, by all means impose a mask mandate, be leaders not followers
Wolcott, Michelle	1415 E state st	I would love to see mask but would support any decision.
Huebner Shelley	816 s harrison ave	I think they should mask.Im a vaccinated grandmother and have grandchildren that are not old enough to get the vaccine,since there is no mandate I've had to grandchildren that got it and a grandchild that was pretty sick but tested negative,last year they were not even sick. We must do the right thing and keep our children safe plus I want to see them but won't feel safe until I get a booster.
Beyer James	609 3rd Street NE	The family should decide what's best for their children. Sick of this mask stuff. 100 percent should be the parents choice
Pedersen, Brandy	1122 E State St	Masks should be optional
Andersen, Shelby	1459 6th St SE	I think no masks being forced at this time, but there is a lot of sickness going around so I do think students should still be sanitizing more than once a day like last year. My middle child said they don't even sanitize at all during the day.
Coviello, jean	65 marble ct mason city	Make them mandatory it will save lives and slow the spread. People won't wear them otherwise and won't make their kids wear them.
Millsap, Lance	14 Quarry Road, Mason City, IA 50401	I will start by saying I fully support whatever decision the school board makes because these kinds of decisions would be why we have a school board. I would be interested to know the number of positive cases in the district right now w/out mask compared to last year at this time when mask were required. If it's proven that wearing a mask seemed to help the numbers then I say students and faculty wear mask regardless of being vaccinated or not. If the numbers are close to last years at this time then leave it alone and don't require mask.
Koehler. Sadee	102 S York Ave	Beginning my teaching career in the middle of a pandemic (last year), brought added stress like many others in the district. Last year, I felt safer coming to school due to staff and students wearing masks. With cases rising, I feel it is best to mandate masks in the schools. Please.
McCutchen michael	1138 e state st	Absolutely not it is ridiculous and appalling you're considering it
Carolus, Raul	1727 S Carolina Ave, Mason City	Masks should be required in school until the CDC minimum number of children have been vaccinated. This will also help prevent seasonal cold/flu transmission as well, keeping everyone healthier and in school longer.
Duckert, Tammi	1226 10th St, Mason City	I feel it is unnecessary to mandate everyone wear masks. If the board decides something needs to be done then it should only mandate people whom have not been vaccinated to wear a mask.
Eppens, Ally	Harding Elementary	I believe requiring masks is a good idea. It will help keep people safe, and prevent from bigger spread of covid. It will also be beneficial for younger students who are not able to be vaccinated yet.
Bergman, Kevin	1140 1st Street SE	Require masks for all

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Pals, Todd	1056 Fair Meadow Dr	I feel any staff or student who has not been fully immunized should be required to wear masks.
Tripp Sally	404 13th SE	Require mask / or proof of vaccination
Hesley, Ashley	226 24th St SW Mason City,	By choice.
Eisenlohr, Tim	10 Lexington Sq	Mask mandates infringe on our freedoms as Americans. Parents and students need to feel welcome to participate in wearing a mask if they so choose, but requiring or forcing children to wear a mask seems unethical as we'll as going against our freedoms we are entitled to. Please keep the mask mandate as it has been since the end of last year, the way it should be.
Oelkers Natasha	1606 s Delaware	No masks, unless they want too. It's too hard to keep them on the kids anyway.
Craven, Lisa	1010 Park Lane	For the safety of all involved, I would prefer for students and staff to wear masks, vaccinated or not, while inside the school building. At recess the kiddos would probably be ok to take their mask off.
Danny Tripp	404 13th SE	Require mask or proof of vaccination
Oelberg Nichole	11 Asbury Place	I believe it should be personal choice, not mandated.
Tass, Cristy	14036 210th	Kids need to breathe. DO NOT bring back the mask mandate. If parents want their kids to wear one, so be it. For those parents who want their kids to be kids and continue to build immunity, please let parents decide.Thank you.
Andrews Camilla	819 S Polk Ave	Due to COVID continuing to spread I feel as though the mask mandate should still be in place, Unless all precautions are being taken to prevent the spread (disinfecting commonly used areas, washing hands, etc) most kids will not wear their mask as necessarily needed so proper precautions should be taken.
Becker, Justin	904 14th St SE	I feel it should be the choice of the parents, not the district.
Fielder Jim	681 3RD ST S. E.	Masks should be required for is acquired for all students and faculty and anyone entering any of the school buildings. As long as this or any other Virus Is on the increase Is in our community an area of the state Masks and other Protective items must be used by all . Not only in the school but in public places does where it is in impossible to stay more than 6 or more feet away from another person. This should not be a political thing, this is because you care for your brothers and sisters sisters no matter who or what they are.
Wunderlich, Ron	15791 Nettle Ave Mason City	100% opposed to mask requirements.
Reams, Kim	1550 N Eisenhower Ave	No mask mandate. No reason for it. Be a leader like Clear Lake schools.
Ruehlow Kim	16289 34th St SE	everybody knows what the covid virus could possibly do to a person I think it needs to be left up to each and every family member to make that decision as to whether or not they will be wearing a mask just as it is up to each and every family as to whether or not they and their children will be vaccinated.
Oelberg, Nick	11 Asbury Pl	I believe that it should be a personal choice to wear a mask. It is not the school board's decision to decide if my child wears a mask or not.
mejia,shane	549 9th St. S.E. Mason city, Ia. 50401	Voluntary mask wearing. People need to make thier own choices.
Hovelans, Samantha	1308 2nd st se	Please don't!

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Waters, Michael	930 14TH PL NE	It's a distraction and most kids don't wear them properly. They take them off to drink and eat. Also it's hard for kids to pick up on facial cues.
Johnson, Mandy	625 s grant ave	I feel it should be a decision made by each family.
Dorenkamp, Donald	228 21st St. S.E.	I support a mask mandate for staff, students and visitors !
Reid, Tina	Require masks	I am a nurse practitioner at the hospital and see a good amount of younger adults admitted with covid. These are working-aged adults, 30s to 50s. These are the age of most of your teachers. Optimally, masks for teachers would allow for visualization of their lips to aid in learning. However, right now, it is more important to protect them. I also have concerns for the children younger than 12 who cannot get vaccinated. Please encourage vaccinations for all of those old enough to get vaccinated. Masks work!
Crimmins, Emily	1228 N Hampshire Ave	I would prefer if all students and staff were required to wear masks. Small children cannot be protected against covid themselves, others are literally the only thing protecting them. Masks are such a simple way to help slow/prevent infections. Masks indoors makes sense, masks outside does not make any sense.
Hassler, Brittney	812 N MONROE AVE	No, it should be a personal health choice to wear a mask but not mandatory.
Clutter, Jody	1428 N Virginia Ave	No
Smith, Maggie	1064 Park Ln	I believe the school should follow the recommendation of the cdc and require masks indoors
Bird Marie	402 5th street S E	My son is vaccinated,
Penn, Kelly	29 S. Illinios Ave.	Rather than a mandate, strongly encourage that masks be worn. Any staff/personnel or student who wishes to wear a mask may and should as they feel it is needed to protect themselves. Those who do not feel it is necessary, should not be forced to wear a mask/shield. In my classes, some students choose to mask up and some do not. No one to force either way, There is no judgement toward either side. At some point, our weakened immune systems have got to be exposed to the everyday germs that we have in our world. Colds and flu do happen. Allergies do happen. We need to be thoughtful and kind about passing mandates that impact everyone and step on the rights of some over others.
Wood Erik	233 7th St. NW	My daughters will not wear masks! It should be up to the parents.
Riggan, Nicole	777 South Eisenhower Ave Trlr 153 Mason City	I honestly believe that the students need to wear masks while in school. With COVID-19 and this new strain in affect children are being taken out by this virus. My son is 14 and has both of his shots but I still feel they should wear masks.
Meyer, Brian	1315 South penn,	No! I trust the leadership of our Governor here in Iowa on this issue. It should be a personal choice to wear or not wear a mask.
Burnett, Leah	423 Prairie View Ct	Absolutely necessary to require face masks. I have 3 children under the age of 12 in the schools. They cannot be vaccinated and we must do everything possible to keep them safe in school.
Werner, shelbi	635 s Tennessee place	I say NO to masks. As a parent of a 4th grader my child's mental health drastically improved from not having to wear masks anymore. As a employee wearing masks everyday, all day long caused sores UP INSIDE my nose that were so painful it brought tears to my eyes if bumped. We wasted so much time having to stop the lessons to tell the kids to pull up their masks and they still didn't keep them up. I've noticed a major improvement in the kids happiness since the mask mandate was lifted.

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Luttrell, Elizabeth	419 20th PI SW	Yes require masks
Maulsby, Megan	1301 2nd Ave S, Clear Lake	I 100% feel that this should be left up to the student/families. Last year was awful.. trying to get kids to keep their masks up, trying to teach 25 kids while wearing one myself, dealing with contact tracing, etc. If a student or teacher wants to wear one, by all means, but do not force it. This should be personal choice.
Martinson, Stephanie	1449 North Carolina Pl., Mason City, IA 50401	I feel it should be left at being voluntary. I feel that as an adult it is difficult to have to wear a mask at times and so I think it would be even more difficult to require children to wear one appropriately. The purpose of a mask is not served if worn inappropriately. I also feel that masks interfere with how different students absorb learning due to the barrier it creates between a student and teacher as it covers up expressions on faces and makes it difficult to understand what people say at times. Also unless the state as a whole makes masks mandatory I don't feel the school should be able to do so.

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		<p>Hello I previously submitted a response on how masks deprive our O2 levels and how we breath out CO2.</p> <p>Here is some additional information I would like to share and a video clip from an infectious disease doctor on how masks do not provide protection from this virus.</p> <p>This was posted from news station WMC. About effectiveness of masks, please refer to this when making this decision along with the other information I provided in my previous comments.</p> <p>This is the link below. https://youtu.be/Vbe4EYkiYm</p> <p>Also I want to add how N95 only filter out down to .3 microns while the largest spor for SARS Covid-2 is .125 microns, while surgical masks only filter down to 2.5 microns. So it is mathematically impossible to filter out this virus considering it's spor size.</p> <p>So I do not support mandating masks in our school district or anywhere at that matter.</p> <p>With that being said I do think social distancing and hand sanitizer is an effective way to help midigate the spread of viruses. Also an effective method is keeping sick kids home when the virus if it is something that is contagious and be spread from person to person.</p> <p>But considering the effects of what the masks do in our breathing environment along with them not to be able to provide the proper filtration to protect us from Covid 19 I do not think this is a logical or effective method. It is also hindering the effectiveness of body's natural immune system by not allowing our immune system to exposed to viruses and bacteria of any kind. It's just like anything that if you can not practice or continuously be working on the task at hand you will not be able to be near as effective when you or your body needs to put that practice to action.</p> <p>We will eventually see people getting sick more frequently and the serverity will also be increased on small viruses such as the common cold or even the flu, since we are eliminating our immune system from being able to do what it is designed for.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Scott, Justin	503 8TH ST SE	
Evans, Matthew	955 E State St	Masks should be optional for all.
shinn, Robyn	15854 300th ST mason city	I believe in the right to choose. Many kids and staff are wearing masks and are encouraged everyday without ridicule from peers or employees. These kids deserve some normalcy. Watching the difference between last years morale all school year to the very end when masks were optional was night and day. The employees having to remind kids all day everyday to put their mask on or put on correctly took it's toll. If the kids are symptomatic, have them wear a mask. If parents or kids want to wear one, that's great! But please leave it as is and let them have the right to choose what is best for them.
Odell, Gary	228 21st St. S.E.	I support a mask mandate for students staff and visitors
Kraft, Ryan	817 N Polk Ave	NO mandate! Keep it voluntary!

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Zarifović Besim	1453 3rd street SE	Students should not wear masks
Germundson, Tammy	231 20th St SE mason city ia 50401	I support a mask mandate for students staff and visitors
Kinney, Michael	1212 9th st sw	I think we need to mask up at all times. As a parent and a coach, I believe the safety of the kids is the only important thing. Masking up keeps in person learning active.
Staudt, Brianna	806 16th Street NE	It needs to be parent/student/teacher choice to wear or not wear a face covering vaccinated or NOT!
Markham, Craig	1438 N Hampshire Pl	No. Researchers from around the world have clearly determined that mask use has minimal benefits and there use does not out way the physical and psychological harm they create.
Johnson, Leslie	1140 Crestmore Way	Why does it have to be a mandate? If people want to where masks, let them. Those that don't, don't. But you're going to do whatever you want anyways!
Budach, Lindsay	1032 8th St SW	I think it should be left up to the staff and or parents. If staff feel they need to wear a mask they should. If parents want their kids to wear a mask they should. If not it should not be forced.
Corinne Sills	420 4th Street SE	Voluntary masks
Hill, Andie	323 Lakeview Dr	I believe that masks need to be mandated.
Tamie Ames	623 N Adams Ave	Wearing a mask should be optional and not mandated
Richardson, Jackie	961 S Illinois	I'm against requiring masks.
Nelson Crystal	23 S York Ave	I don't like this being mandated. If someone wants to wear a mask they should and if someone does not want to wear one that is their choice.
Schwarz,Clinton	1241 Diamond Ct	Studies have failed to show masks or barriers reduce spreading. But there is proof wearing a mask causes problems. Allow parents to keep their freedom to decide what they see fit for themselves and their children (family).
Lowe, Cindy	531 16th ST SE	Absolutely not. We feel the vaccinated students should NOT have to wear them and the unvaccinated should. So even though the under 12 have no vaccine it is coming in the next month or two and they will be able to get it soon. Kids have a very high success rate for having light symptoms and recovering quickly. It could always be a parents choice to mask their students but absolutely NO to making it mandatory !!
Albrecht scott	321 16th northwest	Absolutely no on masks! No no no no
Wendel, Amber	201 S Virginia Ave	I believe they should be requiring masks
Reinhart, Amanda	337 24th St SW	I would love to see a mask mandate back in effect at the school for students and staff. There has been an uptick in kids getting sick from covid and if we can help stop that spread to keep our students and staff safe and healthy I am all for it!
Ruge, Kara	629 S Mississippi Ave	I feel requiring the students to wear masks is critically important to being able to continue having school in-person. Until there is a vaccine to protect the younger children, we need to do everything we can to protect them!
Read, Robert	403 8th St S.E.	I feel masks should be mandatory until we can get some vaccinations available for the younger crowd even if they have siblings that have been vaccinated they themselves have not been made available for this vaccination. Also statistics show that there is still a large number of adults who are not vaccinated. Wearing masks is something that we did all year last year and I feel for good reason I don't think it would be that much more different to wear them for just a little bit longer

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Abeigh lee	309 9th street	Leave it as a parent choice
Nelson, Crystal	23 S York Ave	It is a personal choice. If someone wants to wear one they should, and if someone choses not to wear one that is okay too. I don't like the idea of making this a mandate.
Hussey Joseph	3754 240th street, Clear Lake, IA	No
		Should be optional to the individual. I would say that if someone has been symptomatic, they should not be in the school environment, if they have recently returned from being sick, maybe have them wear a mask for a period of time (seven days maybe). A mask mandate does nothing except complicate the school setting and confuse a lot of kids.
		My personal belief, is that Covid is the new influenza, it's not going anywhere, and we're just going to have to learn to exist and overcome in spite of it.
Shinn, James	15854 300th St	No mask mandate, if students or staff CHOOSE to wear them, they are more than welcome, but noone should be shamed for their choice to wear a mask or not wear it.
Sheimo, meg	215 S Tennessee pl.	It needs to happen to keep the students and staff healthy. I can't afford to be off work 10+ days if my family gets sick.
Gansen, Lacey	311 19th St SE Mason City, IA	It should be a parental decision whether to wear masks or not. Our children as well as ourselves should not be "made" to do anything. My child was around COVID all year last year and never once got it. The masks do nothing.
Brierly, Whitney	435 21st street SW Mason City	I do not believe masks should be mandated. I think it should be the parents choice on whether or not their child wears a mask. The masks are hurting the children's immunities to other illnesses that are going around (RSV, strep, hand foot and mouth, etc.). The kids cannot build up immunities towards those if they have a mask on all the time.
Neuhalfen, Micki	318 6th St NW	I feel a mask mandate should definitely go into effect ASAP. My daughter is too young to get vaccinated and we to do what we can to keep people safe and masks are one step to help in that.
Peiffer, sarah	323 6th st se	let the families decide, but remind parents that if their child is sick or showing symptoms (like before) they will need to pick them up. and this could happen alot even for colds
Darcy, Murphy	911 N Tyler Ave	No! Let child/teachers decide for themselves! Everyone knows the risks and if an individual wants to wear one fine but no one should be forced to do so. It's not going away everyone will get it sooner or later.
Walsh, Jayme	312 8th st NW	Should NOT be required. Would strongly consider open enrolling somewhere without a mandate if the board chooses that route.
		NO. My daughter should have a choice, and freedom to Not wear a mask. They are a low risk population. I feel that these mandates do more harm emotionally with mental illness and sometimes physically (with rashes). By doing these mandates you create further division between students, staff, and community. If also then a student or staff member wants to wear a mask, that is there choice and they should feel comfortable if that makes them feel better around people with no mask. 1) Is this the freedom in this country that we have fought and sacrificed for, over a virus with over a 99% survival rate?
Tobin, Nathan	15118 Lark Ave Mason City IA 50401	
Cindy/Craig Cresswell	1367 Plymouth Road	We have no problem with a mask mandate.
Tammy Hoffman	17401 230th St Mason City, IA 50401	Parents should be able to decide whether or not their child has to wear a mask. Schools should NOT mandate masks for all. Masks have health implications including the impact they have on mental health and isolation. Thanks for considering

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Medellin, Aimee	228 25th St SW	I feel they should be required with the increase of cases of COVID. My son does have health issues with his lungs and it makes me nervous sending him without them when there are several other parents that I know of that don't care/follow any sort of health guidelines to help protect everyone around them.
Fites	16 6th street sw	Children should not be wearing masks at school they need to be able to breath and the mask is too hindering.
Beenken, Chad	1714 Hillcrest Dr	Please no mask need kids need to breathe and see teacher's and school mate's faces
Connelly Dana	1218 N JEFFERSON AVE	I can see both side of the argument, but kids have been for years going to school without masks. I have to wear a mask all day for work. I find it hard to breath. I get hot and headaches, and I find it hard to communicate with people. So much of our interaction and conversations rely on facial ques. With my experience with my daughter wearing a mask was she never worn it right. Her sister, teacher, and I would keep telling her to pull up her mask and she get frustrated.. all in all I feel kids are kids and they are going to get sick, they are going to fall down and get hurt. I think the best we can do, is to do what we have always done in the past. Wash our hands and cover our coughs and sneezes, and if they don't feel well or have a fever stay home
Bryant, lilyann	326 20th street sw	EVERYONE SHOULD BE WEARING A MASK YOU FUCKING IDIOTS.
Friesenborg Katie	802 north Monroe ave	I don't think masks will work. My son don't like them.
Buffington, Becky	1019 Meadow Lake Dr.	I think that it should be an individual choice unless the numbers indicate a high risk of transmission.
Satern, melissa	908 n Tyler Ave	Please do NOT mandate
Hays, Stephanie	601 E. Marion	It should be treated like the flu. If someone has a compromised immune system, they should take precautions. The public/school-wide community should not be mandated to take precautions for them. That being said, it never hurts to beef up education and reminders about hygiene.
Arndt, Emily	1051 Park Lane	I support either decision, however, I like my family and children being able to make their own choices and not be forced to wear a mask if they don't want to. I think they need to be exposed so their bodies can learn to fight off the virus.
Adams, Jessica	1214 south Massachusetts	I would prefer the choice to wear a mask. Anyone that wants to wear a mask to school is free to do so. There is nothing stopping anyone from wearing a mask. I would prefer to have the freedom of choice for myself and my kids. We are able to use our own judgement and wear masks when we feel necessary. I am against mandating masks.
Bergman Alisha	639 South Connecticut Avenue	It should be a choice

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Tobin, Megan	15118 Lark Ave	NO. Being a student at MCHS I would like the choice to wear a mask or not. A lot of the decisions being made, I feel, are being pointed to the group of people that want to wear a mask, what about the people that do not want to wear a mask? I feel a need to have the right to wear a mask under my account. I think that we need to focus on making a decision for everyone and not one group of people. I know that there are people out there who want to wear a mask because they believe it will protect them from disease, then this would make sense to just have those people wearing a mask. If they believe it protects them then they should wear a mask because it will do the same exact job with just them wearing it as everyone and I want the right to not wear a mask. This gives each individual a choice to make the best decision on what is right for US and OUR family, this keeps us equal. We all have equal rights and if we do not get a choice on what we believe is best for ourselves than let me ask a question, where did the rights we fought and died for go?
Stone, Dena	1212 1st. N.W. Mason City, IA	Students and staff should not be required to wear masks. Common sense should be..stay home if you're feeling sick, wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer. It should be up to the parents whether a child should wear a mask or not Please... Please! Don't make wearing masks on school mandatory..
Ruehlow, Valerie	846 15th St SE	No!
Whitcomb, Julie	1501 S Coolidge	I think you should require everyone to wear masks
Bry, Kyle	1130 15th St SE	I support a mask mandate for all schools.
Thomas, Holli	4 Twin Oak Lane	My child/family is vaccinated so I do not feel my child should have to wear a mask. Freedom of choice.
Wurth, Jill	1015 North Pennsylvania	Masks should be optional. Students can wear them if the choose to.
Haag, Aubrey	2251 Echo Avenue	Its absolutely ridiculous and should not be allowed, you cannot force children to put clothe over their mouths. Students that arent feeling well or want to already wear masks, all the students that don't are perfectly fine. Alot of us have breathing issues as well. Covering our faces causes self image issues when we don't have to wear them in the end. Us students dont listen anyways, even when they were required 90% of us had it off, or under our noses which "defeats the purpose". Forcing us to wear masks everyday won't do much except for cause more trouble. It should stay optional because alot of students think its ridiculous to wear them.
Hickey, Ernest	1469 7th st se	Absolutely not!!!
Kabele Brandi	718 N Delaware ave	This is hard. When they wore masks last year we didn't even catch a cold. This year we caught colds already. I think they should wear them. But give them mask breaks. And please don't make them wear them outside.

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Andersen, Ashley	560 Rose Ave Garner, IA 50438	I believe that masks should be required for students and staff when indoors which follows the recommendations from the CDC, AAP, and Public Health. The students who I serve are not eligible to receive the vaccine and data suggests that this age group is seeing a spike in cases. This isn't surprising considering the amount of people wearing a mask. As much as I dislike wearing my mask, I have worn mine since day 1 to protect myself, my students, and my colleagues. I wish there were more people in my building wearing them since we proved how effective they were last year. Now we are dealing with a variant that is much more contagious and very few people are wearing them (students and adults alike). Students did very well with the mandate when it was in place. My mask protects others. Who is going to protect me when I'm among the minority?!
Zbornik, Raquel	1719 S. Hampshire Ave.	DO NOT MANDATE, this allows those that wish to wear one to do so if they feel it is necessary.
Grant, Kathy	411 20th St SW	Masks should be required in our school district. Our youngest students cannot be vaccinated. While the majority of them will not get severely sick from this virus, some of them will. They will also spread it to adults who work in our district. Breakthrough cases are happening throughout the state. We need to follow science and do the right thing for our teachers, students, and staff and mask up. Thank you.
Teeter Tucker	126 14th st nw	I don't not support it I want my child to breathe freely and not have to breathe in her own air all day.
Squier, Fenix	716 15th place north east	I feel like they should be optional in the way that if you are vaccinated they're optional
Kingery, Emily	512 S Taylor Ave	Everyone should absolutely be wearing a mask and practicing good hygiene and social distancing
Sprung, Ethan	P.O. Box 153	I think they should be mandatory. Numbers in northern Iowa alone are picking up. Drugs to treat covid are in high demand and we need to stay on top of the situation instead of regressing to a critical state.
Kingery, Chris	512 S Taylor Ave	Just wear the masks.
Schinagel, Lisa	918 N. Hampshire Avenue	This is just a TEMPORARY injunction. Masks are a horrible idea. There are multiple studies showing they do not work. If you're vaccinated, then you do not need a mask. If you've had covid, your natural immunity is BETTER than the vaccine. Everyone that works at the schools, are adults. Therefore, we can make our own decisions about our personal health and wellness. The students in the schools have parents. It's THE PARENTS decision if they send their kids to school with a mask or not. It is NOT the schools decision or the governments decision. Respect each persons own decision on masks and vaccines. It's not the schools job to police either choice. HIPPA laws and our country's own Constitution prevent this kind of overreach. Do not infringe our our individual rights. Do not force parents, students or staff to choose between the Mason City School System and their own freedom and free will.
Berding, Sara	228 S Tennessee Ave	Masks should be a choice. No place should ever mandate. Parents should decide what is best for THEIR child.
Graham, Michelle	1600 Royale Cir 3A	I see no harm in mask mandates. It helps protect those that need it.
Cockrell, Jessica	710 6th pl SE	Parents choice
Herrmann, Christiana	316 25th st. SW	It should be required. The pandemic is far from over, and the elementary/Intermediate school kids aren't old enough to be vaccinated.

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Smith, Julie	963 1st SE, Mason City, Iowa	The kids have been going to school for about a month now and you haven't heard of any mass sickness. In the high school, most students have had the chance to receive the vaccination for COVID. Changing it back to masks being required isn't going to solve anything. Students will be wearing them improperly which will leave the staff to ask them to wear them the right way 99% of there day. I think that wearing a mask should always be optional. If students feel the need to cover up then they can choose to wear a mask. But for the students who aren't worried as much can have the choice to not wear something that makes them uncomfortable throughout the day. Student who start to show any symptoms whether it's cold symptoms, allergies, etc. then they should be responsible enough to wear a mask and help protect others well-being by wearing a mask. So I believe requiring mask would not be in the students best interest.
Cooper, Brianna	190 South Grover Ave	I agree that the school district should have the option to mandate masks for students and staff in order to protect everyone. Thank you for reaching out to get feedback on this!
Petersen, Amber	705 6th Place SE	I believe we should reinstate the mask mandate.
Ziegler alicia	419 21st St SW	It's disgusting how this wasn't a mandate asap. This is now getting kids sick and kids are dying. It's very disturbing you want to do opinions when parents act so ignorant over science because people want to listen to politics. Where is the children's safety? What about kids with diabetes and other immune health concerns? Screw them because people can't wear a mask when the cdc recommends it? ALL KIDS LIVES MATTERS. What if kids spread it to their families who have high risk? And you guys don't want to take a plan to prevent this. It's disturbing how you have to ask this when other schools are mandating because they care about their kids and families. You guys are playing with jeopardy you guys are being held responsible for kids safety during school hours. It's disgusting how you don't even practice social distance in the schools. Get it together . Mandate mask if for children's safety!
Mahaney, James	408 10th St NE	I feel mask should be required until a vaccine is available for children under 12.
Rockwell Julie	122 South Monroe Mason City	I feel a lot of our civil rights & opinions are not considered since covid has started. I have worked hands on/in and with the public as i work in retail sales. I have hands on contact with hundreds of different people from the public daily with no clue if the customers i handle have covid or not. Me and my family have yet to catch it. I have not been vaccinated nor have or will my children be. To mandate a vaccination for 7th graders this year or to make things mandatory i fell is wrong...luckly my son isnt in 7th grade. Had my son been in 7th grade this year he would not be attending school because of not being vaccinated!! Again that should be our choice to make for ourselves as well as our child...Not nobody else's!!! My family as well as our community have been exposed to people daily with covid as well as others when others didnt know they had it at the time. When it comes to covid or any other sickness, our health issues and our children it should be our choice not mandatory by others! Covid is now just a new illness we have been exposed to and need to live with just like the swine flu was years ago when it first came out. Yes you can catch it but you can also catch the common cold, flu, rsv, pink eye ect from schools ect. Thanks again for considering our thoughts.
Lunning, Dana	1705 North Delaware Avenue	I feel it would be safest for everyone at the schools if masks are required. I definitely believe that strongly encouraging students and faculty/staff to wear masks is absolutely necessary. I think it is wrong that requiring people to wear masks is now illegal.
Elizabeth	1169 , Sapphire Ct	Weather you choose to wear a mask or not, it should be up to each person, employees and students!

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Cody, Elizabeth	321 9th St NW, Mason City, IA 50401	If there is an outbreak in the building, masks should be required.
Lewerke, Cynthia	119 2nd St. SE	I believe the students should be wearing masks and have hand sanitizer available to them in the classrooms. It is such a simple thing that helps keep everyone aware Thank you
Albrecht Joe	21974 thrush thrush ave Mason city iowa 50401	Should be your choice to wear one or not ...NOT MANDATORY!
Tyler, Brandon	308 south Tennessee ave	Mask shouldn't be mandatory. It should be the persons choice..
Johanns, Kinzie	1024 W State St	With the rising numbers of Covid-19 in Mason City, as well as the country, it is necessary for students and staff to abide by a mask mandate. Not only are our children not able to be vaccinated, but they also pose a risk of bringing the virus home to a possible high risk family member. Students and staff, if tested positive, would have to miss a minimum of 10 days of school, making it extremely difficult to be caught up on work and assignments. With a mask mandate, it would greatly reduce positive cases as well as transmission among people in our district.
Simpson, Debra	1012 N Tyler Ave, Mason City	Yes Yes Yes...Absolutely YES make masks mandatory! We are not truly getting ahead of this pandemic we are just barely keeping up with it!! I could go on and on, but that is my answer.
Heidkross, Brenda	310 S. Tennessee Ave,	Masks should be mandatory by staff and students.
Malata, Nichole	1204 S Carolina Ave	Require, to keep all our kids safe and healthy through this. Some are not old enough to get the vaccine yet and there is no other way to keep them safe until we all mask up.
Bartell, Gracie	President Court 105	In what kind of way is this a good idea. It should be the families choice not required, it is absolutely unfair to people. I am not at all happy about this, why would you try and take a way a decision that should be talked through by families? Last year was horrible I couldn't see all my friends faces only half. I could barely even HEAR them for god sake I am extremely upset about how they are even trying to mandate this again. I can not believe that people would try and take something away that isn't their choice.
Estal, Jon	11446 killdear Ave.	I do not agree with masking mandates, for the following reasons. 1) the standard medical masks that are issued only work if they are snugg to the face, but it is virtually impossible for them to fit completely snugg on anyone's face. 2) According to the CDC the masks only work in one direction therefore they recommend wearing two masks to control both inhalation and exhaling of the virus. 3) when you exhale into a mask you create condensation especially in the colder conditions, therefore creating a high risk of pneumonia, bronchitis or pulmonary obstruction especially for people with COPD or asthma. 4) I'm a retired Army Ranger and as a part of my training I graduated from the Army School of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare school, the only effective mask to combat any type of deadly virus is a full face chemical/biological mask and that is what the COVID-19 virus is, a man made biological virus. This is why you see so many doctors and nurses wearing full face oxygen/purification devices. If they are so concerned about the virus and children in the schools then go back to virtual learning from home. If Those who want their children to wear a mask have that right but don't infringe on other parents personal choices.

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		<p>Mask wearing would be preferable with consideration to those who can't tolerate wearing one. Examples: Anxiety, breathing disorders, autism, etc. My daughter wears one everyday as we are trying to reduce her risk which also reduces the risk of her brother who is currently immunocompromised as he is battling cancer.</p> <p>I respect any choice that is made though and my daughter will still continue to wear hers. Maybe if masks aren't mandated the schools could keep an eye on cases in the schools and communities and revisit the idea as well?</p> <p>Thank you for asking our input and valuing the opinions of your students, parents and employees.</p>
Krumm, Joni	1032 E State St	
Ott, Jason	327 13th st se	It should be a choice not mandate.
Becker, Jennifer	904 14th St SE	I strongly feel we should continue the policy of voluntary mask wearing. It should be a personal choice and not mandated by the school district.
Osmundson, Elizabeth	915 S Tennessee Place	Masks should not ever be mandatory. This is not a decision that should be made by the school board. This is a medical decision that should be made by parents. Every parent should have the choice and freedom to do what is best for their child.
McDonough, Tracy	22277 305th St, Nora Springs	We do not feel that masks should be mandated. It is a personal choice that should be made by the individual. I feel that masks limit communication between students and teachers which is vital. In addition, the positivity rate in the county is low.
Lacey	206 26th St SW	I'm in favor of a mandate but I wouldn't be mad if there wasn't one, as long as students and staff can still voluntarily wear a mask if they choose to.
Hirsch, Holly	1144 Onyx Ct	Everyone has the right to make their own decisions. They should not be forced to wear masks.

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Allen, Jennifer	1131 Manor Dr	<p>I understand that this is a hot, highly politicized topic. I am only going to share my point of view.</p> <p>I have three children who attend Mason City Community Schools. My oldest attends MCHS as a second year senior and my two youngest are in third grade and kindergarten. My oldest child was born at 28 weeks gestation. He was airlifted after birth from Mercy North Iowa to Mercy in Des Moines. He became a resident of the NICU for 6 months. He was on a high frequency ventilator for about 2 months then eventually weaned down until his discharge on nasal canula. Toby was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at two years old. He wasn't meeting milestones. He is non-ambulatory, non verbal, has recently gotten a g-tube for feedings, and has chronic restrictive lung disease as a result of the ventilator as a baby.</p> <p>Gideon is a very social, smart, talkative, lovable third grader. He has always been my academic superstar, learning to read at three, memorizing all states and capitals at four, teaching himself russian at five. He thrives in a typical school classroom,</p> <p>Grayson is my youngest. He was slow to reach milestones, finally learning to walk at 2 1/2 years old. He was diagnosed with autism at four. He doesn't talk much, and is behind in a lot of areas. He needs to go to school. Grayson will not keep a mask on because of his autism.</p> <p>Last year I kept all three of my children home and they learned remotely. I could not risk ANYONE getting Toby sick, because is my mind that was a guaranteed death sentence for him. After my husband, Toby, and I were fully vaccinated, we allowed Gideon to go to school in April. The other two stayed remote learners.</p> <p>I was incredibly angered by the governor's decision to deny school systems the right to mandatory mask, especially with two weeks left of school. I have seen many changes in my children with their lack of socializing because of covid 19. Tobias used to be happy always, but now he is upset all the time. He is easy to anger and frustrate- which I see as a direct result from staying home his entire senior year.</p> <p>Gideon fell behind in school. Grayson did as well.</p> <p>I am a parent of two special needs children. Our lives are already difficult. Regardless of your decision, I will continue to send my children to school because emotionally, they need to go. Please consider the other families like mine. The kids who should be able to go to school safely. The kids at risk for so much more than your average child. Please do what is right for those with disabilities. These kids already miss out on so much! Please mandate masks.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jennifer Allen</p>
Fierova, Thomas	300 7th St N	<p>Because I know people will sight religious reasons not to wear masks, I'd like to offer Lev. 13:45-46. "Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp." The Bible is pro mask wearing when a person is sick.</p>

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Peshak, Deb	1106 BROAD ST	To protect the younger students that are not able to be vaccinated I believe we need a mask mandate. Some students are wearing masks, but not enough to protect an entire classroom from being exposed. I feel that if a mandate is in place we can protect all the unvaccinated.
Stroup, Chereen	2900 12th St NE	As a physician in this community, as well as a parent- I am in favor of masking in the school system. We are seeing increased volumes of covid cases our community, our urgent care has been busy and requesting extra staff, and at times our hospital has been overwhelmed, including our pediatric floor. The variant strains of covid are being found to cause more serious disease in younger patients - and these are the patients that do not even have the choice to be immunized, we need to protect them.
Byre, Holly	930 8th St NE	I think it should be left to the families/students to decide what is best for themselves.
Paulson Talulah	805 briarstone drive	I think we should mandate masks to stop the spread of CoVid and to keep our students safe from it
Harriman, Brooke	1540 N Jefferson Ave	I don't think masks should be required. It should be up to the individual whether or not they wear a mask.
Rozen, Beth	715 North Hampshire Avenue	Absolutely students and staff need to wear masks! It's the safe and responsible thing to do for all involved!
Keira McKelvey	105 11th St NE Mason City Iowa	The school district should not require masks and continue the optional mask wearing option. It shouldn't be required because America is a free country and it is our choice to wear one or not.
Opkis, Cassandra	43 Willow Dr	No. I do not support a mandate. However if one is enforced I am willing to have my child temporarily wear one so they can continue in person learning.

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		<p>In regards to the possibility of a mask mandate in the Mason City Community School district, I am submitting my thoughts. After reviewing many research studies regarding the use of masks, there seems to be little effectiveness in mask mandates. A most recent study from the University of Louisville showed that case growth of COVID-19 was INDEPENDENT of mask mandates (my emphasis). Here is a quote from the report: "Our findings do not support the hypothesis that SARS-CoV-2 transmission rates decrease with greater public mask use," notes the U of L report.</p> <p>There are many other studies that I could point you to if you are interested. Looking also at the CDC data in regards to the mortality rate of COVID-19 in people younger than 19. Those rates stay in the .001-.003 range with the least affected age groups being the age groups of 5-9 and 10-14 at .001 and the 14-19 age range at .003. That makes COVID-19 LESS serious than the seasonal flu at .4 for those age 5-19. We have NEVER asked for a mask mandate for the seasonal flu.</p> <p>Vaccination for COVID-19 has been in place for all the adults that serve in the school system since last Spring. Those who wanted to be vaccinated have certainly had it available. That vaccine should be a protection from this virus. Those that chose not to receive the vaccine can and should be able to make a decision on masking on their own, with no mandate. Each staff member or student, along with their family, should make their own decision.</p> <p>Masks separate children from the facial expressions & cues that are so important in learning situations. There has been much written on the psychological issues of children wearing masks and being forced to be constantly worried about wearing it properly, being disciplined if not, all for the sake of the adults feeling "safe".</p> <p>There is so much more that could be written here, but I will conclude with this: We placed our son back at Lincoln after MUCH discussion this year of what would be best for him. Part of our decision to send him was because there was not going to be masking. He has autoimmune issues but has already had COVID-19 (despite mask wearing last year), and still has natural immunity (lab proven) to this virus. If you decide to put a mask mandate in place and not allow parents to decide what is the best for their own child, we will be pulling our son from Lincoln and either home schooling or placing him in a district or school that does not have a mask mandate.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Megan Bahls</p>
Bahls, Megan	1216 Ruby Ct., Mason City, IA 50401	
Margo Rozen	1216 W State St	I strongly support a mask mandate in our schools again! It's the right thing to do!
Haugen, matthew	43 willow dr	Please stop with the fear-mongering. No data shows that this illness is fatal to kids, yes they will get symptoms. Everyone who is at risk is vaccinated so I believe the best answer is to Simply keep it optional. Obviously people in Iowa do not like mandates or any type of Freedom infringement. Please keep everything optional I do not agree with a mask mandate.
Bonwell, Jackie	961 17th St. NE	My younger kids do wear them now but my teenager doesn't cause the other kids don't. We are comfortable with a mask mandate! My kids didn't get as sick like (flu, or sinus infections, etc..) Last year. My teenager is vaccinated but would wear a mask if it's in place.
Ketchum, Lisa	5 B Jefferson Ave	I feel that everyone should be required to wear a mask. With the rise in COVID-19 and the new variant even if vaccinated you should wear a mask.

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Mobley Jennifer	666 9th St NE	My child wears glasses which masks makes his glasses fog over. He needs them to learn. Also part of learning is also hearing the sounds of words etc. when you have a mask on it makes a barrier.
Callanan, Susan	140 Granada Drive	I hope that masks will NOT be mandated by the school district. This is a choice that all families and students should have.
Ostrander, Verna	530 4th St. N.E.	Voluntary if you are fully vaccinated. That is why we were vaccinated and planning to get the booster.
Rye, Sara	701 6th St SE, Mason City, IA 50401	Please do not. The quality of the experience for the kids is very negatively impacted by the masks, especially in younger children learning social skills and interactions. Facial expressions are important. Seeing smiles is important. It would be one thing if we could all mask up for a couple weeks and then move forward with life, but the last year has proven that is not the case. Even while masked we had an exposure and had to quarantine due to lunch seating. If you can't ensure it keeps all well, then please don't require it.
Forsman, Kim	803 8th St S.E.	I think it should continue to be up to the parents.. As long as we all use common sense , keep kids home when sick!!!!
Sankey, Jennifer	423 S Vermont Ave	Don't require
White, Carrie	1413 N HAMPSHIRE AVE	I do not think mandating masks are necessary. Next it'll be mandating vaccines in which I would pull my kids from public school to home school. It'd only be a downward spiral.
Otto, Amie	2823 N Carolina Ave	I am in full support of requiring masks in school. It is the easiest way to prevent the spread of germs and to keep our kids and staff healthy.
Polsdofer, Joyce	605 N Jackson Ave	I believe we should all be wearing masks in school until this pandemic is under control and all kids are able to be vaccinated. My husband has been battling cancer and doctors have informed us that if my husband contracts this he won't survive. Give those who are compromised a fighting chance to live too.
Eastman, Yvonne	2815 South Jefferson Avenue	I really think that masks are an important factor in keeping Covid numbers down. I realize there haven't been very many reported cases, but with the new guidelines there probably won't be. I for one feel much safer wearing a mask and having the children around me wearing one too. Since it is now proving to be more dangerous to children, I don't want to have a wait and see what happens attitude!! I think we should take as many precautions as possible!! As a parent of a child that has a weak immune system, I wear a mask regardless and so does she, but I still think that all children that are not vaccinated should be wearing a mask.
Van Syoc, Mandy	6 Williamsburg Circle	No to forced mandates! Masks need to remain a personal choice for too many reasons to be able to get into on this form.
Trappe, Kylie	19 Charlestown Sq	I think it should be up to each person and their family on whether or not they are vaccinated or had covid already and want to wear a mask or not.
Vanellen,keshia	1022 n Washington ave	Mask are not going to work, you are going to get the virus either way! Kids are not going to wear the mask the correct way all day long anyways! You already started school with out them might as well keep it that way!
Trappe, Tucker	19 Charlestown Sq	I think its dumb and I have a harder time breathing with my asthma. Please don't make us wear masks again.
Ahari sheela	6 Arrowwood	No they should not mandate . It should be ones choice especially from middle school where majority are vaccinated
Gourley, Dawn	716 15th place N.E.	Individual choice

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Thompson, Charles	152 Brook Terr	I don't think the children should be mandated to wear masks while inside or outside. The teachers should have the choice to make students wear them in their class if they like, but I don't think it should be a school-wide mandate.
Hooley Nate	171 N. Yorktown Pike	No mask requirements
Straube, Martha	1108 North Washington/ Mason City, Iowa 50401	As a spouse and parent of an employee, and having grand children in the school system I highly recommend that everyone should wear mask and it should be mandated for everyone to wear them to protect themselves and others around them, as I have seen cases rising every day. We as a community need to take that step as I feel it's getting out of hand (Covid).
Koehler Al	1215 9th St SE	With Delta variance being so easy to transmit, I firmly believe all schools should require masks. Children under 12 have no chance for vaccinations, It is not fair for these children to not mandate masks. Also many students in middle school and high school are not vaccinated. I have always believed that the number one standard in schools is to protect their well being. School safety is number one priority. We must utilize all means to protect their safety. It is important that we maintain in-person learning and if requiring a mask is only tool we have to keep in-person, it is a small sacrifice in the big scheme of things. I also believe all staff should be required to vaccinate. We should not be paying for substitutes for staff that have nothing been vaccinated.
Waechter, Kaeli	2804 S Adams Ave	I do NOT feel it should be mandatory for students or staff. I feel it should be their decision.
Rood, Troy	636 S. Tennessee Pl	No masks please
Shackleton Jeff	118 S Vermont ave	It ABSOLUTELY should NOT be a requirement to wear a mask!!! If you want your child to wear a mask that's your choice, but do not make my child wear 1.
Lillquist, Michael	305 S Kentucky	It's voluntary now. It should be mandatory for everyone under 12 and everyone that cannot prove vaccination. This would give the middle school and high school kids an option to be vaccinated since they would be old enough and not wear a mask.
Jones, Chelsea	521 17th St SE	I believe that masks should be required especially for students under the age of 12 who are not eligible for the vaccine at this time. Cases are getting worse and affect children even worse this time around so why would we not be doing one of the things we know at least helps stop the spread. Please require masking. My 6-year-old daughter has been wearing a mask every day regardless, but it would make it so much easier if everybody was wearing them again. It's the right thing to do when we try to fight this pandemic. It's not gone or over and we need to protect our children.
Reynolds, Miranda	810 1ST Street	I believe it would help all of our students if they wear masks to school daily. There would be a lot less "sick days" being used by kids and staff. Kids would be in class more than before because less kids would be getting sick. We're on week three, and my daughter has been sick twice already. She was out for a whole week because another kiddo came to school with RSV. I have now started making her mask every day. She is the only kiddo in her class that's wearing a mask. We don't want her sick and ending up in the hospital. There are also kids that have medical conditions that can get extremely sick from even the common cold. They would be a lot more protected if both parties were wearing masks. We need to keep the spread of illnesses down. Way too many kids are getting sick. People think the masks are just for COVID, and the reality of it is it protects from so many illnesses. KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE.

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Backhaus, Jennifer	1343 370th St.	People are coming I asked at the mason city school district do what's best for our children which is wearing a mask while at school. The variants are spreading our hospitals are being overwhelmed lowa cases are up 40% in the last week. I would ask that the school board do the right thing for our children and our community and require masks at school. A virus is not political it is about doing the best for our community and our people.
Dihna Edwin	713NTyler Ave	I think that's the best way for everyone to use mask
Dykstra, Wmily	115 1st St NW, Nora Springs	Should be required at Lincoln and the elementaries, where kids are too young to be vaccinated. There are absolutely no other precautions in place. Masks are the easiest to implement, and make the most sense in close contact situations.
Reynolds, Alex	810 1st Street	I believe that all students should wear masks because it prevents the spread of illnesses. There are many adults and children, throughout the school, that would benefit from this. It would keep our high risk children and adults with underlying conditions protected.
Davis, Vickie	744 16th ST NE	They should all wear them because a lot of kids are getting sick. It is just safer that way. I want my grandkids and all other kids safe and protected.
Mariner Jodi	401 10th St NE	My answer is no you should not have a mask mandate. I have a daycare and I have several school kids. I know when they had to wear it they were just not themselves. They missed the smiles and interactions. I also can say that throughout this pandemic I have not closed due to covid and kids have not worn a mask the entire time at my daycare. They play right next to each other, eat next to each other, sit by each other - some even end up chewing on the same toys. I have had 4 positive covids at different times and not one time did the kids spread it to each other. Clearly they had to be out of daycare for quarantine time and I don't allow parents inside at this time. I wash blankets and pillow cases and sanitize daily. But I feel that we are doing quite well without the use of masks. I also feel that with all of the mask use kids are not building their natural immunity which is why there has been so much rsv, hands foot and mouth, strep throat, etc. I really hope you will NOT mandate mask usage - it is not fair to force people to wear the mask - if mask wearers want to wear them that is perfectly fine but it shouldn't be forced and I feel our district will lose kids or end up with a lot or online learning again.
Jamaica, eric	120 28th St SW	No mask!!!
Davis, Alan	744 16th ST NE	All of the students and adults should be wearing masks because it is too soon to take them off. The virus and other illnesses are bad right now. No child deserves to get that sick.
Mujica, Andrea	1452 7th St SE	I have been involved with Mason City Schools in some capacity or another for 27 years. My husband and I are alumni. In my volunteerism with MC schools, I've learned school is a place for students to be and feel safe no matter what their home life is like. Mask wearing is the same concept. Keeping these young people and the staff healthy is top priority. There are too many scenarios to mention. Keeping schools open and in person will make sure students get the education they are entitled and also allows them to stay on track. As supporters of education we all owe it to students to do what's best for ALL students even if the decision isn't a popular one. Young people learn from example and some don't have examples to follow. School may be their best hope of doing what's best for all society not just themselves. All grade levels need to mask up. Not all students have the same home lives or vaccination opportunities (homeless, abusive parents, etc) Do what is right.
Grant, Savanna	519 8th St SE	Yes, I feel like they should be mandated. If they can help prevent illness among other students and staff then it should absolutely be mandatory. It's loving your neighbor and respecting the other humans that make up the school district.

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Moritz, Amanda	3599 Indigo Ave.	I currently am teaching the students that missed the end of their kindergarten year because of Covid. With the way our school year started out last year, of only two days a week, these students reading skills are very low. It is very hard to teach phonics to younger students while wearing masking. They aren't able to see the correct pronunciation of the sounds. I think this is only going to hinder their reading/phonics skills that much more.
Lassahn, Julie	907 N Madison ave	I think it's a good thing. The school district should help every child stay healthy and safe. I feel like they should be required for all students and staff. I feel like it should be taken a step further and require the vaccine just like the other vaccines that are required to attend public school. Thank you!
Cooley, Jack	120 Woodbine RD	I think it is a good idea to require masks. The cdc recommends masks for all students, teachers, staff, and visitors. I don't see why this needs to be made political. We don't listen to doctors for political advise and we shouldn't listen to politicians for healthcare advise.
Arthur, Stacey	19209 yarrow ave	I think it is wonderful to give options to families on whether they want to have their children wear masks. I have been allowing my children the option & will support their decision. I appreciate how the schools are encouraging/enforcing that students respect the other student's decisions on this as well. I do not agree with mandating masks to be worn at this point as well as any other mandate such as the covid 19 vaccination. This is a touchy subject at this time with all Americans and I believe it is too soon to mandate these things. I might have a different feeling next year or in two years but this is too new at this time. I really appreciate the fact that the district is asking for everyone's opinions on this. Thank you so much for making us all feel like we are ONE.
Berggren, Shelby	2208 N Carolina Ave	I think mask should be worn. Thanks!
Overbeck, Deidra	905 N. Van Buren Ave.	I agree with going back to the mask mandate.
Halverson, Karolyn	981 S Illinois	Remain voluntary
McCullough, Calista	317 21st Street SE, Mason City, Iowa	As new variants are becoming more resistant to the vaccine, and cases are on the rise again, I believe that students and staff should wear masks, ESPECIALLY in schools where children are unable to be vaccinated such as elementary and intermediate schools.
Halverson, Mark	981 S Illinois	Remain voluntary
Megan scheppler	13433 thrush Ave mason city iowa 50401	I don't want masks to be required. I think it should still be the staffs choice, students/parents choice. As a parent my kids hated the masks and actually had issues when they had to wear them all the time. Sores on their faces around their noses. I feel we focused too much on the masks and put their education and childhood on the back burner. Our mental health was at its worst when we had to be required to wear the masks. So please, let it still be up to the staff and children/parents whether they wear masks or not.
Bohach, Chris	813 N Polk	Unacceptable. There is no data backing a decision to warrant this asinine mandate aside from potential politically motivated agendas of mass compliance. There are options other than public school myself and many other parents will be happy to take advantage of should this authoritarian behavior continue.
Jodi Hockert	319 E Harris St	I believe that it will be in the BEST interest for all staff and students to wear masks. Masks do help!!! Yes I get that they are restricting and such. As long as you have the right size, layer and such it will help. Parents remember KEEP your kids home if they have any symptoms. As well as school staff please stay home!!!

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Mingo, Casey	721 N Jackson Ave	Didn't know we where in communist China and had no freedoms ohh wait we are just stepping closer and closer until we are.... no freedom to choose even from teachers you should be able to thought this vaccine was the end to all and we should have take it mandatory even though it does nothing. Also children need more normalcy this is ridiculous... my daughter will not wear a mask she can't what about kids with special needs good luck getting them to wear masks
Wickering, Carmen	1321 S. Carolina Ave	I think it should be an individual/family choice for students and employees to do whatever they are more comfortable with.
Rechkemmer, Laura	517 14th st SE	I'll be simple. Everyone should have a right to choose what is best for their child. If someone thinks a mask limits risk, go for it. If someone thinks they are worthless, don't wear one. There Is plenty of evidence on both sides. Personally, I don't think it limits risk significantly and there are greater risks to mental health due to wearing one.
Friese, Amy	23598 295th Street Nora Springs IA	As a parent I would like to see masks mandatory in school to protect my children's health
Campbell, Douglass	1011 West State Street	Please site primary literature articles that indicates wearing masks is beneficial. Of the 26 that I know of not one indicates that wearing masks is epidemiologically beneficial to prevent the spread of a virus. Handwashing and not touching your face are very significant interventions to prevent all contagion.

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Clausen de Montes, Le Anne	502 S Fillmore Ave	<p>First, I want to thank you all for the invitation to submit comments in writing. I know that school board meetings in other Iowa communities have required police intervention, and this is certainly a difficult season to be serving on the Board. My priority for all school-related activities is an environment of health and safety, equality, accessibility, inclusion, and welcome.</p> <p>My children are at Lincoln and Hoover (6th, 4th, 3rd grade and Kindergarten) and have been masking since the beginning of the school year. I also gifted each of my children's teachers with a supply of disposable masks for any child who wanted one. They are often almost the only children in their classes or on the school bus to do so. Last year, we did virtual school and homeschool until I could be vaccinated. This year, we decided to enroll in-person with masks, and to only participate in extracurricular activities where masking was required.</p> <p>So many of my parent friends and staff friends have been struggling with illness already this season. By contrast, last year, I heard from staff friends how relatively few kids were sick because so many of them were wearing masks in class. I also am concerned for the rights of students with disabilities to have a Free and Appropriate Public Education. I personally would support a mask mandate, although I do understand the concerns behind not wanting a mask mandate. If nothing else, could we perhaps even just meet in the middle with a 'strongly recommended' wearing of masks when indoors? Offering masks at the entrance? Encouraging social distancing as much as possible in the classrooms as well? I feel that the messaging that masking is helpful, even just that the school district supports local health department/ CDC guidelines, hasn't really gotten out there. It almost seems as if staff are afraid to even suggest it.</p> <p>One other thing that I think could be helpful is following the example of Ames school district and having rapid tests available in our schools, so that students and parents who can't afford to take time off to wait in hours-long lines for testing could return to school and work as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Thank you again very much for your time and consideration, I know this is not an easy decision to make and certainly in an election year as well. I will pray for a safe and civil meeting and that your deliberations will be able to take place without disruption.</p>
Smith, Jaclyn	2031 S Wilson Ave, Mason City	I DON'T think masks should be mandated! It needs to be left up to the parents & children to decide. Plenty of children are already wearing masks daily, and that is perfectly okay. Making masks mandatory will only be a detriment to the children and school as a whole.
Richardson, Jhana	809 NW State Street Ankeny, IA 50023	Please Mandate masks to be worn
Donahue, Marissa	1000 S. Illinois Ave	I think we should, but everyone needs to be on board, and unfortunately not everyone believes they work. I think we continue to share information and recommend them, but unless ALL STAFF AND FACULTY have the same expectations it will be a nightmare and one more headache we have to deal with
Westling, Darla	1319 North Virginia Ave.	Please do not make the children wear masks! They have played with their friends all summer long without problems. I have a strong belief that masks are unhealthy, they are forced to breathe in carbon dioxide, a waste gas, all day long. Children need fresh air to build up their immune system. There are several doctors that back this up.

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Garfin, Cheryl	527 5th ST SE, Mason City, IA	I feel students and teachers should both be wearing masks vaccinated or not. I am unable to get the covid vaccination at this time due to medical reason and do not want my grand children to bring it home
Swegle, Analeah	833 1st St NW, Mason City, IA 50401	I think we should have a mask mandate so students and staff don't get sick. There are many students sick and absent at the high school already.
James, Jay	1056 Maple Dr.	NO! If the parents want THEIR kid(s) to wear them.... let them. There IS NO SCIENCE that prove beyond a doubt that they do anything more good than they do harm.
Hardy, JoAnn	2 Old Farm Road, Mason City	Please mandate masks! Last year my 6 grandkids in Mason City Schools wore their masks without complaining because everyone was wearing masks. This year masks are rare. My grandkids don't want to wear them because their friends aren't wearing masks. Some of them aren't old enough to be vaccinated. Our healthcare system is unfairly overrun with Covid cases. Requiring masks in the school building is the sensible thing to do to help keep our kids safe from Covid. Masks work when everyone wears them. Let's teach our kids about being part of the solution, not the problem.
Christensen, Tammy	821 8th St SW	Masks should be worn by all vaccinated and non vaccinated individuals
Lensing, Sunni	2245 Timber Creek Ct	Should be completely voluntary!
Wagner, Roxanne	3 Regency Lane Mason City	I am thankful for your policy on voluntary masks and I hope you continue to leave this decision up to parents and individuals to make the best choice for themselves. Please don't go back to requiring masks. Those that want to wear a mask, have done so, with no shame and those who don't want to wear a mask, have done so, with no shame. It's working the way it is.
Brincks, James	811 N Van Buren; Mason City	Parents and local citizens pay for your salaries and schooling supplies, etc. We are a republic and we have rights and children are Parents responsibility for what happens and what is taught to their children, not the school system or teachers unions. Masks should be the decision of the parents. If the supposedly vaccine protects the individual person, then the vaxxed person should be protected, from other teachers and students. It is very rare that a student gets hospitalized from covid, so follow the data, not the fear that main stream media and politicians are propagandizing. Some People who wear masks still got covid that's been in the data, so it should not be mandatory
Monahan, Kayla	2 S Indiana Ave	I would be in support of this, so we can keep all students and staff safe and continue in person learning.
Curtis James	777 S Eisenhower Ave	No
DeMaris Amber	331 29th st sw	i think the masks are unacceptable esp to put on younger kids. i do not want my daughters who are in 1st and 5th grade to have to be forced to wear a mask. i believe it holds them back and gives an uneasy environment which they dislike to be in.
Kraft, Keridae	843 10th St NE	I don't believe they are necessary in the schools.
Hesse, Be	2314 26th st sw	Yes I do. I know it's controversial but anything we can do to end this we should be doing even if it isn't 100 percent effective. Something is better then nothing and is not major inconvenience.
Rostro-Rubio, Mary	2423 S. Taft Ave.	Safety First, protect the future. Pro-choice : natural consequences. With this wisdom I leave it to the leaders with whom we the people have in trusted to make decisions for the majority. Thank you

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Snieder, Nathan	8 deer creek ct	Wearing of Masks, like all medical decisions should be a decision made by the individual with the assistance of their physician. I am not in favor of mandatory masks.
Hermanson, Mary	221 26th St. SW	I think that should be left up to the parents discretion.
		<p>My biggest fear as I comment is that this comment as well as all the others you receive will not be read or considered because the decision is already made and this is just a futile exercise in mock engagement. That being said I am still going to hold out hope that my comments as well as all others are read and hopefully informing the school board's decision on this mandate. First I would like to offer some facts currently in Cerro Gordo county. The population in 2020 of 0 to 17 years of age was 4,862. In the last 7 days according to the Iowa Department of Public Health there have been 41 new cases of Covid-19 in this age range. That means 0.8% of that population has contracted this virus in the last week. That to me seems like it is highly unlikely that, and this is an assumption, the mostly vaccinated school employees have a nearly zero chance of getting Covid from a Mason City student. My bigger concern is with my child's education and school experience. The lessons at school are not only in academics but also the development of social skills, emotional behavioral growth, communication skills, and working in group/team environments. All life long skills that are needed as they enter life as adults. This generation is already behind in these skills due to this pandemic and the time they lost developing this skill set in 2020. Now by implementing a new mask mandate, my daughter, and all students in the Mason City School district will fall further behind in their growth & development to becoming successful happy well adjusted adults. Is it not your mission as educators to affect all children that come through our school system in a positive manner? If a new mask mandate is put into place at this time I believe it will have a much more negative result on all of the children we trust you to educate. I am fully AGAINST another mask mandate being put into place. Let's put the entire well being of our children at the forefront of this decision. No masks are needed!</p>
Haag, Dave	2251 Echo Ave, Rockford, IA	- Dave Haag

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Klemesrud Katie	803 4th street se	<p>There should be no argument. If you want to wear one great, if not GREAT! Our large family of 7 got just as sick (when returning in person with a mask) last year as the start, this year. Kids are resilient (we know) HOWEVER they need their bodies to build up immunity to the viruses around them, as they clearly will never be going away along with flu, rsv, strep etc.</p> <p>Not to mention the mental and emotional trauma you are risking on an entire generation of future!!!! 4 kids in 3 different schools this year and ALL agree the misery behind the masks isn't worth staying in person.</p> <p>Let's not forget about the studies PROVEN behind the bacteria growth in dirty mask. We live in a poverty district. Can you reassure these children will have a clean mask daily? How about the kid in my child's class that swallowed their own vomit last year because they had A MASK ON.</p> <p>Or how about the "special friend" that threw fits daily because she was being forced a covering over her only way of attempt communicating. (But oh was she happy when my daughter was the only to walk in maskless the day it was lifted. To see someone's smile again)</p> <p>THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING that supports the logic. Do not use our children to tend to others political agendas. We need to stand up for all the children that are being forced to be miserable by parents, taking them off at school for a breath of fresh air and begging their class mates not to tell their parents so they dont get grounded.</p> <p>LEAVE OUR CHILDREN ALONE. LEAVE THE decision making up to the parents. Teachers focus on teaching.</p>
Thompson, Joanna	500 Clinton Street	<p>The administration should make the decision that best keeps its staff and students safe. I have no objections to a mask mandate.</p>
Klemesrud Carter	No mask	<p>Now that vaccines are available masks should be optional, if you don't want covid get the vaccine. Otherwise, it should be a personal choice.</p>
Story, Vera	1042 Crestmore Way	<p>Last year when we had the mask mandate I did notice that it seemed like there wasn't much illness, which is great. But I worry about the kiddos if we require kids to wear masks. I feel like it should be a parents choice if they want their child to wear a mask. Ever since this pandemic started I've noticed more mental illnesses. What is going to happen to these kiddos that already struggle mentally, with the different behaviors that were already going on before the pandemic? I worry about many of these kiddos and how this pandemic and mask mandates will effect these kids. What about the kiddos who struggle with speech. We learn by seeing other people talk and if we cover our mouths, how can we help these kiddos with speech? I want to see that we still do parents choice for masks.</p>
Lovejoy, Gina	8 Boulder Rd	<p>Despite the recommendations from health agencies and mandates by schools in some locations, there is still no science supporting masks reducing the transmission of Covid 19. Zero evidence of mask efficacy. We are all aware of the misinformation circulating about the virus. World renowned medical experts from Johns Hopkins, Stanford, and many more prestigious medical institutions have expressed grave concerns about the actual damage, physically and emotionally, caused by masking. Children are falling behind, feeling hopeless and helpless, and even attempting suicide when despondent because of the overreaction to Covid. Children are still highly unlikely to become infected with Covid and if they do, they have permanent immunity, mild symptoms and 99.9% recovery rate. Is the mask and vaccine hysteria worth the cost! Absolutely not. Thank you.</p>

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Kenna Klemesrud	803 4th street Se	My body, my choice! No mandates!
Short, Ryan	129 24th st sw	If you don't feel good stay home. Masks should be optional.
Nicole	1016 N Van Buren Ave	Remain to be a choice
Parsons, Cale	929 North Harrison	I strongly oppose any mandates due to COVID 19. That includes a mask or a vaccine. We already have the greatest tool to fight viruses naturally, it's called an immune system. The human body was not meant to breathe air through a mask. Masks do not stop people from breathing in viruses and also everyone is always touching them and rearranging them. Most importantly it reduces to amount of oxygen you breathe in which is a health risk that will probably have greater health effects later in life. Neither the school board or the government has no right to tell me or any members of my family how to live there life.
Nicholson, Missy	630 S Maryland Ave	I believe the schools should follow the guidance of the CDC which recommends universal masking for all students, teachers and staff regardless of their vaccination status. I should feel confident that my child is learning in an environment where their health is a priority. Schools must do their best to ensure the safety of their students, staff and their families. Please make the right decision and require masks.
Rossow Misty	125 14th st nw	They have been fine now so what the differences it's supposed to be our choice
Miller, Carla	1280 Moonstone Court, Mason City	<p>I am advocating for a mask mandate.</p> <p>In a recent statement the American Academy of Pediatrics says COVID-19 cases among children spiked 240% from July to September in the United States. At this time there is no data showing the long term effects Covid poses on our children which is of concern.</p> <p>According to the New York Times Covid tracker dated 9/15/21 an average of 22 cases per day were reported in Cerro Gordo County, a 59 percent increase from the average two weeks ago.</p> <p>The state of Iowa saw a marked increase in Covid cases during this last reporting period with a 9.1% positivity rate.</p> <p>It is my hope that the Mason City Community School District follow the advise of the scientists to keep all in attendance (staff and children) healthy through a mask mandate. According to the CDC Guidance for K-12 schools "Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status."</p> <p>It is important that all children have the opportunity to be provided a safe and healthy learning environment. This includes those with compromised immune systems, chronic illness and/or disabilities. Masks are a tool to help keep others healthy. Isn't this a value we want to instill in children? Care and compassion for others!</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration in this highly controversial topic. I am advocating for a mask mandate.</p>
Britton, Bethany	333 19th St. SE	No mask mandates

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Atkinson, Jason	20 4th street SW	<p>Covid is horrible. Our entire government system making covid a political issue is just as bad. It is my opinion that this legal action is politically motivated as well. However, this decision must still be made.</p> <p>I, nor the school board, nor a vast majority of the general public in our district, are medically qualified to determine that masks should be worn.</p> <p>I suggest we look to medically trained professionals within our community.</p> <p>Do they send their children to school with masks on?</p> <p>Do they believe, based on their medical qualifications, our children should wear masks at school?</p> <p>Unless we are medical professionals, our medical opinions and advice should not be considered for this issue.</p>
Frank JoAnn	403 N western st	Should be required
Broers Brad	12266 OLIVE AVE	<p>Our thoughts on this matter are that each and every individual has the right to choose whether they want to wear a face covering or not. Everyone seems to forget about the people that live in this world who are unable to wear a mask, due to physical or mental conditions. They simply can't wear one. Why should anyone have the power to make a personal choice for someone else's household? We are neither for nor against citizens who wish to wear a mask, as is their right to do so. It is also my right not to wear one living in these free United States of America. No one should tell me or my young adult child what to do in this matter. Would you appreciate someone telling you which God you must believe in, no matter what religion it is you feel is the correct one?</p>
Tim Land	1523 N Quincy Ave	I feel that it should be up to the parents if they want their children to wear masks.
Gerrietts, Dan	22 River Heights Dr	I would support a mask mandate for all students and staff.
Swartwood, Lindsey	934 13th St SE, Mason City	<p>I would like to see masks required once again for everyone in inside the school buildings. I feel MC School did a great job last year keeping everyone safe and I would like to see us continue on with that until the pandemic is better under control. We aren't out of the woods yet with the virus, and we all have a responsibility to do our part to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe.</p>
Scholl, Stephanie	1518 Jade Court	<p>I wear my mask in school because the CDC recommends it. As educators, I believe it's the responsible thing to do. If we don't believe in the science behind Covid-19 and how it spreads, who will? Mandating masks is in the best interest of children.</p>
Rish, Chris	10 Farmstead Square	Masks should not be required. It should be a personal choice.

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Holt, Ashley	1416 S Pennsylvania Ave	<p>Here is why I believe masks should be optional and not mandated: The lack of social expressions from peer(s) to peer(s), or staff(s) to student(s) causes a huge decrease in social interaction with each other, or even the importance of communication amongst one another. Also, for those who are hearing impaired, or have certain disabilities- makes it hard for them to understand when they're not able to recognize expressions and movements of mouth. This causes an increase amount of anxiety, and chances of those to not succeed like they would when masks are not being worn. Let's also not forget, that it becomes a major distraction to students. Staffs are spending most of the students educational time reminding them on the proper way to wear them, than we are on the important academics. It may help limit the spread, but will not 100% prevent it. We have gone this far into the school year without making it mandatory, and it should be kept that way.</p>
Bookmeyer, Eric	507 E State St	<p>It is not easy to be a policy maker...I get it. However, in this case if one is going to follow "the science" there should be no masks in public schools.</p> <p>First, there are numerous peer reviewed studies that demonstrate they're ineffective and there is zero risk to students. The chance of a student dying from CoVid is less than being struck by lightning.</p> <p>I would be happy to site them but will avoid the appearance of condescension. They are readily available. Please do your research.</p> <p>Second, my wife and I worked everyday though the pandemic. Staff needs to take reasonable precautions but if they feel they are at risk, don't work at the schools. There is a greater responsibility to our children, the next generation.. They can't get back these years.</p> <p>Third, the volume of nonverbal skills kids don't have the opportunity to learn when masked is monumental. Acknowledgment, approval, disapproval, etc....is devastating not to learn. And there is no way to make it up over time. As someone who has been in sales and politics, I can assure you nonverbal communication is an invaluable skill.</p> <p>Folks, this is intended to be concise. I value your time and your service.</p> <p>When a public mandate is imposed, it is almost always an ignorant decision...no matter the subject.</p> <p>Please, do NOT impose a mask mandate on our students and demonstrate that you are willing to ignore the existing science that is readily available. The CDC, the NIH and CGDPH are not credible on this and history will reflect that.</p> <p>This should not be on an agenda.</p> <p>I welcome any of you to contact me to visit about constructive public policy, the consequences of poor public policy or simply to have an exchange of views.</p> <p>Give me a call.</p>

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Ames, Monte	623 North Adams Avenue	Masking up should be a choice by the parent or student.
Davis, Stacey	1204 Ruby Ct Mason City , Iowa	I think it should be optional
OConnor, Don	12 Williamsburg Circle	Mask should NOT be mandated but if an adult or parent wants their child to wear one that is their call to make based on their health and medical doctors opinion. Everyone has the right to do what they feel is best for them when it comes to your own personal health decisions. I am fully vaccinated and believe everyone should be, but I will respect someone having a different feeling or opinion about vaccinations beliefs even if I disagree with them.
Donald Chipman	212 15th ST SE Mason City	Absolutely no masks for anybody. The CDC has changed their mind a half a dozen times. A year ago in March they said only wear a mask if you are ill with it and only for no more than 2 hours at a time. The facts are that a face mask will automatically raise your blood pressure as you are restricting the lungs from breathing normally. Raising your blood pressure causes oxidative stress that in turn will affect your body's functions. A child has 99.99% chance of total recovery. This has been verified right from the start. A healthy person in their 50's has a 99.50% of total recovery. This is all about control and has nothing to do with safety.
Ruth Miller Kahler	421 north Adams Ave Apt. A	There is a variant of covid going around.if there was a pandemic centuries ago and they were responsible enough to wear masks.we can be too.
O'Connor, Carol	12 Williamsburg Circle	This should be the parents decision. Everyone has a freedom of choice. Mandates are not a law. The Governor went through all the legal channels to make sure that people have a choice.
Hertzel, Paul	1432 East State Street	Please follow the recommendation of the current mitigation plan and require the wearing of masks. This recommendation is also supported by the CDC and nearly all medical staff at hospitals everywhere. It has been shown that children, in particular, are effective vectors since they can be carriers with little or no symptoms themselves. Since proper social distancing is difficult-to-impossible in the academic environment, it is imperative that masks be required to help minimize the aerial exchange of the virus.
Clark, Tammy	1812 S Taft Ave	If you are vaccinated (must show record) you can choose. Leave it how it is actually! Some students and even faculty can't wear them at all. If you are going to make 1 group wear them, they all need to wear them! No special treatment! What about the all the kids touching the desks, chairs,, door handles etc etc etc they touch through out the day? The water fountains!!!!Teachers going to have time to clean those, between classes???Not up to the kids to clean that before they leave for next class. Want them all to wear gloves also? if it's mandated. Get ready for online to go back up with students doing that!!
McCormick, Shelby	Mason city	Please do not enforce a mask mandate. Parents need to be able to decide what is best for their own child based on health needs, learning ability and mental health. How many students are currently wearing masks in our schools? This will show u how many want them. The majority want t breath freely and see each other's faces. If someone is sooooo concerned they Shld keep their child home, not force EVERYONE else to mask.
Kelly, Katie	15 N Ohio Ave	It is necessary to mandate masks if you want to keep the school open and keep the public safe. It's an embarrassment that our state banned mask mandates in the first place, and this is your opportunity to right some wrongs. Numbers are climbing, kids are getting sick, and you have it within your power to save lives. Please do the right thing.

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Gannett, John	2166 Springview Drive	Significant mediations are building ventilation, hepa filters, distancing and scheduling and they are important. The most important mediation, vaccination will not be available for months for children younger than 11. During those months, masking of students and staff could provide some measure of protection for them and for their families. I am not interested in permanent political solutions from any corner, but I am interested in us loving our children.
Gray, Tonya	15739 310TH ST	You are in a no win situation and will cause much anger no matter what you do. You started the school year without masks. If the hospital can handle the cases, one option is to not change anything. The goal is to prevent hospitalization and deaths. Kids are still generally doing ok with the illness and it's the adults who are being hospitalized and dying. All these adults can be vaccinated. Rarely (and I've never seen it) is there a reason someone over age 12 cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination is very effective in preventing deaths and hospitalization. For children, COVID isn't that much more dangerous to the immunosuppressed than RSV, whooping cough, pneumonia, influenza, etc so then you'd have to argue why we aren't always wearing masks to protect that group. However, you must pay close attention to this in case children start having more problems with the virus or a future variant. I think one whole school year last year with masks (save one week) has resulted in no tolerance to return to mask use and enforcement may be more of a pain than it's worth, distracting from education, etc. We are already behind, especially at Mason City. There is no doubt that masks help prevent the spread. Again, no win situation. Keep in touch with those in charge of the hospital and ER and be willing to change recommendations as data changes. Soon those ages 6 and up can be vaccinated and then I think mask mandates will be tougher to justify. Mask use is always an option and online school is an option for those with concerns (not ideal options, but options nonetheless). The focus should be on getting people vaccinated. Good luck. I don't wish to have my name out there with any recommendations because of bullying and threats to myself and my family, unfortunately. Thank you for honoring that. I know my opinion is not fully for or against but maybe it helps to realize even for medical professionals, there are pros and cons to consider. At this time, I don't think you can make a "wrong" decision, but you must watch things closely. Things change quickly and frequently.
Wilmarth	1421 North Hampshire Ave	I think they shouldn't be required, we can't keep putting face mask on, because I think our body's will get weak to fight any virus they get, also think that wearing a mask makes, us get sick faster and makes our immune system become weak. Not everyone likes to wear masks all the time, so I think it should not be required or mandatory, just leave it the way it is. I will find some way to keep my kids from putting on those masks again! I'm against this 100%!!!!
Milbrath	1122 2nd St.SW.	It's the least we can do to protect everyone!

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Greenan Tricia	707 N Van Buren	As a parent who has 2 high risk children with in the school district, I feel as if mandatory mask wearing by students and staff would be the best thing for our families and community. I understand some people think that masks don't work and that's their opinion but as a parent who just got done watching there child suffer for a week straight with a viral infection(thank god not covid) that included a sore throat, plugged sinuses, a fever of 103 for multiple days, and a terrible cough I honestly feel like masks would of possibly helped my child.It took me 2 days to have my child seen by a doctor because they are so full. Our hospitals are becoming overwhelmed and the children's hospitals in Iowa are the worst they have ever been! Let's face it children are not mature yet, I have heard the stories of kids coughing in others faces and saying such things like they wiped spit on people's lockers because they don't like them and hope they get covid and die Not only is that sad and disgusting but that's also scary at a time like this. I battled sending my child in person instead of online this year even knowing that in the classroom is the best place to learn and be around peers but let's face it, they are not as safe as they could be at this point in time in these buildings. Voluntary mask wearing is not effective because we all know that the ones trying to be safe and wear a mask are being made fun of for it because they have a mask on when no one else does. Please do the right thing MCCSD and mandate mask wearing to make our children safer with in "their safe places". Don't forget cold and flu season is almost here! Thank you!
Rockwell Shawn	122 South Monroe Ave	I think everybody should have the choice whether or not they'd like to wear a mask. Personally i won't go places that require them if i can avoid it. I think masks are a cheap way government can try to control us. Joe Biden needs to be IMPEACHED!
Rockwell Shawn	122 South Monroe Ave	Everybody should have their own choice whether or not to wear them. Me personally, i hate wearing them and avoid places that require them. Masks are just a cheap excuse for government to try and control our every move. Impeach Joe Biden!!
Albrecht, Michael	13343 OLIVE AVE	I am opposed to a mask mandate for my child. I believe that families should make this choice themselves. Parents that choose to have their child wear a mask should be allowed to do so. Parents that choose to have their child not wear a mask should also be allowed to do so.
Elsbury melinda	15860 310th st	I feel it should be a choice, we have continued to live in fear and instead of moving forward we keep taking steps backwards. In a country of freedom and choice has turned into not so much of freedom of choice I am against mandatory mask I stand behind our govoner of this amazing state
Abendroth, Scott	1541 N Madison Ave	My student has already been vaccinated and will continue to get boosters when they are available. However, I'm sure many students have not been vaccinated for whatever reasons. I still think that wearing a mask should be required and is a small price to pay for helping to prevent the spread of Covid and keeping our students safe. Please make wearing a mask a mandate. Thank you, Scott Abendroth.
Coronado Rudy	1161 Eastmoor Dr	What changed from 2020 to now . We wore masked to protect everyone. It's not getting any better out there. Nobody knows from right to wrong. I say wear them. I have to for Mercy one. . Our kids are suffering.
Lewerke Becky	3 Sumac	No masks-they should be optional
Wagner, Robin	1640 HILLCREST DR	Thank you so much. With our student that is not able to get her vaccination yet, this is a safeguard for her and for us at home. This will prevent a shut down and home schooling again. Please protect all of us.

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Brincks, Pam	811 N. VanBuren Ave, Mason City, Ia 50401	I think we should go back to having mandatory masks at school for many reasons. One reason being there is such a shortage of teacher/staff substitutes. Last yr there were classrooms that had to double up because there were no teacher subs. Another reason is there are quite a few students & staff with compromised immune systems or that are high risk for getting the virus. Not to mention how much reports have shown that wearing masks slows the spread of covid. It would help so students & staff wouldn't need to quarantine as much. I just think it is what we need to do in order to keep schools open like we all want & to keep our students safe.
Chris Crom	3, Briarstone Ct	Wearing a mask should be an individual's choice. We have the option to get vaccinated and we have the option for our children to participate in online classes. Let's keep masks an option too.
Coronado Jennifer	1161 Eastmoor Drive	Since when did we stop listening to the CDC, we're a community-protecting each other, listening to values, morals and ethics- always striving to be the perfect role models for the wee littles to showing utmost respect for our elders-why should that change ?we need to continue to lead by example and follow simple guidelines and instructions
Heimbuch Melissa	32 11th St NE	My son wears his mask to school most days because he wants to, it is his choice. But also he knows I have to wear one to work .
Redfern Rob	1250 N Taft Ave	I'm not sure why this is even brought up as people can wear masks. So to do what is right would be to allow individuals continue to decide on there own.
Sjostrand Emma	1432 1/2 N Washington Ave	Yeah they should have to wear them because kids are dying, thats not cool.
Rollene, Amy	419 Main St, Kensett Iowa 50448	My thought is that masks should not be mandated in schools. The vaccine is available for those at a higher risk and individuals have made their choice whether to get it or not by this point. It should continue to be an option for staff and students alike, whether they will choose to wear masks or not. Our future will exist with Covid-19 and variants of the virus and we can not mandate society to keep completely safe as we judge for others what safe is. At this point, people have a right to make a personal choice and they will have to live with their choice; vaccinate or not, mask or not. If masks truly keep one safe from the virus, then people can choose to wear one if they feel the need to do so (in order to remain safe from the virus). However, every person should not be mandated to make this personal choice. As a classroom teacher, I have built a safe learning community for every individual to make a personal choice on a daily basis- mask or no mask. Nobody judges others for wearing one and those who choose not to wear one aren't judged either.
Trainer jeff	1121 limestone drive	No mask mandate!! Please let parents decide for their children.
Hanig, Bria	671 1st St SE	I think masks are still necessary now. My son is part of the virtual academy, a wonderful option... though I know some students thrive being IN school. I think it's the right protection for students and staff at this time.
Kory Cole	15501 Nettle Ave Mason City IA	No
Hinson, Brent	1234 Moonstone Ct	Require them.
Grafton, Heidi	19066 280th ST	I feel masks should be mandated at school
Eleria Saldana, Sara	1601 9th st SE apt E3	For all staff and students wear masks.

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Graves, Elizabeth	825 8th st se	I think students should go back to wearing masks. Especially 12 and younger that can't get the vaccine. I'd feel a lot safer sending my son to school. I feel right now that I can make him wear one but the minute he walks in the door and sees other not wearing one he'd take it off. I don't know, I just feel everyone needs to go back to wearing one to protect each other. I came very close to losing him last year due to a head injury and I want to keep him as safe as I possible can. Thank you for all you do for our children!
Bry	1130 15th st SE mason city ia	A mask mandate is a lot cheaper and detrimental to learning than going 100% online or having your students in the ICU or dead.
Reid, William	941 8th St SE	My student is fully vaccinated, and will be wearing a mask throughout the school year. We understand that masks reduce the amount of infectious aerosolized respiratory droplets that are shed. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-020-0843-2 We believe in science.
Hunter, Adam	647 E STATE ST	Mask should remain optional and not required. Please.
Prestholt dawn	415 14th st nw	I do not agree with the need for masks at this time for the students. They have already been in the classroom without them this amount of time what's the point! Is the school willing to supply these masks?
Smith jackie	722 south Mississippi ave	Mask mandate would keep everyone safe.
Smith, Andy	1303 8th Street SE	Masks should NOT be required. This appears to be the consensus based on how many students/staff are currently NOT wearing masks in school now!
Hackett Jason	2350 12th ne Mason city	Absolutely not!!! No, never.
Cooling, Lori	30 Granite CT SE	I feel we should follow the medical personnel. If you look at the state of our hospital and the number of cases and deaths, it is alarming. Our numbers are much higher this year in our buildings with students and staff. I feel this is directly related to not wearing masks. Yes we should mandate masks.
Kamm, carrie	348 Meadow Lane	Should not be required. Optional only.
Blake Sheila	917 7th st se mason city	Masks need to be worn due to kids being positive
Decker, tyler	1144 1st St Se	No masks, they do not belong in the classroom. Last year was hard enough when the kids can't see each others faces and socialize. My son dealt with a lot more bullying last year than he ever has in the past. This year he has been happy to go to school everyday and make friends. It's my families job to vaccinate and make good choices at home so he can go to school where he can learn his studies and develop socially. This responsibility should not fall on our children.
maynes, chris	636 8th st ne	Mask should be required
Kloster, Heather	814 8th St SE Mason City	No Mandate - let them decide and it be optional
Mariner, Alex	1470 3rd St SE	Parents should get the choice of whether or not their child wears a mask. We will look into other options of schooling if our children are mandated to wear a mask. Keep voluntary mask wearing by students and staff.

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Cynthia Connelly	2615 S. Monroe Ave.	I strongly feel the parents and employees should have a choice as to whether or not they want to wear a mask. There is no one saying they can not wear a mask, so they have that right. No one should be forced to do so. Also, as a parent of a child with a speech IEP, forcing him to wear a mask significantly hinders his communication skills. Last year he did not talk at all while wearing the mask, and his teachers and speech therapist have agreed he works on his speech openly while not wearing a mask.
Nielson, Christine	1109 12th St. NW	I'm for mask at school.
Huey, Doug	927 N. Tyler	NO to mask mandate
Johnson, Tamara	29 South Illinois Avenue	I feel it should be a personal choice for a few reasons. 1. I had many students who would not wear their masks appropriately in the past. They would break them so they would either have to go get a new one or I had to have extra on hand. 2. The minute students leave the building, most of them remove their masks and are around others. There are too many other places for students to be exposed where masks are not mandatory. 3. Those of us that want to wear masks already do.
Lenz, Brianna	1601 6th pl se apt 5a	I don't think mask should be mandated, it's not fair that all these little students have to go almost 8 hours with a face mask on. With some of them having breathing problems, masks are hard enough to breathe. Teachers shouldn't have to wear masks either because it is hard to talk and understand in them so just imagine teaching in them.
Swegle, John	833 1st St NW	This is a public health issue. As such, I strongly encourage the Board to follow recommendations from the CDC and IDPH. The Cerro Gordo Department of Public Health should also be involved for regional recommendations.
Peters, Melissa	1141 Eastmoor Drive	I think we should continue with voluntary mask wearing.
Romero, Stephanie	93 Mission Drive	I don't mind the masks. You have to do what you have to do to keep the children safe. As long as we don't go into requiring the vaccine, that's all that matters to me. I'd rather have the masks than force the vaccine.
Thenhaus, Michele	423 6th SE	If it will help, wear them!!!!
Leonard Reeves, Lori	1302 N Virginia Ave	No, they should not be required.
Lofing, Brianna	2004 south Madison Avenue	No masks. Use common sense.
Lindsay, Linda	21215 295th St	I am strongly against wearing masks. I think schools should continue to sanitize furniture and electronics, wash hands often, and remind students and adults to use common sense. Here are some reasons why I feel this way: 1. Depletes our oxygen levels 2. Decreases our immune system 3. Gives me a headache 4. Disgusting- students chew on them, they get soggy and wet, many won't take a new mask.
Petersen, Anne	13 Sumac Road	I think we should require that all students, faculty and staff wear masks while in the school building.
Brunner, Adam	110 S OHIO AVE	For the safety of everyone we unfortunately need to mask back up. I work for Cargill in MC. We are masked up again. I hate it, but I do it for the "Greater Good." Please keep my daughters safe. It means everything to me! Thank you.

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Smith, Mary	46 Winnebago Court Mason City	Leave the mask OFF! Children had mask off all summer and when they leave the school property. Don't feed into the fear and bullying. It was wonderful to here my children say, " There is a lunch room, a playground and we can hear the teacher. ". If a parent feels their child needs a mask put it on tell them to wear it YOU ARE the parent take of your child and let the parents take care of their children. Please don't feed into the bullying of a given group of people.
Retterath bill	547 9th st se	You want to have cloth mask that do not stop the virus, then again you do not follow CDC guidelines for covid exposure. This makes no sense to me!
Sanchez-Gannett, Grace	732 9TH ST NE	Make them required!
Stark, Angela	23374 Tulip Ave	Students, employees and visitors should continue to have the option whether to were a mask or not.
Tina Riser	103 Cherry Street	I am strongly against wearing a mask. There are natural ways you can build your immune system instead of wearing a mask that lowers your oxygen levels and hinders you from building your immune system. Wearing a mask gives me a headache, I see them laying all over the place, the kids chew on them then they are all wet, and the kids refuse to replace them. We are proactive by disinfecting our room at the end of each day. Which involves spraying off the desk, chairs, tables, door handles, drawer pulls and wiping down the students computers. I know when I received my iPad and keyboard back for this year it was disgustingly dirty. Seems like common sense to clean things up and build your immune system.
Haugebak, Valerie	315 6th Street SW	I think wearing a mask should be a personal choice.
Pansegrau Matt	1215 10th ST SE MC	Students and staff are doing there part to keep everyone safe the way they see fit. lets keep it optional.

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Levingston, Rose	1421 N Madison Ave	<p>Hello. I hope this finds you all well. I'm also hoping this really isn't all for nothing as what I have to say only seems, at best, fair and realistic to everyday life of a disabled house hold. I am a single mother. Typical, maybe now a days, but I also have been battling different chronic illnesses for years now.. my children are all school aged here in town and two of them are off ASD with all three on the spectrum. The beginning of August I was hospitalized for a week at Mayo Clinic and came home with a picc line in my arm and strict instructions and knowledge of the risks of picking up illnesses and what that would look like for me. My three children are now doing virtual academy online learning without Paras or the help, help that may be actually needed to ensure that they have the opportunity to learn and receive the education the way they deserve too.. As a single parent I can try my best but as a 36 yr old who graduated almost two decades ago my level of new understanding is also tough. No way am I said but times have changed so much. My children would not want to wear a mask being the only ones and would cause great conflict at home and school. Yet they are known to be more seceptable to illness. Now they're more seceptable to being those children that we created the No child left behind act, for so that no child was left behind. If a mask, a simple mask is the way to help ensure safety for our children, our community, our schools, our parents, our families then why is it such a big deal to take a minute and strap them on? It's ignorance at its finest and discrimination almost to the core. We need to realize that we are a diverse community. We live in a real world where death, illness, and disability exists. Bullying exists. Without a child being singled out by a mask. I can't imagine the increase that would bring. I love my children and just want their safety a priority, as well as their education. I get this is America, land of the free n the brave, freely to make their own choices. Not being told we have to mask up.. But then again could we try n be BRAVE enough too?</p>
Bottorff, Linda	1801 S Virginia	<p>My husband and I are former educators. Please require masks for all students and staff because health and safety should our foremost concerns. Your decision will impact our community greatly.</p>
Cornick, Jim	23 12th St. S.E.	<p>For the safety of all, and to hopefully maintain as normal a school year as possible, I highly recommend requiring all people in the MCCSD's buidings to wear masks. Thanks for responding quickly to this change. jimc</p>
Tina Meyer	103 Cherry Street	<p>I am strongly against wearing a mask. There are many ways to build your immune system to help prevent you from getting sick. Wearing a mask depletes your oxygen level which results in giving me a headache the entire time I'm wearing the mask. Are we required to burn all these toxic masks that we wear? No, I see masks laying all over the place, kids chew on them while they are wearing them resulting in the mask being wet with saliva and the kids do not want to replace them with a dry mask. We are proactive in our classroom by disinfecting every night after the students go home. We spray off desks, chairs, tables, electronics, door handles, drawer pulls, bean bags and counters. I know when I received my iPad and keyboard back this year it was disgustingly dirty, so I disinfected it. I believe we need to stop promoting fear in everyone and use common sense.</p>
Olsen, amber	1770 springview drive	<p>Support mask mandate at school and events.</p>
Mussman, Aimee	417 23rd St SW	<p>I would like my children to wear a mask while in class.</p>
Dunbar, Emily	2655 S Benjamin Ave	<p>Masks should be required. Data clearly shows rates have skyrocketed since school began. It's a simple, easy act of kindness that can help children stay in school and learn!</p>

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Paulino, Rolando	151 7th St SW, Mason City, Iowa	Since COVID virus is still prevalent and vaccine alone does not guarantee a 100% protection. Wearing of mask in school should still be a MUST.. This way spreading of the virus is somewhat controlled and this gives us a sense of assurance since our children are staying longer in school.
Zirbel Kurt	1048 maple drive Mason City Ia	So far masks haven't seemed very effective. I am also not a big fan of of circumventing our state laws, passed by duly elected officials. Most of the research I've read doesn't look like masks prevent the spread of COVID. So I am a solid NO vote for mask mandates.
Pike, Lindsey	5 Fairmeadow Ct, Mason City	I think children under 12 should be mandated to wear masks. I think children 12 and older than have received the vaccine should not be mandated to wear masks. Therefore, those 12 and older than have not been vaccinated should be mandated to wear masks.
Peters, kyle	P.O. Box 8871	Please require masks in school buildings at least until children can be vaccinated, thank you
Jones, Lee	313 N. Hampshire Ave. Mason City, IA	My grandson got Covid @ Hoover. The science says masks work. Do your job and protect our teachers, students, bus drivers, cooks and janitors. Mask mandates work.
McLaughlin, Lacey	1635 N President Ave	I would like masks to be required. My son missed the entire 2nd week of school because he was so sick. He also missed again this week because he had a fever over 100. I believe masks will help keep him and his classmates healthier. Thank you
Luttrell, Craig	419 20th Pl. SW	<p>First, let me express my thanks to all of you for your service. These are difficult times, which unfortunately has not brought out the best in people and I would imagine all of you have and continue to face much of the misplaced hostility. As a parent of two children at Roosevelt, I send my children to school wearing a mask every day. I recognize that this likely does little good since, according to most experts, at least, masks are really only effective if most people are wearing them. On the off chance it provides some protection, or at least protects other kids if our kids happen to be sick, we choose to have our children wear a mask. This is not a political issue for us; rather, we view it as a simple way for us to try and help out.</p> <p>I have not read anything that leads me to believe that masking a majority of children and adults has detrimental effects, other than a handful of articles published by people who have already predetermined that their understanding of "personal liberty" is more important than anything else. I can find a "scientist" on the internet or media channel of my choice who will confirm my view that the world is flat if I want my bias confirmed.</p> <p>I know you all are in a tough spot and my wife and I will support you regardless. I certainly wouldn't want to receive hate mail and, frankly, most hostility in this regard is most prevalent in the anti-masking population, which is prevalent in our community. In our opinion, however, following the guidance of the majority of experts on requiring masks in schools is the most just, reasonable, and compassionate choice, especially for populations in which vaccination is not possible. Thank you for your consideration and for your service.</p> <p>Sincerely, Craig Luttrell</p>

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Brueggeman, Tara	1050 3rd St NW	I would ask you to consider the guidance put forth by CG Public Health, Iowa Public Health, the CDC, as well as the wishes of your teachers and staff when making your decision. I also just wanted to say thank you for your service to our community. I am sure this has been a difficult year and while it's impossible to make everyone happy I know that you all are working to do what's in the best interest of our students, staff members, and community.
Mull,debbrah	104 s. Monroe	I think it should be required but I also feel they should be made to quarantine as well and I think more extreme precautions should be taken as the masks on prevent us from giving it not getting it and seeing as its effecting children more this time around anything we can do the better KEEP OUR BABIES SAFE!
Clark, Casey	323 7th St SE	It should be left up to the individual families
Chris Broers	13 N. AdamsN/A	Masks should not be required. If you want you wear it. But don't force others to wear one. It's not right period. Is this even America anymore? Health care is about family choices. Not for a school board to figure out.
Awe, christina	433 1st st ne	With numbers high we should be masking up.
Carr, Ryan	1423 N Carolina Pl Mason City, IA 50401	Requiring children to wear masks for 3-8 hours a day is child abuse. The cloth masks become dirty and cause the wearer to inhale more bacteria and less fresh air as the day progresses. There is also a disconnect when you are unable to see facial expressions of your peers and faculty. The amount of mental and emotional damage that has/will cause has yet to be seen, but I worry about that aspect as well. Exposure to viruses and bacteria is essential for building a strong immune system. We have become a society that wants to convince people they are victims and need to be protected by some governing body. This will also lead us to a dark place as seen many times in our short history on this planet. I am by no means an expert on anything, but true liberty is being able to make your own decisions about what directly effects you as an individual. We seem to think that one size fits all, but that is not the case. If people wish to wear a mask, let them. I personally will not force it on my children. If the school board decides that these mandates are necessary then I will take my children out of the Mason City school district. We are over a year and a half into this and there is no end game. People who are afraid or immune compromised should take steps to protect themselves, not force everyone else to surrender their liberties. I hope the district will see the greater picture and arrive at a conclusion that promotes individual choice over biased and unethical practices.
Manson,Cameron	30 Concord Ln	I believe this decision should be up to parents. I have no problem with parents who want their kids to wear masks. We have chosen not to mask our kids and they are much happier.
Anderson, Cher	2401 S Lakeview Ct	A true way to gauge where the students/their parents and teachers/staff stand on this issue is to look around the classrooms/halls, currently, while it is optional. Actions speak louder than words.
Annette Clay	405 East Jerusalem St	I think it should be up to the individual person if they want to wear a mask or not.
Nathan Hunt	205 South Tennessee Place	Don't mandate the masks for our children. Instead teach them proper hygiene, proper handwriting techniques, and the proper precautions of germs to them. Teach them about blood bourne and air bourne pathogens and how to prevent from getting sick. Your number of sick days will drop in all the schools. Covid related or not.
Meyer, Jamie	4333 260th St	My thoughts are that we should continue with our current recommendation. I believe it should be a choice.

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Barnish, Marcia	698 14th St. S.E.	Very few are wearing masks when I drop off or pick up my grandchildren and the covid count is increasing in school age children, mask should be required!
Zirbel,Renee	1048 Maple Drive	I am in total opposition to a mask mandate. I believe it would set a precedent for other mandates. People can make informed , judicious decisions for themselves and their families about when and where they want or need to wear a mask. I am not opposed to masks- I am just very skeptical and cautious about mandates.
Winter, kyle	655 East State Street	Use the facts, there is no massive COVID outbreak in the schools, it would have happened already coming back from summer break! The mandate will be overturned anyway, just like in Florida! Let us get back to normal. Thank you. No masks.
March, Evangelia	415 1st Street SE, Mason City, IA	There is a great benefit (from a psychological point of view) for the kids to attend school without a mask, and understand teachers' and peers' facial expressions. The face is the most expressive part of our body and covering it, covers a great deal of social expression.
Sberal, Staci	404 22nd St SE	Since my children are too young to be vaccinated I would comply with a mask mandate to protect my children and other kids from Covid, and help prevent spreading it.
Askildson Mary	615 North Pennsylvania Avenue	This is a double edged sword. If kids don't wear masks , they could get sick. If they do wear masks , they can still get sick. My son has had the shots , but the medical community is saying people with shots can still get sick. My granddaughter has a heart disease and wearing a mask around her, just might save her life until she gets her heart transplant. Bottom line - I am for wearing face masks in school. If not for yourself, how about for others.
Rezendes, Jenna	213 S Kentucky Ave , Mason City, IA	Choice - it is our right as parents to choose what we feel is best for our own children. Let the family decide what is best for their child. If a parent feels more safe to have their child wear a mask to school , they should be allowed to choose that for their own family. If a parent feels best not to have their child wear a mask, they should be allowed to choose that. There should be no condemnation to mask or not to mask . To force it...now that is not ok. Please allow the families to decide what is best for their own.
Tedder, Bill	217 2nd St SE	Absolutely it should be a requirement
Hudson, Kathy	516 15th St SE	I think that individuals should be able to have The Choice of wearing a mask or not wearing a mask. If the adults want to wear the masks they are responsible enough to make that choice. I have had my covid shot and I know that if I have a cold or a cough I should cover to protect others.
Stalker Tom	2309 4th se	I don't want to have a mask mandate

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McKelvey, Brandon	105 11th ST NE	<p>The school board has no right to mandate masks! America has always been a place of freedom and liberty, which includes letting people make their own personal health decisions. This decision to wear a mask or to not wear a mask belongs to the parents, or the students themselves. The mask mandate ban did not stop people from wearing masks, it stopped people from being forced to wear masks. Additionally, there are vaccines that reduce the seriousness of sickness if a vaccinated person gets COVID. COVID is not a serious issue for school age children. According to CDC statistics, the infection fatality rate for 0-19-year-olds is 0.00003%, which means that 99.997% of 0-19-year-olds who get COVID survive. For this age group, it may be better to get full-strength COVID so they will build full immunity to it, rather than get vaccinated and get a breakthrough infection like many vaccinated people have. One final thought I will leave you with is that risk is part of life. Children have a higher fatality rate from unintentional injuries (motor vehicle accidents, drowning, poisoning) than they do from COVID, yet we still allow them to drive and swim. Children also have a higher fatality rate from suicide than COVID. The mental health aspect of being forced to wear a mask, not go to school for a year, and social distance from their friends has had a significant mental health impact on students that has not been addressed, and this mask mandate being debated would only cause more havoc on students' already impacted mental health. Look around and see how many students and parents are wearing masks. The people are tired of being told how to live their lives and make their health decisions. If a mask mandate is enacted, there will no doubt be efforts to remove members of the school board who let it pass.</p>
Angel, Nathan	803 11th st ne	Although I believe masks should be encouraged I dont think they should be required.
Thomas,Carter	4 Twin Oak Lane	I think it is a bad idea. I don't know the percentage but many students are vaccinated and we have not worn masks the first month of school. No covid breakouts either. It would be unlogical to start requiring masks now.
Billings, Brandon	1126 1st ST SE	You have no right to decide on masks for my children. It is my duty as a parent to decide.
Rezendes, Brian	213 S. Kentucky Ave	Masks should be optional and not mandatory. The decision can and should be made by parents.
Van Steenhuyse, Virginia	904 6th Street SE	I do not think you should require masks.
Giere, Jesse	243 14th st se mason city	It should be left up to the parents to decide what is best for their children.
Rahm, Linda	908 N Hampshire Ave, Mason City, IA	<p>Masks should NOT be forced on children or adults. No one is telling people their children can't wear a mask. Masks do more harm than good. They do not fit properly, kids & adults are constantly adjusting & touching them. Set it down & it's contaminated. Touch it & touch your eyes with contaminated hands. They turn warm & damp & harbor bad bacteria & cause sore throats etc... They cause headaches, worsened acne & make it very difficult to communicate clearly. Masks impede social interaction. So many kids come from neglect & abuse. These children need to see smiles & see the acceptance & reinforcement shown on a teacher's or friend's face. Research the work of an environmental or industrial hygienist. Teach how to build natural immunity. Do not force politics on innocent children.</p>
Thompson, Nicole	815 N Washington ave	I think it should be a choice. They should not be mandated.

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Beyer, Alexis	609 3rd Street NE; Mason City, IA 50401	<p>There is not and can not be social distancing with the current building pop. sizes. If covid numbers are so high that the school is doing a disfavor to everyone whom attends and/or knowingly allowing any kind of communicable diseases within the school pop.(not just student pop.) to be spread(this knowledge can not denied, IT IS KNOWN; personal health related questions are asked when student absence(s) occur; especially when "sick")...</p> <p>I feel masks should be required for safety and wellbeing when common-sense issues are known. My 2 boys whom are in attendance, have serious asthma and allergies issues. With that being known, their safety, which includes their own (personal) health wellbeing; is in fact the MCCSD's liability when they are placed in their buildings care.</p> <p>Outside of school functions and instructions; parental caretaking is then on the parents/caretakers. If neglectful parents do not take measures to keep their children home when symptom showing(fever, body aches, etc.) within a 24 hr period and out of school than it is the schools' teachers, paras, principals, school nurses' and the alike's duty to recognize a child that is ill and have them sent home.</p> <p>It is absolutely undeniably neglect on an employee hands if they see a child sick and do nothing to prevent any possible and likely spread of the said sickness further into the pop. (employees are bound to protect).</p> <p>I do not send my children to school to be harmed and for a better word; abused. IT IS abuse to knowingly and continually put unhealthy/communicable bodies in rooms with healthy/well(un-ill) bodies. So much could be prevented and be so less scary, if only proper hand-washing and caretaking was consistently taking place. But that is unrealistic for so many reasons within this pop. as a whole.</p> <p>My boys deserve the right to be able to breathe freely, with their right to wear a mask if needed or wanted(a sole decision for any reason foreseen or unforeseen). But, also, they should also have the choice to remove their mask if their breathing/allergy issues are making their daily waking hours overwhelming and unmanageable with their mask on without worry.</p> <p>My children and all children need and have the right to be cared for without neglectful and lazy staffing issues being ignored.</p> <p>IT IS THE MCCSD's RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY no doubt. Step it up. Observe and address. Teach with morals, and refresh ethics for the better of the district. It's not just a building its a home away from home(with the many hours spent inside each day), where rules need to be applied and enforced within sound reason.</p> <p>P.S.</p> <p>NOTE: JAMS bathrooms are lacking SOAP, not for lack of supplies, but because vandalism is not being addressed.</p> <p>There is also the issue of daily fighting(hands, feet, objects, bodies being used) on others by a few individuals or groups of tweens/teens.</p> <p>Widely known to all; NOT being addressed and NOT being reprimanded with ISS or OSS nor expulsion. These are DAILY happenings. NOT REPORTED. NOT ADDRESSED.</p> <p>Besides the animal tails("furry's"), baseball caps/hats, and stuffed animals being allowed for no known medical disability or need(IEP) of an individual. Is there no control or order? Is there not rules addressing unnecessary items? A dress code? Or the utmost important rule of school safety not being actively enforced??? What about weapon(s) hiding?? Not worried until something "mind-blowing bad," happens?? This is not the school district I went to. I am still a proud Mohawk Alum.</p> <p>I ask and I plead for CHANGES.</p> <p>For the WHOLE MCCSD; Students, Staff, and families or friends of the district.</p> <p>STOP wasting our youth at the district's hand.</p> <p>YOU HAVE THE POWER.</p> <p>IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.</p> <p>I will stand with YOU!</p>

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Smith , Daniel	1600 E Lake St Ventura IA	<p>I do not think mask mandates are necessary or beneficial at this point for John Adams Middle School. The vaccine is available for 12 yr old and older, meaning everyone in our school who wants a vaccine can get one and then those that do not are free to make the choices that they think are best for them. On top of that John Adams Has an online program so if there are those that are immune compromised or are still fearful that the vaccine doesn't protect well, they can choose to take advantage of that program. People have options that they can choose for what they think is best for themselves and their kids without having to force their others to choose the same. There are a number of safe options available.</p> <p>This is not about safety for our kids. According to the data that is out there there are few deaths for kids under the age of 18 due to covid. Especially with vaccines available, they are well protected and have no need to live in fear. Especially with options like online education that is available to them as well.</p> <p>On a personal note I am a new hire and I was hired with the understanding that it was illegal in the state of Iowa to require mandates above that of the state level. That was one of the reasons I went with John Adams over the many other schools that were looking for teachers. I do not bring my political views into the classroom but keep them to myself. If John Adams Middle School decides to become tyrannical by implementing mandates that I believe are unconstitutional I will seek legal advice and seriously consider finding new employment. I like this area and would greatly like to remain here but I believe it is time for people to start making a stand against tyranny, and those that are supporting tyranny will have to deal with the consequences.</p>
Labby, Natalie	23 Asbury Place	<p>I think that if covid cases rise again, it would not be a bad idea to require staff and students to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.</p>
Ries, Victoria	610 S. Monroe Ct.	<p>I fully believe and support mandatory mask wearing. Schools and the public should be following the CDC guidelines. It is a schools responsibility to take protective measures to protect our children. Especially those with disabilities such as my son. This is nothing new. Taking parent/public, even board opinions will, i'm sure give you exactly that, opinion. The decision should be based on facts given by medical professionals. Please do the right thing even though it may not be popular by many and may be a tough decision to make. We ask our children to do this every day when confronted with peer pressure and struggles. Let's model this behavior.</p>
Hedegard, Nicole	1104 broad st	<p>I think it is time to mask up again. We have too many sick kids to continue on this way. I don't want to go online again.</p>
Neibauer, Michele	1016 N Jefferson Ave	<p>Yes. Students and teachers should be wearing masks in schools. Covid seems to be hitting children. 13 teachers died in Florida since school started. How our governor of Iowa can take a health pandemic and hold funds to schools if the mask mandate is not followed by the schools, seems to be illegal. This pandemic could be over now if we would have followed keeping masks longer and get vaccinated. What is the problem? I thought Americans cared about each other. Be kind.</p>
Hansen, Cynthia and Jay	2810 N. Carolina Ave	<p>Please follow the science, the recommendation from the CDC and Academy of Pediatrics to mandate masks in Mason City Public Schools for the safety of our children.</p>
Kramer, Russ	1206 Diamond Ct. MC	<p>I would support a mask mandate, however, I think it will be VERY difficult to enforce with students at the high school.</p>

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Bublitz, Chelsea	1306 North Madison Ave	<p>As a mother of 4, 3 are in public schools and my 4th is at a daycare facility. I think it should be a requirement. My son who is 5yrs old in Kindergarten at Roosevelt, had coronavirus and rsv when he was 2yrs old and was hospitalized before covid-19 was even here. He has been hospitalized 5 times all due to respiratory illnesses. Last year my job allowed me to work remotely for over a year, through all of last school year. I was able to keep him home most of his preschool year, did I want to? No. But I as his mother thought it was in his best interest to keep him home. The vaccines are not approved yet for children of his age or any of my children. I want to keep them safe, I know to many people that have passed away. As a mother who has held their 3 month old son in their arms while he was on a ventilator, I feel masks help protect them not only from covid but other illnesses as well. My two older girls had absolutely no issues or complaints last year wearing the masks. They didn't even get sick with the common colds last year, so I believe the masks and the extra precautions helped. Us as parents need to be their voice. I stand behind mask wearing.</p>
Berger, Stacy	816 S Maryland Ave	I feel all students and staff should mandatory wear a mask at this time.
Beyer, Robert	3397 St. Augustine Dr.; Mason City, IA 50401	<p>I do not believe that masks should be mandated for students and/or staff. When the vaccine first came out the CDC stated that this would protect the people that received the vaccine. My children (like most children) do not like to receive shots and start to hyperventilate just thinking of receiving a shot. My children that were eligible to receive the vaccine did because they didn't want to wear a mask anymore. I don't understand why people are trying to enforce masks on those who are vaccinated. What is the point of getting vaccinated if we still have to where masks? For those who do or are trying to enforce masks even to those who are vaccinated are basically stating that the vaccination is good whoever they don't believe that it is efficient (double sided sword). In the event that you do get COVID, the success rate of recovering is somewhere around 99%. Furthermore, the virus is smaller than the pores in the masks and can travel through the mask.</p> <p>I think it should be left up to each individual (in this case the parent). If parents are afraid of sending their kids to school without a mask mandate then they should take advantage of the on-line schooling. Most kids (and adults) don't even where the mask correctly. Back when there was a mask mandate, I would see people in stores walking around without their nose covered up or pulled down under their chin. I strongly disagree with enforcing a mask mandate and don't believe that it should be left up to a school board or people in the government. It should be a personal choice made by each individual based on information that is provided to them from whatever source they choose to read and agree with.</p>
Shayna	814 N Harrison Ave	<p>I was looking forward to a year that the kids weren't required to wear masks, which is why I sent my son back to school this year. It's absolutely disturbing to think that a mandate may put back in place. The parents should be able to decide if they want to have their child in a mask all day. There has been more harm than good on so many levels regarding masks and it really sickens me that the children are being thrown into this fiasco that is nothing other than fear and propaganda. Non of it makes any sense. I will be pulling my son out right quick if masks are mandated. Let them breathe without any restrictions! This is child abuse and I can't believe it's even up for discussion at this point.</p>

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Ries, Victoria	610 S. Monroe Ct.	I feel it's important to add after seeing disturbing social media posts from adults seeking to guide our youth. Please keep in mind...board members should only be added and/or considered when they have a history of being a positive role models and making decisions for children that are not based on opinion or political preference. Please consider the motivations of others, keep this about our kids. This seems simple to me, people are dying, getting sick, and we don't know what the future side effects of this will be. It is our responsibility as adults, professionals, and humans to do all we can to protect those who entrusted to us. Wearing masks is a little thing to ask. Its not the kids who struggle wearing masks, it's the parents. You are there to ensure our students safety.
Hohenfield Jamey	223 North Hampshire	I do not believe my child should be required to wear a mask at school as children make up a far lower rate of hospitalizations which is 2% said Gov Reynolds and also passed a law on masks. I feel there is no need to change the current way school started, you should be allowed choice for the children and masks. Recommending or encouraging the mask wearing sure, mandating masks no as the law states that she signed. Parent options are available for their families protection, lets all have a good year! Thank you
Spotts, Cathy	16906 Warbler Ave., Nora Springs, IA 50458	I think students & staff who have a weakened immune system should wear masks.
Coffey, Pam	68 River Heights Dr	I am a retired teacher from Washington, Iowa where I taught for over 20 years. Rules are important for staff and the student's safety! I believe it is better to error on the side of safety and mandate masks! When you are dealing with a public situation where we don't have 100% knowledge, of numbers and vaccinated individuals, why take a risks at this point, when something so simple could make a difference in helping prevent illness or loosing a precious life. THANK you for serving, taking time and consideration for our community! pam coffey
Mann Keith	1221 15th st SE Mason City, IA	I believe it should be up to the parents to reflect on the needs of their children and choose what is right for them. The school should not tell their students they must mask. Masking isn't subject to inappropriate attire. What may be right for one student may not be right for another.
Broadbent, Lindsay	2344 Ping Court, Mason City 50401	Masks should NOT be mandated by the district. It should be parent and student choice whether or not their child wears a mask. If others want to wear a mask, let them. It should not be forced upon everyone to follow this agenda.
Newell, Roxann	225 Woodbine Mason City	Keep it as it is! Those who wish may continue wearing masks and those who trust the vaccines and their own immune system typically do not. Keep it as individual CHOICE, not a requirement! Absolutely, our district should promote healthy habits like washing hands, social distancing if possible and sanitizing. At the elementary level for sure, kids' masks are filthy and more of a hazard than a help to keeping disease and sickness away. COVID is a virus and will always be around. It is something we as a society have to realize.
True, Aaron	928, 11th st ne	I believe that the wearing of masks should be voluntary for students and for staff. There should be no mandatory mask mandate.
Kellogg Billie	3310 9th SW Apt. 205	For all students and staff to be safe our schools need to mandate masks.

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Miller, Joselyn	912, 10th Street NE	I believe that masks should NOT be mandated in our school district because I believe that it is everyone's choice. If you want to wear a mask, then wear one. We students should not be forced to wear one because that is just another thing for teachers to hold over our heads. They would be more worried about the masks than teaching, as shown by last year. Also, if they are required then that means that we would have to wear them in band during rehearsals and concerts/marching band concerts. They are 100% useless when it comes to band because they have a hole in the middle of them. Whether they are double thick/folded over or not, there's still a hole in the middle of them which renders them useless. As shown by last years mask mandate as well, none of the athletes wear them. There was picture of our athletes in practice during the mandate and 90% of them weren't wearing their masks, or at least had them below their nose. I believe that if people wanted to wear them, they would wear them and they would wear them correctly. There is no need to mandate them while the option for people to wear them is there.
Andrea Wernimont	1111 S Illinois Ave	Should be parent/child choice but required if student has an exposure for the 10 day period after the exposure.
Yunek, Lisa	2130 Country Club Dr	Families should be free to choose. Those who want to wear a mask are free to do so. Studies by the CDC that I have seen show no difference in Covid rates before and after masking mandates.
Freeman, Ana	340 S Yorktown Pike	I appreciate that we have a choice regarding masks. In our building, we have a very very small percentage of staff and students wearing masks. I would say less than 3%. It appears the majority has chosen to not wear masks and it therefore doesn't make sense to mandate mask wearing against the will of the population. Those who want to wear masks are already wearing them. The other 97% do not want to wear them. As a teacher, it was extremely difficult to get students to keep masks on. They detested the masks and would challenge teachers, staff and administration. This in turn created a culture and climate in the schools that was negative and not conducive to learning. It is challenging to give a quality education when students or peers of your students are fighting the regulations they do not believe in. If we are being responsive than make a choice that reflects the decisions of the community. The community has already spoken by sending 97% of their students to school without a mask.
Junker, Curtis	1051 Meadowlake Drive	Mask should not be required for staff or students at any school building. Nor should any parent/grandparent be required to wear a mask either. They do not keep people from getting sick. The emotional damage done to children is far greater than the illness.
Farghum, Jim	24-south louisiana ave.	Most health and medical experts say masks work. The safety of students and teachers, as well as other employees who come in contact with them, should be the top priority. I do not trust a governor and legislature whose actions are influenced by politics alone. Outside influences at that. I believe you should mandate. Thanks for listening.
Eliason, William	1436 N Jefferson Ave.	if the students are allowed to choose their sex, they can choose to wear or not wear a mask.
Murphy, Kris	413 1st St. N	I believe mandating masks is the best policy for the safety of students and staff
Suby Connie	100 N Ohio Ave	All unvaccinated students need to be masked. It is what we need to stop the virus. Get onboard and save our children! Believe the science!

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Canedo, Rick	1217 Diamond Ct	No, let parents make decisions for their children. Sweden exists and is the control group to show masks don't work when you compare their results with every country that required mask mandates, as well as a recent study by the NIH: "There was no reduction in per-population daily mortality, hospital bed, ICU bed, or ventilator occupancy of COVID-19-positive patients attributable to the implementation of a mask-wearing mandate." Here's the link bit.ly/2Xre10U
Hargis, Stephanie	120 Four Winds Dr. Clear Lake, IA 50428	Seems like the right thing to do with the increase in cases and the challenges to social distance.
Ciavarelli, Jordan	70 Granada Drive Mason City, IA	I would prefer staff and children wear masks for everyone's protection. It worked the last year and could continue to work. I encourage my children to wear masks, but my 8 yr old is at an influential age and chooses not to wear a mask because "no one else does". This is concerning to me. I work in health care and feel strongly about minimizing the spread of contagious diseases/illnesses. Thank you.
Corell, Alyssa	1 Arrowwood	No mask mandate, please. Leave that personal decision to the parents.
Follmuth, Robert	10 Silver Lane, Mason City	It's very simple, when considering the increasing numbers of adults and children being infected and the overwhelming effect that is having on our health care systems, that mask wearing should be more than just encouraged. Many who are against a mask mandate maintain that they should have the right to decide what's best for their own children. While that is true most of the time, they are failing to admit that when THEIR child does not wear a mask, it takes away the right of other children's parents to protect the health of their own children; those children are being subjected to exposure of infected children who are NOT wearing a mask. Don't follow a governor. Follow the advice of medical experts.
Wann, Jan	113 21st St SE	As long as the virus is found in this state, the students and staff should wear masks inside. We should supply them if needed. 1400 cases/day and growing. There should be alternative remote schooling available for those who refuse or cannot wear a mask.
Cornick, Jeanne	23 12th St SE	I feel it's necessary to wear masks this year. It's proven fact that people vaccinated are not getting as sick or even not getting the virus. Thank you for addressing this issue & keeping our kids safe!!
Krein, Stacy	Mason City	THERE SHOULD BE NO MANDATORY MASK MANDATE!! As a parent I should be the one who decides whether or not my child wears a mask!!
Addis, Yvonne	276 Willowbrook Drive	I support a mask mandate for all students and staff. Why wouldn't anyone want to do all that we can to keep people safe and healthy? Iowa City made the right decision but only after many positives. My entire family in Iowa City is quarantined because of positives. One person in the Globe Gazette commented that being in school unmasked is safer than riding in a car to school. That's like saying - why bother to have seat belts, stop signs or speed limits? LET'S DO WHAT WE CAN!
Anderson, Lawrence	1038 15th street ne	Require the wearing of masks by all staff and student. Iowa is in the process of spiking hospital resource use.
Haas, Jeanne	4 Barberry Road	I am requesting no masks. I am aware of the emotional and physical harm they have caused to some students. They do not stop the spread of Covid. Science proves it.

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Hixson, Jody	1323 S Virginia Ave	PLEASE reinstate the mask mandate in our Mason City Schools. My young grandchildren have been wearing masks willingly and with ease since the Pandemic began. They appear to adapt better than most adults, truth to tell. To save their lives, and the lives of the older, susceptible persons around them, please require masks to be worn by all students to stop the spread of this virus. Only when we work together will our world become safer for all and normalcy will return as we all wish it to. Thank you.
Kies, Nancy	Rockford, Iowa	What can we agree on? Children will get sick, children MAY have lifelong affects from COVID. A child may die. What side of history do you want to be on? Gambling on the lives of children or maybe one day realizing that maybe masks were unnecessary. Please choose life.
Vigen, Julie	2 Woodshire Lane NE	I do not think that a mask mandate is needed in our district AT THIS TIME. The positive covid cases among staff and students is very low. What I do see in the high school building is staff and students being responsible when making a personal choice to mask or not. We have had colds going around our building and I have seen staff AND students make the choice to mask if they do not feel well or if they are around someone that has symptoms. The staff and students that I work with who have had cold symptoms have also gotten tested for covid and in all of those cases the test was negative. I firmly believe that the majority of the illness we are seeing is a cold and it is unnecessary to start requiring people to mask because of the common cold.
Lee, Camille	115 10th Street NW, Mason City, IA 50401	Masks should be mandated for wearing at the schools for the health of the students, employees, families and community members. Our children are our future, and they deserve every chance to be protected from illness, especially if they are going to be attending school in person. Wearing a mask and instituting safety measures are simple ways to help keep us all healthy. Thank you.
Lee, Tristyn	9 N Georgia, Mason City IA 50401	The high number of new cases in schools reinforces the need to have everyone wear masks. We need our kids to go to school, socialize and have a healthy learning expert with their friends, but not at the expense of their health. A mask mandate will at the very least allow most children to stay in school without the downside of high covid rates- possibly forcing us to go back to online only. If we want in person school, we need masks.
Lee, Dennis	115 10TH ST NW	I believe masks should be required for everyone at this time. COVID numbers in this area are rising and will likely get much worse if we take a lax approach to prevention. Science is taught in our schools, so why would we not embrace a mask mandate that has been scientifically shown to greatly reduce virus transmission? Would we discourage proper grammar from our students if incorrect grammar were politically popular?
Kris Gannett-Sanchez	823 11th Street NE	Schools should mandate masks for all students and staff. My daughter, my exhusband, and I got COVID last December. Isabel missed all of the month of December. I was assystematic but missed more than a week of work. Isabel's Dad went into the hospital and was on a ventilator for 2 1/2 weeks. I do not want to get COVID again. The Delta variant is even more cantagious than what we had
Carol Meyer	1442 N Rhode Island	I believe, for the safety of all in the community, teachers and students, in all grades should at least...be masked. Please do the right thing.

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Keeling, Kathy	1043 2nd NW	<p>Please mandate the masks...</p> <p>I don't even understand why it should be in question. Last year, the case numbers for children were very low. This is because children were at home, and then, in school, with masks and social distancing. Now the numbers are soaring, and it's fairly easy to see why. A variant more contagious and deadly, coupled with less action against it. It doesn't add up. I believe most school administrations would have required masks, had it not been for this governor prohibiting them, and the actions of the former president, causing people to make it a partisan type issue. This has become political, and it shouldn't be. This is a public health crisis, and our public health advisors make clear the steps that should be taken. Each student and member of your staff are only as safe as the most careless and flagrant child or parent. I know children who are wearing masks, every day, because their parents want to do everything they possibly can to protect them. Yet every day, at school, they are intimidated and taunted and harassed, by children who are not expected to be good citizens. This should not be acceptable. Your athletes wear football helmets. Why? Some of them may never take a hit to the head. But, you do it because you want to be as proactive as you can, to protect them. Being cautious against Covid 19 is far more important. The head injury isn't transmitted to other students. It isn't taken to other cities during extra-curricular activities. It isn't damaging folks at home, or spreading to the public. It makes no sense not to do everything we can to stop this deadly virus. This is not some far fetched possibility. This is real, existing danger. Masking, vaccinations, and social distancing follows the direction of the CDC. You are obligated to act in the best interest of your students, families and staff. You require many things of students in your district... this is no different, except for the fact that it's more vital, to more people, at this time. Our hospitals are begging us to vaccinate, mask, and distance, as they are overloaded with risk, yet a large part of this city has stopped being proactive, with no thought to the consequences, until, one day, it finally hits home. And no thought to others infected. And no thought to our overwhelmed doctors and nurses. Just today, I read about a twelve year old boy, waiting hours for a hospital bed, with an appendicitis, but the beds were full, and he wasn't deemed emergent enough, until his appendix burst. Please. Be a part of the solution. Lead, by example. Children don't fully understand, and are at the mercy of adults. Please act on their behalf.</p>
Clark, Carla	809 7th Ave. N. #201 Clear Lake IA 50428	I would prefer not to mask, but understand if we do and will by all means cooperate with any decision made.
Lee, Aimee	202 2nd St SE	I honestly don't know why this is even a question. Yes, masks should be worn in schools. Kids learn better in person and masks are one of the simplest tools in our tool kit to make this happen. Especially with kiddos who are not yet vaccinated. Our hospital is full and has limited resources, why would we dress those resources more by putting lots of people together unmasked? It is going to take small daily interventions and working together to get through this.
Peters Rylee	422 Prairie view QT	I would like to start of and say that a lot of students can't focus/learn with a mask on. Secondly, if people don't feel comfortable with there not being a mandate then they can do online or wear their mask. We shouldn't have to force it on everyone, it should be a choice. This is America and we should be able to choose if we wear one or not. Thank you
Read, linda	740 15th PI NE	Masks should be required in the classroom, especially for the kids too young to be vaccinated.

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tosel kathy sandyredeker@gmail.com	227 29th sw 51 Westview Dr.	I feel it's a good idea to help slow or stop the spread of the virus. masks are required on the buses so it makes sense to wear them in school where there's more student's. everyone makes it a big deal, but it's more the parent's and adults than the student's. the school board meetings are closed to people, so why not a mask mandate in the schools? this is very important to mask up before it get's way out of control and soon will be the flu season will be here too. mask up for every ones safety !! thank you. Yes
Meyer, Maria	2323 S Grover Ave	Requiring masks for students and staff is imperative. •Having that many people in an enclosed building every day, who are required to be there, no less, necessitates implementing any mitigation measures that are possible. The evidence via research, as well as observed outcomes over many decades in many eastern Asian countries, for the efficacy of masking as a crucial component of mitigating transmission of pathogens is irrefutable. •If querulous anti-mask parents insist on continuing their petulant crusade against caring for the health and wellbeing of others, particularly those most vulnerable to the life-altering deleterious effects of Covid-19, they can either take a lesson from the majority of children who adapt to masking with no problem, or they can make other arrangements for their education. •As an educational institution that, by its very nature, purveys and instills the skills and value of knowledge, discernment, source evaluation, and critical thinking, in addition to providing a safe learning environment, implementing a mask mandate is the sole reasonable course of action.
Murray, Denise	2224 24th S.W., Mason City	Masks have never been proven to stop the spread of covid. I believe research shows covering the faces of our kids is unhealthy, not only medically, socially but psychologically. Please don't make them cover their beautiful faces. Kids have enough to deal with. Don't give them one more thing. Those who want to wear one, let them. Don't force those who choose not to. Thank you!
Suby, Mark C.	100 North Ohio Ave	The vaccine has been proven to mitigate this virus. Even if we all wear masks, get vaccinated and are cautious at what we do, it will take some time to rid the world wide population of this pandemic. Climate change will continue to foster more diseases and if do not continue to address them in a sensible way that spells trouble for the entire world population
Peterson, Christine	829 14th St SE	I would prefer for masks to be required. I will continue to wear a mask while in the classroom. This is not the type of mandate that should be left up to voters and residents. The leadership has the most accurate and up to date information, and I would like to see a decision based on the best science.
Garner Dylan	812 N Monroe Ave	I do not support a mask mandate. People are supposed to have the right to make their own decisions. The reasons one may choose to wear one, or not to, is completely irrelevant.
Culbertson, Judy	Mason City, Iowa	It should be optional; no one should be forced or coerced into wearing a mask.
Reisdorfer, Matt	735 Hemlock Court	I support Mason City CSD implementing a mask mandate
March, Fr. Nicholas	415 1st St SE	I am against a mask mandate. The face is the reflector of our shared humanity. It is what visualizes for others our personhood. To continually mask children and teachers against their will dehumanizes them and turns them into objects in the minds of onlookers.

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Mason, Alison	81 Granada Drive, Mason City	<p>Until a vaccine is approved for students under the age of 12, the best way to protect them is through mask mandates at school. If a mask requirement isn't possible I would like to see MCCSD make the language surrounding their expectations of masking clearer and more widely publicized.</p> <p>Our 4th grade student feels: "I think we should wear masks because masks make you safer and also make those around you safer. It also protects substitute teachers who are older and also building volunteers. Wearing a mask is sometimes hard but it is better than being sick and missing school and seeing your friends get sick."</p>
McCoy, Heather	1008 10th street ne	<p>I think the requirements of wearing a mask should be left up to the parent. Students and teachers have a hard time hearing one another and reading the expressions of one another. It is important for a teacher to be able to read their student's facial expressions so they know if the child is understanding what is being taught.</p> <p>The younger children in elementary most don't wear them properly anyway. They wear them in the classroom, then they go down to lunch they take them off. They are allowed to sit at a lunch table with everybody else while eating lunch where nobody's wearing masks, and then have to put them on to go back and sit in the classroom. So why should they have to wear a mask for the other 6 hours of school?</p> <p>According to the children's hospital association and the American academy of pediatrics website they show that Iowa stopped updating child testing data for Covid-19 as of 07/15/2021. So we don't even have data to support this mask mandate that they're wanting to implement.</p> <p>Please say No to this mask mandate so the children can have a positive learning experience. Some children don't like going to school because they have to wear a mask and it's hindering their learning experience.</p>

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Klein, Debra	118 S Rhode Island Avenue	<p>Please share your thoughts on requiring masks in our schools for all students and staff.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to respond; to be honest, I was conflicted about making any comments as my belief or hope was that you would have already made the decision to enforce the mask mandate. Also, I would encourage you to listen to the Cerro Gordo County Public Health Department, CDC and our President of the United States, and not the opinions of the public. There is so much misinformation out there; how would you be able to decipher the accuracy of a non-scientist or non-health/medical professional. The school districts of Des Moines, Iowa City, Council Bluffs, Cedar Rapids, Ames, West Des Moines and West Burlington have all made an immediate decision, the right decision, and are enforcing the mask mandate currently or in the immediate future (Monday). Please, Mason City Community School District, do the right thing and think about and protect our medical professionals, kids, and staff. Think about the extra burden you will be putting on the professional health community by NOT masking up.</p> <p>Please consider the data from the state website (coronavirus.iowa.gov). As of 9-15-21 (updated weekly), in Cerro Gordo County we have 6725 COVID cases, 102 deaths. This is an additional 127 in just 7 days and 2 deaths in the last 7 days. There have been a total of 720 cases since July 1, 2021. The cases are rising daily. If that is not an eye-opener, 33% of the COVID cases in Cerro Gordo County, in the last week, are from the age group 0-17 years; and 13% are from the age group 18-29 years. (I have been tracking the numbers since July 17, 2020 daily and then weekly when the state changed their reporting period on July 1, 2021.)</p> <p>My hope is that you, as a non-partisan Board of Directors and/or Administrators, will consider the safety and health of the children in your care, the teachers and staff and the families they go home to each day and out into the public communities of North Iowa. Please listen to the medical and health professionals, and think about the probable consequences to our hospitals and medical staff if the mask mandate is not enforced and they become even more overburdened.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and I am hoping you will do the right thing for our community.</p> <p>Debra Jones Klein (1972 MCHS graduate) 118 S Rhode Island Avenue Mason City, IA 50401 641-420-1154</p>
McMurray, Kaitlyn	1103 Crestmore Way	<p>I feel that if we aren't going to mandate masks than we need to reinforce the cleaning/sanitizing expectations and guidelines for each classroom and the school as a whole. I also feel that if we aren't going to mandate masks than we need to reinforce the space between each other and between our students. I feel right now we aren't doing anything to help slow the spread of the virus. I have a 1 year old at home, this is concerning.</p>
Albrecht, Debbie	13343 Olive Ave	<p>I feel this should be a decision we are able to make as a family and not mandated.</p>
Jessica Younke	1115 N Carolina Ave mason city IA	<p>Masks should be required</p>

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Young, Brooklynn	23840 310th st Nora springs IA 50458	I think we should not have to wear mask at school because people are still getting Covid after they get the shot. And I know a lot of people can't breathe with them and the kids are going to have anxiety about people talking about them behind there back even if there not. And that can cause depression and kids won't stay mentally healthy.
Peterson, Cathy	933 N Van Buren Avenue, Mason City, Iowa	I dont think masks should be mandatory. They have already said months ago, masks do not protect from the virus. The only mask that actually works is the N 95, in which hospital personnel wear. They have found more bacteria in masks worn by children for 8 hrs., that is far more dangerous than a virus. Then let's talk about the psychological damage these masks cause to children. Facial expression is one of the first things you notice, and you bond when you share interactions. Can you imagine going through school, the only thing you share is eye sight, There no bonding, or sharing emotions when everyone is masked, just a feeling of isolation to be shared. Now let's talk about not understanding what is being said. Let's face it, unless you're yelling through your mask, it's very hard to hear what is being said. How much education is really being taught when they can not even understand what is being said. Covid is a virus, just like the flu, or SARS, which the SARS was extremely serious to young children, but no one wore masks then. Most children have good immune systems to fight the covid, including the delta mutation which may be more transmissive, but also much weaker. I would suggest if people want to wear a mask, or if they want their children to wear a mask that's fine, but it should remain a choice, not a mandate.
Graven, Alissa	106 S Tennessee Ave	Should be a choice!!
Broadbent, Nick	50401 Ping Ct	I do not support the mandatory wearing of masks among children in our schools. To my knowledge, there is no reliable medical data to suggest that mask wearing among children is beneficial in reducing the incidence or severity of COVID. A reasonable argument can be made that masks promote increased contact with nasal and salivary secretions among elementary-aged children due to their inability to comply with appropriate mask wearing hygiene (i.e. chewing on mask, licking fingers under mask, nasal discharge on mask). Medical considerations aside, I feel very strongly that the social and developmental impact that mask-wearing carries is seldom acknowledged. There is no doubt that our young children are being sensitized and traumatized by an inability to recognize faces and nonverbal language cues that make up a large part of our social interaction. I urge the board to stand against mask mandates.

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		<p>School administrators,</p> <p>If you know me, you know I want nothing more than for our kids to succeed. I have volunteered hundreds of hours in the school system for the last 12 years and have gone to countless activities of kids that are not my own.</p> <p>Covid 19 and all it's future strains are now with us forever. Vaccines and masks have done little to stop the spread. It's time to turn the focus back solely to education and stop getting sidetracked by things that we have no control over.</p> <p>Families that want their kids to wear a mask or to homeschool should be allowed to do so. Families who don't want their kids to wear a mask should also be allowed that freedom.</p> <p>Based on the number of kids that currently do NOT wear a mask at school, I believe there is extreme evidence that the vast majority of families do NOT want their kids to wear masks. Masks are divisive and distracting. Let's move on!</p> <p>If you have any questions, or if you would like me to clarify anything, I would be happy to do so.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration,</p>
Burgus, Nick	19786 280th Street	Nick Burgus
Pals, Lori	102 S Kentucky Ave	I highly believe it should be voluntary of wearing or not wearing!!!!!!!!!!!!

Last Name, First Name	Address	<p>Please share your thoughts on requiring masks in our schools for all students and staff.</p> <p>I feel that parents should decide if masking is right for their children. A mandate is unnecessary.</p> <p>I teach several full classrooms of children in grades K-4 each day. I have seen anywhere between 1 and 4 kids per class wearing a mask. The others, unmasked! This has to speak loudly all on its own. If parents wanted their children to wear them, there would be many more already be wearing them.</p> <p>The cloth masks that are on these children's faces at school grow quite dirty. As a teacher who sees hundreds of children each day, I see it first hand. The masks get dropped on the hallway, gym, and bathroom floors; they are soaked with snot and spit, they are handled over and over. Most kids do not change masks during the day. Many children go for weeks wearing ONE mask. You can imagine the amount of filth inside their one cloth mask after wearing it for weeks. The amount of filth and bacteria on their faces increases the risk of infection. Article below:</p> <p>https://www.aier.org/article/masking-children-tragic-unscientific-and-damaging/?fbclid=IwAR0_IQ7oKRGYag6KMKu3_tMtSToOVXkFHbvtBm-1_MQparliebKWY_eJcpg</p> <p>Are we observing the data that our schools have provided over the past four weeks of school? We have a VERY low number of positive cases, and this is after our mitigations from '20-21 have been relaxed.</p> <p>I understand there are a lot of concerned people out there. Concerned for at-risk family members, concerned about how this may affect their family long-term. I understand. Those who have these fears and concerns should have the freedom to wear a mask. Those who do not share these concerns, should have the freedom to NOT wear a mask. Simple as that.</p> <p>I wonder who is willing to be responsible for any mental, emotional or psychological harm that prescribing these masks is causing to these children. Statistically, far more children have died from the emotional and psychological effects from the pandemic than they have from the actual covid. If you are willing to mandate medical devices to children, you must also be willing to be responsible for the children who suffer mental, emotional and psychological consequences as a result.</p> <p>Please remember the successful high school sports seasons over the past year. These athletes did not wear masks on the field, on the court, in the pool, and on the track. This includes the sports played indoors. Why would we require small children to sit at their desks with masks on, but tell the athletes it is fine to play an indoor sport, against athletes from other schools, without a mask on? Anyone with common sense would agree that this is absurd. Especially when the statistics show that the older students are at a higher risk.</p> <p>A most recent study from the University of Louisville showed that case growth of COVID-19 was INDEPENDENT of mask mandates. Here is a quote from the report:</p> <p>"Our findings do not support the hypothesis that SARS-CoV-2 transmission rates decrease with greater public mask use," notes the U of L report. Link below:</p> <p>https://www.ormanager.com/briefs/university-of-louisville-study-finds-mask-mandates-did-not-slow-spread-of-covid-19/</p> <p>Looking also at the CDC data as regards to the mortality rate of COVID-19 in people younger than 19. Those rates stay in the .001-.003 range with the least affected age groups being the age groups of 5-9 and 10-14 at .001 and the 14-19 age range at .003.</p>
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Pralle, Deb	828 13TH ST SE	I think requiring students and staff to wear masks is the right thing to do. We need to start thinking of others and keeping them safe. Lots of businesses require their employees to wear mask to protect their customers. There have been break through cases here in Mason City and we need to protect the most vulnerable. There is a shortage of beds at the hospital because of those that refuse to get vaccinated. Patients are being sent home after surgery when they normally would have stayed for observation. We need to get this under control and we can do this by masking up and getting vaccinated. Most Kids do so much better when they go to school versus in home learning on a computer. They need the socialization and guidance that school provides. Thank-You
Erland, Kay	721 N. Madison Avenue	I strongly urge the school board to require all school personnel and students at all levels to wear masks. I worked in the district for over 20 years as an elementary teacher and school counselor. Kids need to be in school. They learn best in an environment where they feel safe, and they depend on school people to keep them healthy and safe. Yes, some older students have been vaccinated, but many more have not, due to parental choice or disruptive living situations. Unfortunately, vaccinations can not be mandated for the adults in school. Mask-wearing would be an equalizer—everyone would have the same standards. Please protect our kids — require masks!
Peterson, Cathy	933 N Van Buren Avenue, Mason City, iow	I am sending you a video to look at on YouTube. It's a Dr talking to a school board about covid, vaccine, and masks. It last 13:34 minutes, it is the best, and honest speech from a Dr about children, and covid. I highly recommend it be watched, as I think it will truly help you come to a decision you are looking for. Search YouTube for," Mt Vernon School Board Meeting -Dr Dan Stock MD...COVID 19, AND VACCINE, WEARING MASKS. I am a BSN-RN, so I truly believe this video should be seen by every school board, and think you will appreciate it too.
Young James	23840 310th st	I believe it should be the parents who decide if their child wears a mask.
Pommrehn, Jennifer	1101 12th Street NE, Mason City, IA 50401	I don't think masks should be mandated and instead left up to each individual parent and student. I don't think anything should be forced on a person. If large gatherings for sporting events, weddings, musical events, etc. across the state, don't require masks, why should schools. Schools can always come up with other ways to social distance and protect children if they are concerned. Parents who are concerned can still send their children to school with a mask and/or home school them. I don't think that just because some want to wear masks that all should be required too. If a mandate not allowing masks isn't justified, how is a mandate requiring masks justified? Everyone has their own beliefs and that should be respected!
Rockwell, Heather	hrockwell-77@hotmail.com	NO MASK!
Rockwell, Rylee	286 Parkridge Drive	NO MASK!
Wentworth, Michael	1512 Limestone Ct	Based on current evidence and recommendations from the CDC and other medical professionals, I would most certainly support a mask mandate in the Mason City public school system.
Rockwell, Heather	286 Parkridge Drive	NO MASK!

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Riesen, Anthony	102 N Georgia Ave	<p>This is a difficult question for people to grapple with because it has been so politicized, people's person biases tend to confirm what they want to be true, and there is a real impact on the student experience, particularly with younger students. However, if there was ever a time for our society to pull together to support and protect one another, it is now, during a global pandemic that has been raging for well over a year now. I have seen comments where people point out that cloth masks were used in the 1918 influenza pandemic and seemed startled that we didn't have better solutions in place, but the reality is that cloth masks work and they, along with social distancing, are some of the easiest and most empowering steps we can take to stop this pandemic. If possible, I believe accommodations for students who can't wear masks due to allergies or respiratory conditions that are aggravated by masks should be in place, but I know that this can be a difficult burden on the schools and teachers. Yet, there is no other option, we have to get this pandemic under control and keep fighting until infection rates have dropped to non-pandemic levels. There are a ton of resources out there that speak to the efficacy of masks, but this quick 7 minute one put out a year ago by MinutePhysics is a great overview on why masks are more effective than people think and why the more people we can get to wear them, the better. https://youtu.be/Y47t9qLc9l4 In the end, a mask mandate is a relatively minor inconvenience to keep people healthy and stop the transmission of a virus that has already killed 4,683,977 world wide (according to worldometer.info).</p>
Wentworth, Constance	1512 Limestone Ct	<p>The CDC has recommended the wearing of masks for all children, staff, and visitors to K-12 schools due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant.</p> <p>Since our children are our most precious future, I am in favor of following the guidance of the scientists and fully support a mask mandate for the Mason City School system.</p>
Riedemann, Autumn	7686 Grouse Avenue, Thornton Iowa 50479	<p>I believe that it should be left up to the parents if they want their child wearing a mask or not. From personal experience my child was much more excited about going to school this year without having to wear a mask, he's coming home a completely different kid then he was last year. Kids this age do learn not just from hearing but also from facial expressions. Teachers can also see a child is struggling more from their faces when the child isn't one to tell someone they don't understand what's being taught. There's something to think about the child's mental health along with their physical health when requiring masks.</p>
Goepel, Jennifer	1260 Moonstone Ct	<p>I believe the choice to wear a face covering should be left up to the employees and families.</p>
Don Allen	1169 Sapphire Ct	<p>Wearing of masks should be up to the INDIVIDUAL not mandated by the school district, state or some liberal activist judge. If my children were still In school I would be pulling them out for homeschooling before I made them wear a mask all day long!!! And If the masks are required for students it won't be long these same evil people are going to be wanting students to be required to take a vaccine that is unproven, experimental with some serious side effects and even death just to attend school. And for what a virus with a 99.98 % survival rate. Do the right thing ! Leave mask wearing up to the individual. And by the way masks don't stop any virus</p>

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Peters, Emily	422 Prairie View Ct Mason City IA 50401	<p>We should be managing our covid policies with data, facts and logic. The positive case numbers are extremely low in the school, with relaxed protocols.</p> <p>Looking at the CDC data as regards to the mortality rate of COVID-19 in people younger than 19. Those rates stay in the .001-.003 range with the least affected age groups being the age groups of 5-9 and 10-14 at .001 and the 14-19 age range at .003. That makes COVID-19 LESS serious than the seasonal flu at .4 for those age 5-19. We have NEVER asked for a mask mandate for the seasonal flu.</p> <p>Dr Makary's research team at Johns Hopkins worked with the nonprofit FAIR Health to analyze 48,000 children under the age of 18 reported to have COVID between April and August of last year. How many children died? Reports found a mortality rate of ZERO among children without a pre-existing medical condition, such as leukemia.</p> <p>There was a 22.3% spike in ER trips for potential suicides by children ages 12-17 in the summer of 2020 compared to 2018. (According to findings published in the CDC's morbidity and mortality weekly report.) And we know there is a direct link between children in masks not being able to empathize with their peers and mental health issues.</p> <p>Children have a much larger risk of dying on the way to school than dying of COVID 19, according to the CDC. The CDC's research says the following: children 0-14 years old have a .2 chance of dying from COVID. Yet from all deaths, suicide is 1.5, homicide is .7, cardiovascular disease is .6, drowning is .5, flu and pneumonia is .3. Suffocation and COVID are the exact same.</p> <p>Lets focus on the most pressing issues for our students, staff and community. We want our kids to be critical thinkers, as adults we should exercise those same principles. If anyone feels more comfortable wearing a mask, they're certainly free to do so, but don't force others into something against their own convictions. Forcing our children to wear masks is not only illogical and ineffective, it's unAmerican.</p> <p>I truly pray for you to have wisdom and discernment as you navigate through these political times. I pray you'll critically think about and execute what is best for our children.</p> <p>All the best, Emily Peters A Concerned Parent</p>
Swenson, Gary	625 Briarstone Dr. Unit 6	Masks should be required for all individuals while on school property until transmission rates are low.
Latham, Linda	345 Woodbine Rd	I believe masks should be mandated with the increase in prevalence of COVID-19 in North Iowa.
Smith, Gayle	1303 8th Street SE, MC	
Smith, Gayle	1303 - 8th Street SE, MC	Let those that want to wear a mask wear a mask. Those that don't, don't!!!

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Anderson, Jennifer	905 E State St	<p>I appreciate the opportunity to offer our opinion. Unfortunately, for every handful in favor of the mask mandate there are just as many, if not more, against. This tells me that no matter what the outcome of this survey, you will likely have an uproar. I've heard that the district will lose students over the implementation of a mask mandate. I know this is not what you desire. If you leave this decision up to the families, as it should be, I feel that student life will not be as affected and you will retain these families.</p> <p>The job of the school is to teach the students, not to be involved in their health care decisions. If implemented, how would you determine when this mandate be lifted? Right now those vaccinated are still being told they have to wear a mask, it seems there is no end in sight! Does it really make sense to require masks when these same students/parents/family members aren't required to wear them outside of the school walls? No, it doesn't. It's all for show. No one wants to wear one, no one wears them properly, it's a joke. Maybe it makes you feel better, but it does nothing beneficial.</p> <p>Please, look at the big picture. This is not a decision the school board should be making for children, it is a choice that should be made by their parents. Please, be wise with our children. I strongly encourage no mask mandates. Thank you.</p>
Anderson, Owen	905 E State St	<p>No mask mandates!!! We are tired of masks!!! We cough in them, sneeze in them, and then breathe that in. How is that helping? Stop the madness.</p>
Roddy, Michael	847 6th St S E	<p>I feel strongly that it is the responsibility of the district to protect our young people and our teachers and staff during this surge in Covid-19. The requirement of masks is the best tool to control this problem, at least until vaccination is available to everyone in the schools.</p>
Anderson, Chris	905 E State St	<p>It's not in the best interest of ALL students and staff to mandate masks. As someone who deals with this at their job and comes into contact with sick people all day, I am NOT in favor of mandating anything. We can encourage people to make the "right" decision, but ultimately it is their choice. Please respect that freedom. Thank you.</p>
Anderson, Trisha	905 E State St	<p>It should be optional. If you want to wear a mask, wear a mask. If you don't or can't due to whatever reason, you shouldn't be forced to.</p>
Bennett, Nova	14190 Olive Ave.	<p>We are not for or against masks. I will share with you why we chose not to have our children wear masks to school. We have two boys, ages four and nine. During the 2020 school year when everyone was required to mask up, our third grader ended up getting sick on five occasions. This was average when compared to a typical school year before Covid. If masks reduce the spread of infections our family has unfortunately not seen the benefits of their effectiveness. Everywhere we look we find inconclusive/incomplete data specifically regarding mask wearing in schools. It's easy to find guidance, but not the evidence relied upon as to how those guidelines were developed. We as a family want to do the right thing and be respectful of others. It seems that no one can provide conclusive evidence as to whether or not it's worth it to mask our children, and defining what is respectful varies from one person to the next. I've personally spoken to paraprofessionals that felt like they spent more time trying to get students to wear a mask than they did actually educating them. I've talked with other parents that are fearful and wish everyone would just wear a mask. I empathize with both sides of this issue. If a mask mandate passes and the situation continues to worsen, what is the next step? My concern is that the next measure would be a vaccine mandate. For my family that is where a hard line will be drawn and our children would be removed from the public school system. We as parents prefer to have a choice as to whether or not our children wear masks to school. Our choice is not to mask, and we respect those that feel differently.</p>

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Leet, Jennifer	Mason City, IA	<p>Students and staff of the Mason City School district have a right to autonomy. Each person should be free to decide for themselves whether or not they need to wear a mask. Forcing a child to put a mask on defies parental rights to choose how they handle personal choices for their children.</p> <p>The positivity rate of COVID only gives a snapshot of community spread. If we skip past headlines, we will see that currently, far less than 1% of people in Cerro Gordo county have COVID. Additionally, the number of COVID cases in the school district have been extremely sparse and not nearly enough to consider an outbreak.</p> <p>If anyone has looked at a child wearing a mask, they will notice a few things.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most children are unable to keep a mask in place to make it effective. 2. People are constantly readjusting the mask which in and of itself is unsanitary. 3. Within 2 hours of use, a mask is damp and collects, stores, and breeds harmful fungus and bacteria. <p>Lastly, we must consider the negative social, emotional, and psychological impact of masks on children. Children need to have face to face connection with their teachers and peers. Face coverings prevent full connection with other people because of muffled voices and the lack of facial expressions. A majority of students in Mason City experienced much stress and anxiety when they were forced to wear a face covering during the 2020-2021 school year. Threats of discipline and harassment about the position of the masks were a constant occurrence which negatively impacted far too many students, causing undue anxiety. Children did not wear their glasses because they would fog up. The quality of effective communication was lost because students were not able to see or understand teachers and classmates.</p> <p>If we were to look at each school building in the district, a large majority of families and staff do not find it necessary to wear a mask. Let this knowledge speak for itself.</p>
Fleenor, Jacqueline	116 6th St. NW	I personally think it's a good idea to require masks especially with flu season around the corner. Statistics showed that there were less illnesses and absenteeism when they wore masks last year.
Everist, Norma	320 1st St N.E. Apt. 207	Most important is teachers/administrators be able to encourage students and staff be vaccinated. This is what will stop the spread of COVID. The school board should do everything possible to make schools a safe environment. And this includes masks,
Skellenger, Kathryn	1412 N Rhode Island Ave	Science has not proven the effectiveness of masks. In fact they are hazardous to the physical and mental health of the children. Children are not susceptible to covid in large numbers, so why make them suffer?
Travis Hurd	1425 N Adams Ave	I feel masks should be worn at this time due to the rise of new cases and kids under 12 unable to be vaccinated at this time. The CDC recommends it and the science show they help the spread.
Van Essen	241 Willowbrook Dr	Masks should be required for on campus attendance.
Rickers, Gerry	73 N Yorktown Pike	I would like to require masks in school/events. One of our kids is too young to get the vaccine.

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Scheetz, Debbie	1501 Limestone Ct	My concern is the present rate of infection happening in the country as today should be taken very seriously. It is my understanding that we do not have health care workers needed to take care of sick people. If a child or young adult had to be hospitalized the trauma of having to be hospitalized and possibly not being able to have a parent with them would be abuse. We need to take the advice of CDC, John Hopkins, Cleveland Clinic, Mayo Clinic, Sanford Children's Hospital, Dr I. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Michael Osterholm. They all recommend masks indoors. It is mine and your responsibility to protect the Health and welfare of our kids. MASKS LESSON the Risk of Transmission-masks do not take away their rights.
Bergan, Teresa	214 14th St NE	Should be voluntary only.
Walrod, Tim and Diane	24753 Grouse Ave. Hanlontown, Ia.	Board of Directors, Mason City Community School District Thank you for your commitment and diligence in service to the students, staff and community of Mason City...It's certainly been a challenging year, in so many regards and history is still being made! Responding to your solicitation for input on possible protocols and mandates, we encourage you to stand strong against the political fervor of sarcasm, bullying and intimidation in support of science, medical experts and the factual data following this global virus and its variants. Keeping our students healthy, our schools open and staff safe should be priority one. As lifelong educators we'll support our former district and pray that your forthcoming decisions will be effective in making this school year one of good memories and positive outcomes. Sincerely, Tim and Diane Walrod
Scheetz, Debbie	1591 Limestone Court	As a school member you have a responsibility to encourage on going education, focus on what is best for staff and students to keep people in our school safe. Wearing a mask for a few weeks is the easy answer. As a board member and an administrator it is your DUTY to mandate masks
Gula, Genevieve	417 S Tennessee Pl, Apt 5, Mason City, IA 50401	I am in favor of requiring the wearing of masks by all teachers, students, and staff.
Ficken, Lisa	210 Boulder Rd	I (teacher) have been vaccinated - so has my son (senior) - please let us choose to wear a mask or not!!!
Schloemer, Brian	116 S Hampshire Pl	Whatever it takes to try to keep staff and students healthy.
Determan, Kelsey	911 N Madison Ave, Mason City	Please continue to have the mask wearing voluntary and the choice of the families in the district.
Pierson, Marcia	1 Hackberry Mason City	Masks work, it's a fact, and we should protect the school workers, teachers, and especially the young students not eligible for vaccines. My kids, both MC graduates, are Dr.s and cannot urge you enough to slow the spread and variances of this virus.
Corell, Ryan	1 Arrowwood Mason City IA	The single most important thing we can do to prevent transmission of and infection by COVID is vaccination. I feel that masks should be required only in buildings that house a subset of the population that is ineligible for vaccination, i.e. under 12 years of age (currently). If the vaccine is approved for that population, masks should not be required once there has been time for distribution of the vaccine. In other words - masks should be a choice for people who also have a choice whether or not to vaccinate.

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Pope, Mona	940 Birch Drive, Mason City, IA 50401	I feel that it should remain a choice to wear a mask and NOT be required. While working with students, especially kindergarten and first graders, it's helpful to see their mouths when teaching reading skills and easier to hear them.
Peters, Brandon	422 Prairie View Ct	<p>This is all political. Kids are not at risk. I've been at many school activities and those that believe masks work are wearing them. It appears to me that less than 1% believe they are necessary. This does not line up with the opinion of the teachers and students, who are in the schools all day. If it did, we would see masks being worn. School boards all over are overstepping their authority and not representing the people.</p> <p>A real problem we have in Mason City is the school board and administrators are failing North Iowa. Your policies on no deadlines, unlimited retakes, and no accountability in athletics or behavior issues is a real problem. We are not preparing our children to succeed in life after high school. Your policies don't work in the real world. Fix your eyes on preparing our kids for success and not whether or not they should be forced to wear a mask. This is a coward move with no public meeting in front of the parents. You are failing North Iowa and the children in this school system!</p>
Anderson, Chris	905 E State St	In a word-"No!" There is no reason for a mandate. It's a family decision.
Reich, Brooklyn	619 North Van Buren	I think it should be required. Covid is not fully maintained yet, and many plan not to get vaccinated. Last year sickness was very uncommon. This year already there has been the cold, bronchitis, and Covid. Mandating masks will help with more than Covid-19.
Blanchard	11762 THRUSH AVE	Now that the school has the legal ability, at least as the present court decision stands, there is no logical reason that the district should not require masks. Last year masks were required, and many would argue that at this point, with a much more contagious version of the virus raging. Youth age 12 and under are unable to vaccinate thus making over half the students at the same risk level as they were last year, when the district had a mask mandate. While this might be a popular decision, it is for the community good. The school system is one of the largest vectors of this virus. Please vote to require masks in the Mason City Schools System, for all students, regardless of vax or anitbody status.
Newbrough, Haley	2 Twin Oak Lane	As a pediatrician in the community and caring for hospitalized pediatric patients, I think it would be in the best interest of all of our children to be masked at school. Wearing a mask to protect the most vulnerable people in our community and schools teaches the children responsibility and a nurturing attitude. Additionally the resources of our state are being stressed by the large number of ill children and any mitigation strategies would benefit everyone. Thank you.
Tabbert, Lora	229 W. Spring St. Manly, IA	I have been wearing my mask all year to teach because I have two kids at home who are too young to be vaccinated yet. I also have my father in law who had triple bypass right before school started so in order to feel comfortable seeing him I wear my mask. My kids are doing the same in our district (CS), and are one of the few students doing so. The students never had a problem last year wearing them so I feel that if we need to bring them back it would be fine. It seems to be the adults that have a problem with it. Kids are very adaptable and resilient, much more than adults are. I would be in favor of requiring masks again and trust the board to make the best decision for the district as a whole.
Symonds, William	1021 N Pierce Ave	Given the increasing number of Covid cases in children, who are now accounting for 30% of total covid cases and ICUs being filled up in our country, I feel like it would be logical to implement a mask mandate in our schools at least until the numbers start to decrease. Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

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Long, Kristen	325 Woodbine Rd	<p>Sadly, the school board and administration are in a darned if you do and darned if you don't type of situation here. The divide between mask and no mask is great and there seems to be no happy medium.</p> <p>I do believe that masks should be mandated for children under 12 AND the unvaccinated. However, I know it will be nearly impossible to know if staff or older students are vaccinated. Please know, our family will support what ever decision you make.</p>
Madole, josh	Rockwell	<p>I would like to thank the school board for being proactive in getting opinions about a mask mandate. Instead of just sitting back and waiting to see if parents would contact you, you are reaching out to them.</p> <p>My son currently attends 6th grade at Lincoln. I am opposed to a general mask mandate. Mask have minimal effect on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Often times they are worn improperly which reduces there already limited effectiveness. When I ask my son he said he would rather not wear them because he has a hard time breathing in them. With younger students the mask will often become damp which could result in rashes and other irritation around the mouth from having a wet fabric rubbing against your skin for hours on end.</p> <p>Any death as a result of this virus is tragic and by no means am I minimizing them. According to the CDC only 6% of COVID deaths are solely from COVID-19. They go on to say there is a financial gain to hospital to mark those who died of COVID and had an underlying illness as a COVID death because they get federal reimbursement. They also said there is no set guide lines for hospitals or dr and it's up to their discretion. To compare this it would be like someone with COPD getting pneumonia and dying. If the bigger federal reimbursement came from pneumonia they will mark that instead of saying complications from COPD.</p> <p>Also according to reports vast majority of patients will only see mild to moderate symptoms.</p> <p>I do understand that some classrooms have an abundance of high risk students. There are options for these students like parents deciding to have them where mask or online classes. The board could even choose to designate these classrooms where you have to wear a mask in them as a compromise while leaving it up to parents for the other students/ classrooms</p> <p>In closing I ask the school board to not issue a blanket mask mandate for the school. Parents have rights and leave it up to them to decide.</p>

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Anderson, Lindsey	1515 S. Pennsylvania Ave.	<p>I am a parent of 3, and a school counselor for our youngest students at Roosevelt (K-4th grade). All of my and my children's' vaccination records show that we take science and our health seriously. I have been fully vaccinated since March 2021. While we wait for a children's (under 12) vaccine to be become available, I feel the closest I hopefully ever have to come to being a parent of immunocomprised children. I have children who are NOT ABLE to be vaccinated (yet), and I am solely relying on others who encounter my children to be safe and cautious with their health. As a school counselor who enters 20 classrooms on a daily basis, meets with individuals in a small office, and works with other adults, I would like to make sure that the students I encounter, are safe! I am willing and do wear a mask at school to keep our most vulnerable and most prized young people - SAFE! The thought of unvaccinated adults encountering my children or my students, all whom are not able to be vaccinated yet, sickens me and makes me ponder why each child's health and safety is not a priority for them. I feel that the decision to ban a mask mandate was solely political, and not what was really best for kids. Isn't that what we in education strive to do each day - what's best for kids? Why should their HEALTH be any different. This message that we are sending will last for generations as well, so please, let's lead by example and set a good one for our young and vulnerable kids.</p>
Blanchard, Amanda	11762 Thrush Ave.	<p>I think that by making people wear masks this means that it will be safer for everyone because people tend to not think about people who get sick easily and who have bad amune systems and this would make it safer</p>

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		<p>I am 100% for the mask mandate.</p> <p>Our school system has always been relied upon to protect its students, a safe place to learn and grow: * feed (free and reduced meals, summer food programs), *sometimes clothe, * be there with emotional support and *sometimes financial support, *protecting students from abuse by mandatory reporting.</p> <p>I see this is as no different and something that should be EXPECTED that we will protect our students in any way possible. Our school system is one of the biggest in North Iowa and can have the biggest impact on mitigating this pandemic. We can lead by example in this area. Other big school districts West Des Moines, Ames are re-instating the mask mandates and we should too.</p> <p>I see for the immediate and distant future that this pandemic will continue with variants and mutations of the virus if we don't act NOW. A simple mask mandate can and will have a huge impact on mitigating the virus. Parents do have the choice to keep their children at home if they do not agree. We now have a virtual academy that we didn't last year that will help parents not have to feel like they are home schooling their child.</p> <p>We need to protect the most vulnerable of students (and staff) and if that requires everyone to wear a mask to bring the numbers down and try to control the spread then that is what should be done. We should be taking advantage of the overturn of the law by one. brave. mom. speaking out to protect her children and require a mask mandate. And thanking her for bringing forth the lawsuit.</p> <p>People need to understand if this doesn't happen they will be fighting about having to mask up for years while spreading and killing others with mutated strains of the virus.</p> <p>And as an employer I would expect that you would want to protect your human resources. Some people near and dear to me are teachers and need the school board and community to stand up for them. If the mask mandate doesn't happen you are endangering your staff as well. It has been a hard 2 years on teachers and staff. Substitute teachers are in short supply and that forces teachers to do double duty in addition to all the other issues they have to deal with. Please protect you human resources and treat them as if they are irreplaceable because they are! Without teachers there would be no school.</p> <p>I would present it to the general public that you are 're-instating' the mask mandate that this isn't new and they have done it in the past and can do it in the future for the good of all.</p>
Yarrow, Terri	9 Willowbrook Drive	
Bundy, Jenny	1021 N. Quincy	<p>You need to mandate masks. You have a duty to protect your high risk students & staff. While yes, only a small fraction of people who get covid are hospitalized & a smaller percentage die, but if something so simple as wearing a mask could prevent it, why wouldn't we wear masks. Personally I would much rather err on the side of caution than look back & wish we had done more. We don't know whose life covid will take next, it could be your friend, relative or co-worker. Shouldn't we try to prevent it to the best of our ability? We need masks as part of a multi-layered response to covid & need to follow the cdc guidelines.</p>

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Williams, Cody	10668 263RD ST	Strongly Support the mandated use of masks in the schools.
Rourke, Davud	2222 Springview Dr	Until elementary school students can be vaccinated, I think it wise to err on the side of caution and require masks in elementary schools.
Rezab, Mike and Ava	17 S. Willowgreen Ct., Mason City, IA	<p>To: Mason City Community Schools School Board Regarding the mask requirement discussion.</p> <p>We realize that some will very vocally and contentiously disagree with you if you decide to require masks in school. That makes your decision more difficult and we do not envy the position you're in.</p> <p>However, let's imagine that is not a factor, and you come to a decision based on science, medical facts, and the increasing cases among school age children. (Friday, September 17, 2021, Globe Gazette, according to data from Iowa Department of Public health: "Kids accounted for at least 1/3 of the overall positive cases this past week. In Cerro Gordo, 33% of the 126 positive tests were kids.") Using that information, ask yourself, "Is it possible that wearing masks could save a child or an adult working in the school system from getting or spreading Covid-19, resulting in serious illness or death?" "Could masking help us maintain full in class learning?"</p> <p>School board members have always been tasked with a moral obligation to make the best educational and safety decisions they could for our children. None, more important than this.</p> <p>Thank you for volunteering your time, talents and energy as a school board member, and thank you for giving this your most serious consideration.</p> <p>Proud to be retired teachers of Mason City Schools! Mike and Ava Rezab</p>
Hansen, Jennifer	1107 S. Washington Avenue. Mason City	I would support a mask mandate. I would support following CDC guidelines. Students, staff, bus drivers are getting sick and the hospitals are overwhelmed. Just getting a test can be tricky now. Two weeks ago I was told my son couldn't get into his main provider for a week, and other clinics and urgent care extremely busy. I support protecting those who can't get vaccinated yet by a mask mandate. I think we are going to ask ourselves someday—"did we do everything we could to protect all?"
Arjes, Dan	1415 Garnet Ct	As building principal I would like to share the daily data on optional mask wearing, as gathered on Thursday, October 16th in a building walk through at Roosevelt Elementary. 11% of students were wearing a mask in the classroom setting, 89% of students were unmasked. 26% of adults were wearing masks, 74% of adults were unmasked. I feel consistency is important for successful school operations, my hope is we can remain consistent in our expectations of optional masks and allow parents choice. I have a concern that it is only a matter of time until a mandate would again be overturned, creating more inconsistency for students and families.

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Angelina Perez	403 4th Street SE	<p>Think about this, kids are in an enclosed space for 7 plus hours a day, 5 days a week. Why wouldn't you want them to be protected and in turn not come home and spread this thing further? So are we willing to go another full year of this covid crap? Kids account for 20% of the covid cases in this country. However, look at San Francisco Schools. They've had ZERO covid cases since school started! Why? 90% of students 12 to 17 have been vaccinated PLUS they are masking up in school. I'm still not understanding why you're not listening to science? Why have our schools decided to go down the political road with this? We're talking about safety of our kids here....so if the water in our Mason City schools was contaminated, would you still let the kids drink from the water fountains because only a few would get sick? This whole thing makes ZERO sense to me.</p>
Freie, Cory	624 South Massachusetts Ave	<p>No I honestly believe it should be the parents choice if there child wears a mask or not.</p>
Meier, Alex	1104 165th St. Nora Springs, IA 50458	<p>I want to start by saying that my 4-year-old has looked forward to and greatly enjoyed his first few days in school at Jefferson with Miss Emily and Miss Kelsey. This was a surprise to us as last year while attending 3-year-old pre-school, he dreaded the trip to school 2 days a week because he knew he would have to wear a mask for a couple hours. I believe that especially for the younger kids in school, requiring masks is tantamount to child endangerment. I think that the mental and emotional toll on children is substantial and a greater risk to their development than the risk of serious illness or death from Covid-19. For the older students, I think masking for 6 or 7 hours a day is unreasonable, unsanitary, and unnecessary. There are studies showing that children are at greater risk of serious illness or death from the flu than Covid, and there has never been any discussion of requiring masks during flu season, or with RSV transmission, just as there shouldn't be. This is without mentioning questions regarding the effectiveness of especially children, but even adults wearing cloth or disposable surgical masks All this being said, I believe requiring a 4 or 5 year-old to wear a mask while attending school is of greater detriment to the overall mental and emotional health and wellness of my child than the risk of Covid, and believe the effect of requiring this to be of greater consequence to my child than that of missing out on the social and mental benefit of attending 4-year-old preschool. If masks become required, he will no longer be attending Jefferson Elementary.</p> <p>Thank you for reaching out for parents' opinions, I appreciate the opportunity to share mine.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Alex Meier</p>
dianda, Connie	711 n. kentucky	<p>No to mandatory masks for everyone. it should be the parents choice.</p>
Bendickson, Summer	917 1st Ave N	<p>Now that there is no law blocking mask use in schools, the only option is to follow the experts recommendations and require masks for all students and staff.</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1043 186 1921 211">Dear School Board~</p> <p data-bbox="1043 235 1953 284">As I have researched this topic it has become clear what the answer is when contemplating a mask mandate for students: No mask mandate.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 289 1921 337">I want to share the following reason why a mask mandate is not only not necessary, but detrimental.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 342 1669 367">1) Kids are not at risk of serious illness or death with Covid 19.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 371 1953 519">In the UK's most comprehensive analysis of public health data yet, "The researchers, seeking to determine absolute risk, said this equated to that age group (under 18) having a one in around 50,000 chance of being admitted to intensive care with Covid-19. The chance of death equates to two in one million. The risk is slightly higher, but remains low overall, for the most vulnerable young people, including those with pre-existing medical conditions and severe disabilities.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 524 1911 600">"Professor Russell Viner, senior author on two of the studies, said: "These new studies show that the risks of severe illness or death from SARS-CoV-2 are extremely low in children and young people."</p> <p data-bbox="1043 605 1953 730">"The preliminary findings come from three studies led by researchers at University College London, the University of Bristol, the University of York and the University of Liverpool. They will be submitted to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization, the Department for Health and Social Care and the World Health Organization to inform policy for the under-18s.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 735 1953 784">This article can be found here: https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/children/uk-studies-find-very-low-risk-of-severe-covid-19-illness-in-children-09-07-2021/</p> <p data-bbox="1043 789 1911 837">An article from the Cleveland Clinic for support: https://health.clevelandclinic.org/delta-variant-and-children/</p> <p data-bbox="1043 862 1543 886">2) Masks are not effective against the Covid virus.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 891 1942 1016">An article put out by the EPA that studies filtration and fitted filter efficiency show cloth masks, as worn by the majority of students, had a rating of 26.5% This is with the mask being worn correctly at all times, not touched or contaminated. As well, getting the mask wet (spit, etc) lowers the efficiency. We could put almost Vegas odds on this option being at all effective given the population group. Cloth masks are not effective, period.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1040 1900 1089">Article: https://www.epa.gov/sciencematters/epa-researchers-test-effectiveness-face-masks-disinfection-methods-against-covid-19</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1094 1942 1170">I have confirmed with multiple surgeons that surgical masks, regardless of what studies may say, are not effective against viruses. They are meant for the surgeon to not spit into the patient during surgery, that is it.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1195 1785 1219">3) The psychological and physical toll of masks far outweighs the "benefit".</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1224 1953 1382">According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "...has said that the "pandemic has taken a heartbreaking toll on children, and it's not just their education that has suffered but their mental, emotional and physical health." Consider then that masking children is associated with: increases in anxiety and depression; decreases in communication and socialization skill development; increases in headaches, face rashes and redness, and impaired facial recognition; and increases in tooth decay."</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1386 1953 1528">We witnessed this with our 9-year-old last year. Between the mask and the unfortunate way of mask enforcement, we had to fight with our son to get up and go to school, every single day. He was incredibly unhappy and was a very different kid the entire school year. It was heartbreaking as a parent to watch your caring, compassionate, happy child have so much anxiety and become a shell of himself. It was infuriating, honestly. It was also unnecessary.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1568 1953 1617">4) The "kids will be carriers of Covid to those more vulnerable" argument is weak at best. Those that are most vulnerable and the general public has either 1) Been vaccinated or 2)</p>

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Gray Craig	915 South Indiana Ave.	I believe all studies of masks for being affective or harmful should be looked at, not just CDC recommendations. I also believe peoples choice should be there choice according to facts not views or opinions.
Aronsen, Sarah	939 15th PL NE	It was very hard to hear and understand the students when they wore masks, my daughter said she chose not to participate in any group discussions because of this. I would like masks to remain a choice.
Kelley, Kathryn	12 Field Road	With a rise in cases, I feel that wearing masks keeps everyone safe, both at school and at home.
Schwartz, Dustin	187 Lakeview Dr	No requiring wearing masks
Pierson Richard	1Hackberry Rd, Mason City , Iowa 50401	They should be worn at all times that it's practical , not eating of course, or doing athletics.. Especially children under 11..
Stiles,Jason	953 5th St SE	I believe that masks should be required. Believe me, I love seeing the smiles on children's faces and do think that it does hurt children socially to speak without seeing others expressions however, if we don't take all Covid precautions, we may end up having to wear masks forever. There are negatives and positives to the issue however if we don't do something now, the negatives will be much worse.

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Brown, Anne	109 N Crescent Dr., Mason City, IA	<p data-bbox="1041 188 1251 212">September 17, 2021</p> <p data-bbox="1041 240 1549 290">To: Mason City Community Schools School Board Regarding the mask requirement discussion.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 318 1955 626">I have been a lifelong citizen of Mason City minus my years in college and grad school and so feel I have much invested in our community. As a graduate of the Mason City Community School District, the wife of a Mason City graduate, a parent of 2 children that graduated from the district and finally a retired 7th grade teacher in the district, I believe I have unique perspectives on the district. First and foremost, I believe our number one priority is the safety and well-being of all who enter the district buildings. That includes children and adults. When there is an illness present in society, we are duty-bound to not let it infect young and old alike. If wearing a mask helps to do that, which has been proven scientifically, then that is what needs to be done. This is not a matter of personal freedom, it is a matter of public protection. The fact that adults argue that they don't think children can handle wearing a mask is ridiculous... just go into a school and see where they are wearing their masks without any issue whatsoever.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 631 1955 834">I have told school personnel that if there was a mask mandate in the buildings, I would gladly return to substitute teach in the district. The sub pool is shrinking dramatically and I think part of that is directly related to Covid-19 and the lack of a mask mandate. Not having enough subs then in turn creates more work for full time employees who have to "cover" classes, using their prep periods to do so. Teachers in the district already are under enough pressure that taking away their prep periods is counter-productive. Also, I am someone who suffers from asthma and so I do especially need to avoid respiratory illness if at all possible.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 839 1955 992">I am a believer in science, facts and critical studies that have shown that the numbers of cases in young people has risen as the nation has started sending children back to school without the mask mandate. If we can prevent one serious illness or death in a school-age child or area citizen, that is a positive outcome. Our healthcare systems are struggling with numbers, just ask any hospital employee. Will it honestly take a child to die of Covid-19 for people to wake up? I certainly hope not.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 997 1955 1149">In conclusion, I hope that you take in consideration all that you hear from the public, be mindful to evaluate all that you hear and vote your heartfelt conscience. Imagine if it was your child, your spouse, your parent that contracts the disease from a young person in our school district. Your relative ends up in the Intensive Care Unit and does not survive. You must do the right thing to protect our students, those that work in the district, and our community at-large.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1154 1860 1179">Thank you for your service, your time and your careful consideration of this issue.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1206 1142 1230">Sincerely,</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1258 1255 1282">Anne (Powell) Brown</p>
Werner, Jason	635 S. Tennessee Pl. Mason city iowa	<p data-bbox="1041 1320 1906 1367">I say NO to mandatory masks. Masks should be an option for those who want to wear them.</p>

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Johnson, Kristi	1011 N Jefferson Ave	I believe masks should be an option for students, teachers and staff. Cerro Gordo has under a 5% 14 day positivity rate. Statistically, kids under 17 have a 0% chance of dying from Covid. We have shown that the current plan of masks being a choice and optional has been working. There is no need to change it now.
Trezona, Mary	201 Lakeview Drive—Mason City, Iowa	NO MASK MANDATE!! I am a substitute teacher in the Mason City Schools for Preschool through High School. The younger grades need to see the teacher's mouth when working on sounds. It is extremely difficult to hear the student's responses when they are wearing a mask and I have excellent hearing. The students get very overheated wearing a mask during gym and at recess time. Some people CHOOSE to wear a mask, but don't mandate mask wearing in the Mason City schools.
Post, Sherry	211 s Virginia ave	I am in favor of masks
Snow, Hillary	619 N. Van Buren Ave.	I believe masks SHOULD be mandated. They not only prevent the spread of COVID, but als
Hanig, Cade	671 1st St SE	Masks should be mandated. This is greatest health and safety crisis of a generation and the
Stiles, Jennifer	953 5th St SE Mason City, IA	Not only am I a parent of a child that attends school I am also a public health nurse who has
Askildson, Rebecca	105 15th St NW	Even though my daughter and I are high risk to complications from COVID, our family does r