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Summary of main points for the issue/ concern:

Reinstate Mask Mandate in OCDSB schools.

I am in favour of returning a mask mandate to OCDSB for staff and students.

My family has masked continuously and my kids are part of the 3 or so kids who mask in their classes. Most of their teachers do not mask and their principal does not. The supposed "recommendation" from the board has not been strongly communicated and there is no sense of community care or solidarity since leadership is not modelling mask use. Masks are important for equity and safety right now and we need to use the mandate as a tool instead of just a weak suggestion.

I was sick with whooping cough, mono and multiple bronchitis when I was a high school student and I understand first hand how repeat infections can affect the ability to learn.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue:

Have OCDSB reinstate a mask mandate for the duration of this wave of covid-19 and the duration of the influenza season.