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**Summary of main points for the issue/ concern:**

Mask Mandate in OCDSB schools.

I believe reintroducing a mask mandate in OCDSB schools is necessary for the health of our children as well as teachers and support staff. We already know that there is a 'tri-demic' of COVID, RSV and flu circulating, that CHEO is beyond capacity, and that masking with proper ventilation and staying home when sick reduces the amount of virus in circulation. Since the provincial government is unwilling to introduce a mandate and has said organizations can create their own policies, I am comfortable with the board taking this measure to protect children and keep them out of our already overtaxed emergency rooms.

**Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue:**

I recommend that mandatory masking inside all OCDSB schools be re-instituted.