



TO: Chair and Members  
of the Board

DATE: 22 September 2020

**RE: Wearing of Masks for Students in Grades K-3**

Trustee Blackburn has given notice of motion to amend a previously approved substantive motion and intends to move as follows at the Board meeting on 22 September 2020:

WHEREAS on 25 August 2020, the Board approved a motion to strongly recommend the wearing of masks at school for students in grades K-3 whenever reasonable;

WHEREAS, parents have expressed their concern that the wearing of masks for younger students is not mandatory;

WHEREAS Section 12.14 of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules allows for a “motion to amend something previously adopted may be made only with due notice in writing, which should set out new information or other reasons in support of the motion”;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Ottawa has seen a rise in the number of confirmed COVID-19 and has now been declared in a second wave of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the motion approved on 25 August 2020, *viz., THAT the Board strongly recommends the wearing of masks at school for students in Grades K-3 whenever reasonable*, be amended to replace the words “strongly recommends the” with “requires the mandatory” and deleting the words “whenever reasonable”, to read as follows:

THAT the Board requires the mandatory wearing of masks at school for students in Grades K-3.

Camille Williams-Taylor  
Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board

Michèle Giroux  
Executive Officer  
Corporate Services



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*Signatures on this Notice of Motion confirm that the Notice was submitted in accordance with Section 12.9 of the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules.*