

MENOMONIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

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What is the purpose of the agenda item (examples may include)

- **Informational or briefing (e.g. Receiving numerous emails on subject)**
- **Proposed policy change**
- **Scoping-breakdown a plan**
- **Problem Solving – Risk/Issue/Challenge**
- **Status – Revisit commitments**

Purpose: Proposed policy change regarding face masks as a mitigation measure.

Action(s):

1. A Board Vote for an Optional Face Mask Policy for all students and staff going forward effective June 4, 2021.
2. A Board Vote for an Optional Face Mask Policy for the graduation ceremony specifically, as the senior's last day will be the 28th of May.

Description of the agenda item (Include any supporting documentation):

I have been contacted by more than 10 constituents in regards to this topic. All of those who reached out to me are in support of removing the face mask requirement for their children effective immediately.

On March 30, 2021 the Supreme Court of WI ruled that the mask mandate was unconstitutional.

Recent recommendations put forward by the CDC state that those who are vaccinated do not need to wear masks. Requiring kids to wear masks if they have not been vaccinated allows them to be identified as such and is a violation of their medical privacy and subjects them to bullying. Vaccinations are a private personal medical choice.

At this stage of the pandemic, we have all been educated, we all have had opportunities to be vaccinated, we all understand the importance of hand washing, staying home when ill and respecting others personal space. I would like to see us move forward respecting parental choice and supporting an optional mask policy.