

# MENOMONIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## AGENDA ITEM REQUEST TEMPLATE

The agenda for regular meetings shall be prepared by the district administrator after consultation with the president. To place an item on the agenda, a board member must present such item in writing to the district administrator or board president as soon as possible but no later than 12:00 p.m., five days or more prior to the meeting.

Angela Skillings

**Originator Name:**

**Requested Agenda Item:** Motion to Vote on the Mask Optional Policy

**Purpose of 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).

The mask optional policy was supported by the majority of the constituents I represent as a parental and family decision.

Infection rates were as good or better than other schools with a mask mandates.

Cases have been declining across Wisconsin - average daily cases have dropped 10 of the last 13 days.

Nothing has been discussed regarding the mental health of students.

Nothing has been discussed regarding student rights of bodily integrity.

In a recent published study that assessed the rate of outbreak among vaccinated population, there were a few mask related findings that apply. Masks don't work.

*“On the dedicated COVID-19 ward, dedicated staff members worked with full personal protective equipment (PPE): N-95 mask, face shield, gown, gloves and hair cover. We have investigated a nosocomial COVID-19 outbreak involving the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant among a highly vaccinated population. The attack rate among exposed individuals reached 23.3% in patients and 10.3% in staff, with 96.2% vaccination rate among exposed individuals. Moreover, several transmissions probably occurred between two individuals both wearing surgical masks, and in one instance using full PPE, including N-95 mask, face shield, gown and gloves.”*

<https://www.eurosurveillance.org/content/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2021.26.39.2100822>

Another article published recently states that Norway classifies Covid as no more dangerous than the flue. Statistics within the article are showing what we have addressed here, that influenza is much more of a health threat to children than Covid.

[Norway article](#)

Description of Agenda Item: Motion to change the Covid Plan to include a mask optional policy for 4k-12grade. This policy will remain in place and the board will not revisit it again. Should there be a classroom outbreak, the Superintendent has the authority to suspend classroom instruction in conjunction with school nurses and public health.

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Include any supporting documentation that you have.

APPROVED: May 24, 2021