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The Honorable Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
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Dear Governor Brown,

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners supports our county school districts, superintendents, parents, and teachers in advocating for local decision-making regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures, including whether to require children attending K-12, in-person classes to wear masks during the school day.

Governor, we appreciate your decision in June to shift from a state-centric model and acknowledge that each local school district is guided by a superintendent, school board, parents and advocates who understand and can address the unique circumstances in their communities and are uniquely positioned to address the health and well-being of their students.

Superintendents in Yamhill County have asked for a continuation of this community-focused approach and the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners has confidence in their ability to make reasoned and informed decisions regarding, among other considerations, the masking of children during school hours.

Respectfully,

Mary Starrett
Chair

Lindsay Berschauer
Vice-Chair

Voted "No"

Casey Kulla
Commissioner

CC: Colt Gill, Oregon Department of Education
Senators: Brian Boquist and Kim Thatcher
Representatives: Ron Noble, David Gomberg, Bill Post and Anna Scharf
Yamhill County School Superintendents

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