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Dear Santa Barbara board of supervisors,

I am here on behalf of the Covid-19 update on the agenda.

As a mother of 2 school aged sons I am asking you to END the state of emergency in our schools. These children have been carrying this burden for way too long. Children have a significantly low risk of dying from Covid 19. It is time we "normalize" Covid, like we would the flu. We need to learn to adapt and adjust, let individuals make the decisions for themselves based on their own bodies. This mask mandate has gone on for far too long and these children need to breathe. If our indoor mask mandate is going to be lifted on February 16th, so can the mandate in our schools. To ask our children to mask all day when adults don't have to is downright wrong and evil.

I am also concerned about the integrity of the mask when my children come home from school. They are wet and filthy. How is this sanitary? Breathing in these restrictive face coverings for 8 hours a day? I'd be more worried about harmful bacteria than Covid 19.

Other counties in CA have made the mask a choice, for example, Roseville unified school district. If others can stop the mandate, so can we. I am speaking on behalf of MANY parents who are not brave enough to boldly speak out. I pray you find it within your hearts to do the right thing. To UNMASK our kids.

God bless,
Courtney Graff

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