

Germantown Teacher Thanks Parents For Fighting To End Mask Mandate By Mark Belling, WISN-AM

The following was submitted by a Germantown School District faculty member who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation. The teacher wanted to thank Germantown parents for pressuring the school board to end the mask mandate. Here is the teacher's letter:

Dear Parents,

Thank you! Thank you for showing up and not backing down. YOU did the right thing advocating for YOUR children and demanding that this be YOUR decision about whether to wear a mask or not. I am happy to report that the students in my school today were almost all unmasked. After 160 some days of being masked up they were visibly smiling. They were laughing. The fidgeting was less. The focus was increased. I could hear them read clearly and they could hear me. They could breathe easier after coming in from a hot recess. Those dirty hot rags were off of their faces.

This was long overdue and many wanted you to sit down and be quiet for there are only 12 days left in the year. Thank you for not sitting down. The benefit of this decision will be tremendous. For those who wanted masks to stay mandated... know that your child is equally cared for and respected if they choose to continue to wear one.

Parents, we need you to stay engaged. Your children will benefit from you staying aware, being vocal, and advocating for what you want your schools to be teaching and doing. Now that the masks are off. Don't go away. With CRT and other topics still on the table we need you to continue to hold the board and the administration accountable to YOU!

Signed a teacher in your child's school.