

TOWNSHIP OF WALL

RESOLUTION NO. 21-0612

RESOLUTION DEMANDING GOVERNOR MURPHY ELIMINATE IN SCHOOL MASK MANDATE

WHEREAS, by way of Executive Order, Governor Phil Murphy continues to mandate the masking of school children attending in-person classes in New Jersey schools; and

WHEREAS, school superintendents throughout Monmouth County and the State of New Jersey have written the Governor that inconsistencies between varying Executive Orders have placed members of our communities at odds with school administrations and one another; and

WHEREAS, a recent Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) study examined COVID-19 infection rates across 169 k-5 schools in Georgia between November 16 and December 11, 2020 finding that infection rates were 37% lower in schools with mask requirements for teachers and staff, but there was no appreciable difference between schools that required students to wear masks and those that did not; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, seven (7) of approximately 25,000 COVID-19 deaths are attributed to children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, close to 60% of New Jersey’s adult population has been vaccinated and vaccines are now readily available for children as young as 12-years of age; and

WHEREAS, school aged children are currently permitted to play contact sports without masks, but Executive Order No. 175 still requires children to wear masks while sitting at their desks; and

WHEREAS, it is well documented that throughout the State of New Jersey there have been emotional, social and physical instances of harm caused by children being forced to wear masks in school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, New Jersey that they collectively, and on behalf of the citizens of Wall Township, call upon Governor Murphy to repeal and revoke Executive Order No. 175 mandating that school aged children be required to wear masks in school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor and to the Township’s representation in the State Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township officials including, but not limited to the Mayor, the Township Administrator and the Municipal Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

I, Roberta Lang, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Wall in the County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Wall in the County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey at a meeting held on June 9, 2021.


Roberta Lang, RMC
Municipal Clerk