

Re: Andrew Arthur Mask Accommodation

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To: Jacob Arthur

Good morning, Mr. Arthur,

Again, I need to apologize for not responding immediately.

After consulting with district staff and nursing staff, I must continue to decline your request for Andrew to be fully exempt from the face covering requirement. After a comprehensive review of your request, the documents you have provided, and Andrew's records, I continue to believe that accommodations such as additional mask breaks are reasonable under the circumstances and a full exemption is not warranted.

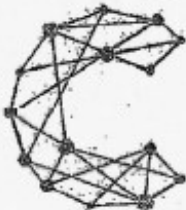
Dr. Hensen's letter appears to be based on this doctor's belief that face coverings should not be worn by anyone, regardless of medical conditions. It does not reflect any sort of physical examination or medical workup as would be necessary for a doctor to diagnose and treat a medical condition. The information provided regarding Dr. Hensen's general objections to our COVID safety policies is contradicted by the scientific consensus provided to WCPSS by our medical advisors through the ABC Collaborative, as well as the NC Department of Health and Human Services and Wake County Health Department.

None of these alleged medical issues have been noted by Andrew's pediatrician in his health assessments or other records, nor were they mentioned to the school until after your request for a mask exemption for religious/personal reasons was denied.

If you have questions about how to pursue this further, please refer to the [WCPSS Board policy](#) summarizing appeal procedures available to parents.

As always, please never hesitate to call or text my cell at 315-727-5863 with any additional questions and/or concerns.

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