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## MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting

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<b>TO</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>FROM</b>	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
<b>ORIGINATOR</b>	Anne Montgomery, Trustee
<b>RESOURCE</b>	Anne Montgomery, Trustee
<b>GOVERNANCE POLICY</b>	Board Policy 2: Governance and Organization Board Policy 2: Role of the Board: Safe and Caring Environment
<b>ADDITIONAL REFERENCE</b>	BP 1: Division Foundational Statements
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DIRECT THE BOARD CHAIR TO ADVOCATE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA TO IMMEDIATELY REIMPLEMENT IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT TRACING IN ALBERTA SCHOOLS</b>

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### PURPOSE

For approval. Recommendation required.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees for Parkland School Division direct the Board Chair to advocate to the Government of Alberta to immediately reimplement identification and contact tracing in Alberta schools.

### BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on September 7, 2021, to vote on a motion to reimplement the 2020-2021 Parkland School Division Mask Protocol amended to include K-12 students. The motion was defeated by a vote of 4-3.

With the absence of medical data that the Chief Medical Officer of Health used to establish the current guidelines which state that schools are not required to wear a mask, the Board felt that it would be difficult to implement further measures.

**REPORT SUMMARY**

Without Alberta Health Services notifying school divisions as to the number of school-aged children in our region who have tested positive for COVID-19, the Division has no ability to collect the evidence or data to determine the required local perspective and context in order to make a decision, as a Board, to implement additional measures.

Trustee Montgomery requested that this motion come forward as an Action Item.

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