



MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
ORIGINATOR	Anne Montgomery, Trustee
RESOURCE	Anne Montgomery, Trustee
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 2: Role of Trustees
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	BP 2: Governance and Organization
SUBJECT	ACTION FOR BOARD ADVOCACY

PURPOSE

For approval. Recommendation required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees plan and implement public awareness measures to inform stakeholders of the continuing authority of the Superintendent to institute additional mask use requirements pursuant to the Parkland School Division Mask Protocol.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees held a Special Board 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. The current Parkland School Division Mask Protocol remains in effect. The decision of the Board at this Special Board Meeting should not be construed to contradict this operational authority of the Superintendent.

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