

**Board of School Directors
Bermudian Springs School District
September 14, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued an Order on August 31, 2021, (DOH Order) requiring masks in schools.

WHEREAS, we have heard from many citizens about their concerns with the DOH Order.

WHEREAS, prior to the recent DOH Order, the Bermudian Springs School Board adopted a Health and Safety Plan that allowed for optional masking.

WHEREAS, the Bermudian Springs School Board has serious concerns about the requirements of the DOH Order. It has placed our school staff and administrators in a very difficult situation. Both DOH and the Pennsylvania Department of Education have provided minimal support and guidance on the enforcement of the Order.


WHEREAS, the Bermudian Springs School Board received no prior notice of the DOH Order. The Acting Secretary of Health chose to adopt this DOH Order just a few days into the school year with no prior warning and no time for school districts to prepare and react. It was very poor timing.

NOW THEREFORE, the Bermudian Springs School Board finds and resolves as follows:

1. The DOH Order strips away the Board's local control. Local school communities and local school boards are in the best position to make decisions about the health and safety of our students.
2. The Board had already adopted a thorough and thoughtful Health and Safety Plan in the third quarter of 2021
3. While we intend to comply with the DOH Order, it is the position of the Board that local control be restored immediately.

RESOLVED this 14th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:



Secretary
(SEAL)

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 

President, Board of School Directors