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Dear Mayor Buol and Members of the Dubuque City Council:

As you are aware, the Dubuque Community School district has been tasked with prioritizing in-person education for our students and moving to safe and fully in-person instruction as soon as possible. Our hybrid plan is a step in that direction, but we can't fully reopen schools until it is safe to do so and the spread of COVID-19 in our community has decreased. We also understand that there are only a few known tools in the toolbox to deal with COVID-19, one of which is mask wearing in public. The return to learn plan requires mask wearing in schools and on school busses. A county-wide and/or city-wide mask mandate would be an important way to support our efforts, while helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the larger community, moving us closer to our goal of eventually reopening schools fully. Local leaders can provide needed direction for our residents and help establish the essential norm of wearing masks when in public and where social distancing is not possible. A mask mandate is not in our authority as a school board to order, but we implore city and county officials to make this vital move forward as soon as possible. Learning in a safe, in-person environment is what is best for our students, teachers, and staff. With your

leadership, we hope that the community will mask-up for students and schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this and your support of the Dubuque Community School District.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bradley, Mike Donohue, Kate Parks, Jim Prochaska, and
Anderson Sainci

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