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Dear OUUSD school board,

My name is Keghan Keyes, and I am a senior at Oxbow High school. I would like to start by thanking you all for everything that you do, and have done for our community. I am writing to you all in regards to an issue that is currently affecting the students in our community. The issue in question being whether or not masks are actually useful or not in our community.

At Oxbow High School, masks have become a large part of our day to day lives for the past year and a half. With students wearing masks all day long, inside and outside of school. Recently, with the removal of mask mandates, along with COVID slowly dissipating, many businesses and public places have made it so nobody has to wear masks. Kids go to the store, as well as hang out together and are less than 3 feet apart. If members of our community don't wear masks when they are in the store, or near each other outside of school, what is the point in wearing them inside of school? Most people expose themselves to each other outside of school on a daily basis, so masks do not really do anything because they were already exposed to each other. When students are playing sports outside, as well as doing other outdoor activities, masks are optional. Most of the time, people come within three feet of each other and put themselves at risk. Masks are pretty much useless now, with everyone putting themselves at risk outside of school, and at school, is there a point in having people wear them? Even during class, most people don't even wear them correctly. Should we not wear masks in school? Does it still make sense even after all of the mandates were lifted?

Thanks again for everything that you all do, and for reading this letter. I would love to hear your opinion on this subject. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keghan Keyes".

Keghan Keyes