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00:00:00 --> 00:00:01
we have an agenda and we have an

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00:00:01 --> 00:00:05
objective to get things done

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00:00:03 --> 00:00:08
i recognize that you have a difference

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00:00:05 --> 00:00:08
of opinion

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00:00:09 --> 00:00:13
well what i'm trying to say is that

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00:00:11 --> 00:00:16
we're not having this conversation

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00:00:13 --> 00:00:19
here and now the board president

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00:00:16 --> 00:00:21
well at this point honestly i think we

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00:00:19 --> 00:00:23
have to go by our policy so we are going

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00:00:21 --> 00:00:26

to adjourn the meeting

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um and come back at this point you need

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a motion

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yes could i please have a motion from

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the board to adjourn the meeting

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second second all in favor

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no i oppose the motion just for the

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record

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okay

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yeah he has to get started

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motion to reopen the meeting

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00:30:46 --> 00:30:51

[Applause]

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00:31:01 --> 00:31:05

all in favor aye

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00:31:03 --> 00:31:08

we just made a motion too yeah there was

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00:31:05 --> 00:31:08

a motion and a second to

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reconvene the meeting okay

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00:01:34 --> 00:01:36

oh good

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okay i just wanted to i'm sorry for the

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delay

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i do appreciate everyone that stayed and

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put on the mass we do want to hear from

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you

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um you know we're just following again

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00:01:47 --> 00:01:52

the mandates from the state

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and we are setting an example for our

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students

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we have students here tonight and

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they're supposed to be

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represented and we're giving awards out

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and this is dr mccartney's retirement

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00:02:00 --> 00:02:05

as well as dr fitz is here um our new

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00:02:03 --> 00:02:06

interim superintendent so

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00:02:05 --> 00:02:08

we would like to keep some decorum at

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00:02:06 --> 00:02:09

this meeting and we appreciate

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00:02:08 --> 00:02:11

you know a lot of us would love to get

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rid of the masks as well but at this

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00:02:11 --> 00:02:13

point in time we have to follow the

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00:02:12 --> 00:02:16

policies

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um and that's and that's why so i

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appreciate

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those that stayed and put on the masks

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so we are going to we have a lot of

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business to tend to tonight um we will

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00:02:24 --> 00:02:28

begin with the minutes

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approval of the minute for the following

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meetings april 27

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2021 regular meeting may 13

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2021 executive session may 13

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2021 special meeting um

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may 18th executive and regular we are

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actually going to remove for this month

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right and may 25th 2021 executive may

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25th

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2021 special meeting can i please have a

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motion

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00:02:53 --> 00:03:00

so moved second all in favor

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00:02:56 --> 00:03:05

hi all right nose abstentions

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00:03:00 --> 00:03:07

nope okay

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00:03:05 --> 00:03:08

great sorry i'm having computer problems

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00:03:07 --> 00:03:12

today

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00:03:08 --> 00:03:20

um i need to start any communications

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that anyone would like to share

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well thank you again for being here um i

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just want to remind

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everyone that we are live streaming

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tonight so that those don't

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that can't make it had the opportunity

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to still view remotely

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this is our last scheduled board meeting

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of the school year

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and it has been quite a year um if we

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got through this pandemic we can get

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through anything

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00:03:40 --> 00:03:45

and thank you to staff parents for

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helping us keep our students safe

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and learning throughout this

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unprecedented year and especially for

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the students for their resilience

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flexibility and creativity during this

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difficult time

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they have probably learned so much

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through this that will take them

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throughout them in their lives so hoping

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we can also

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00:04:01 --> 00:04:04

continue to incorporate some of the

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silver linings we learned from the

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pandemic

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and hopefully everyone has a good summer

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00:04:08 --> 00:04:13

and the ability to relax

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and recharge we do have a number of

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transitions coming up as we're

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saying goodbye to dr mccartney although

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he's temporarily gone but he will be

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back

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um he is going to be retiring which we

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will present him um

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some retirement plaque during the

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retirement

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process but i also want to take the

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opportunity to introduce

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our new interim superintendent dr

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leonard fitz

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if you want to stand

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thank you so much we are so excited for

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dr fitz to join us

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he is a long time educator over four

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decades in education and he's also a

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morristown resident

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his resume is so impressive so many

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years as an educator

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a math teacher guidance counselor to

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superintendent

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he actually retired in 1996

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as union county superintendent but

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started working

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right up again and has done about ten or

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so interim roles

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two during covid um and i think has been

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adjunct professor

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at over 15 colleges and universities so

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pretty amazing

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the experience he has so please help me

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welcome him

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as you see him

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thank you so much dr fitz and for being

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here today he's still in transitioning

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his first day will be july 1st

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so welcome um we also have some

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additional transition

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so i did want to thank dr gibson

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who has been with us she jumped right in

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as our director of hr

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and she was such a great support to us

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in this critical time

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so thank you i know you might be back in

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some support roles

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um hopefully over the summer so we're so

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happy

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to have you and thank you again for your

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00:06:09 --> 00:06:12
time here

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i also want to take a minute to thank

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00:06:12 --> 00:06:15
carol butler

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00:06:13 --> 00:06:16
for her years of director of curriculum

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instruction

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um i couldn't remember how many years it

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was carol but i know you've been in that

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role for

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many years um i'd also have accomplished

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a lot in those years so

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too much to list but i just i had one um

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real memory of the eighth grade pilot of

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laptops which was one team in the eighth

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grade which was about only seven years

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ago when you think about it

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and now we have an entire school

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district from that time

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um completely laptops that are able to

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enhance our education

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prepare and carol was integral

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jeff too but of course but carol was

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integral

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in championing this through and

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continuing to push how important it is

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00:06:59 --> 00:07:01

to have this technology in the

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classrooms

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and thank goodness she did because of

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the pandemic we were ready to go

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um we've learned so much so thank you

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00:07:06 --> 00:07:10

carol for all that

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um you have brought to that role and

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carol is staying on and we're excited

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00:07:12 --> 00:07:15

for her new role

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of director of hr inclusion and

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diversity which

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i believe she will begin to july first

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in that role

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so thank you carol we wish you the best

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and thank you for all you've done for

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our district

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um finally i also wanted to

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say that we are working with we call it

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hya hazard young and atte associates for

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a superintendent

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search we have used them before in our

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strategic planning if people remember

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them

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they are confident that the applicant

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pool of superintendents is strong right

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now so although originally we thought we

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would wait until the

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summer september area to start the

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process we're going to try and gather

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community input this month

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um and this input will help frame the

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characteristics and the profile for what

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00:08:01 --> 00:08:04

as a community we want as a permanent

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00:08:03 --> 00:08:07

superintendent

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um as we begin looking there will be an

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email going out asking if you're

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interested in participating either in

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these community forums or in focus

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groups that they will be running

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00:08:14 --> 00:08:18

you'll probably get that over the next

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few days but if you know for sure you

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want to be included feel free to

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email me directly

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and i think i know that was a lot um i

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think that's all i have to cover for the

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moment

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um so i did want to turn it over

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to dr mccourtney for the

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superintendent's monthly report thank

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you karen and thank you everyone uh to

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echo

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um president charles thanks i want to

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say thank you to those of you in the

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audience that

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um have followed the guidelines or have

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done what we ask um

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in order to try to compromise uh with

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our folks that were here have a

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different opinion

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um we've elected to allow them to stay

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outside of this room

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just so that you can have the the space

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00:09:01 --> 00:09:03

and distance you like anybody who's in

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the meeting

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um should in fact wear a mask and go

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from there

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ideally we would like everyone to follow

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00:09:08 --> 00:09:13

the guidance within the school

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and keep the mask on um that being said

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tonight's

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meeting is about so much more than this

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one issue

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we want to recognize a number of people

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and as karen said we have a lot of

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transition happening in the district

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i do want to echo the sentiments um to

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uh

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dr gibson and we have a small token a

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gift to thank her

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for all of her work in the district and

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just uh continuing to say yes

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when we said we'd just stay another week

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another week another week another week

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all along so with uh fondness and thanks

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to dr gibson we'll give this to her it

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does include the

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infamous morristown pen along with along

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with the moore's not sure

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i've had uh i've had the great privilege

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of working with dr gibson in

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two different districts and i can tell

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00:10:02 --> 00:10:05

you she's just the consummate

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professional she knows her job she's

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good at it

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and she comes came through for us when

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00:10:09 --> 00:10:12

we needed her most so

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definitely want to say thank you there i

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also want to echo

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as carol butler moves from the director

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of curriculum and instruction

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to the director of resource want to say

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thank you to carol over the last number

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of years the district has accomplished

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accomplished a lot under her leadership

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and curriculum

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and we're excited to see what she'll do

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in hr and how she'll be able to continue

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the discussion

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with hiring great teachers to advance

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our curriculum and to just keep the

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district moving forward so

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congratulations and thank you to carol

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for all of her work

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and also this evening we have uh want to

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recognize a number of our employees who

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have also taken the great step to

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move towards retirement and it's always

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bittersweet

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wherever you are from that standpoint

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because i know these folks love

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00:11:01 --> 00:11:05

what they do they love this community

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00:11:03 --> 00:11:07

they love the children in this community

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and and they're educators at heart and

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they just love serving in that respect

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so

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i have tons of respect for them uh and

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i'd ask if dr

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gibson would come forward we'll come

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over to that microphone

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there and i know a number could not be

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here this evening but we want to

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recognize each and every one thank you

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oh good evening something positive for

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tonight

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i always welcome positivity it's great

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for us all to do that

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without further ado we do have two of

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our retirees that are here tonight

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and the first person i'm going to

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introduce to you

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this goes by the name suzy

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montanago she has been here

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since 2002 started out as a part-time

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preschool

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teacher and resource room at roberts

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from 2002-2014 from 2014 to the present

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an inclusion kindergarten teacher

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you will be missed but your legendary

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will stay with us forever

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thank you

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00:12:37 --> 00:12:41

okay our retiree who we have here

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tonight mr christopher

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norris he's been a band teacher at the

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high school

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[Music]

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he started in 1998

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instrumental music director pep band

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advisor

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all south jersey all-state band one of

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our mentor teachers

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you're gonna be missed

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so we'll uh we'll take a moment just to

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read what's here and in their packages

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the more sound pens we speak to i'm

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always glad that the retirees don't know

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how to use the pen

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because it's one of those things that's

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growing within

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or in our world certainly this year has

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proven that to be the case

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um this is to uh reach from north

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00:13:27 --> 00:13:30
downtown

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public school board of education

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00:13:30 --> 00:13:32
presents this certificate to christopher

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00:13:31 --> 00:13:35
norris

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00:13:32 --> 00:13:38
wishes to express sincere thanks and

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00:13:35 --> 00:13:39
gratitude for 23 years of service to our

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00:13:38 --> 00:13:41
schools

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00:13:39 --> 00:13:42
your wisdom dedication and excellence

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00:13:41 --> 00:13:46
that require many

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00:13:42 --> 00:13:46
and will long be remembered for

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00:13:47 --> 00:13:50
happiness

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00:14:01 --> 00:14:04

all you got to stand up on the stage

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00:14:02 --> 00:14:06

with the kids for even 30 seconds and

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00:14:04 --> 00:14:08

you know where his heart is so

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00:14:06 --> 00:14:09

um not only that i i think what the most

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is it

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he brings out the best in our students

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and i've told him that many many times

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um they're better musicians they're

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better people

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because of his work so congratulations

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chris and thank you so very much for all

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you do

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we'll read yours too upon your

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retirement morristown township public

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schools board of education

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presents this certificate to suzanne

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montagno and wishes to express its

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sincere thanks and gratitude for your 19

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years of service to our schools

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your wisdom and dedication to excellence

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have inspired many

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and will long be remembered we wish you

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good health happiness and continued

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success in your retirement

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thank you so much

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00:15:01 --> 00:15:07

so um first of all one of the things

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00:15:04 --> 00:15:08

your smile always makes my day when i

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walk into a building and she

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she wears a smile and she brings that

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heart of joy to the work that you do so

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thank you you will be missed

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um we also offer our retirees a chance

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to say something

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they usually are behind the scenes

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people that that don't look for

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accolades but we'd be remiss if we

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didn't at least after uh how many years

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19 years and 20 three years that we

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didn't give you the microphone

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you are welcome to decline i understand

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it's an interesting evening

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but we'll at least offer it and i'll

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pause for a second

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it's been my absolute pleasure to serve

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the students

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the parents the community the

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administration the board of education

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for the past 23 years i've had an

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extremely rewarding

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career teaching so many fabulous and

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talented students

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over the many years and i'd just like to

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thank

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everyone for this their support uh

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music education is not a frill it

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benefits

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all students it is so important students

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develop a sense of grit and other

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appreciations of life through beauty of

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music and

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thank you for your support of the of the

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arts

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i just want to say i i kind of already

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made my speech earlier however

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i just um i've been 19 years in

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morristown however

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i started my career in 1985 and i taught

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in another district for 11 years so this

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is actually my 30th year overall with

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teaching

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taking seven years off to to raise our

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00:16:43 --> 00:16:47

our sons

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but still teaching exactly but i just

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wanted to say thank you to everyone it

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was

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a very rough year kind of was the um

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tipping block for me to decide to go

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ahead and live out my dream

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build my house with my husband in long

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beach island and i will be retiring down

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00:17:01 --> 00:17:04

the shore and i just want to say

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00:17:02 --> 00:17:06

in nautical terms i just want to say dr

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mccartney thank you very much for always

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being the captain of the ship

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and keeping us upright and

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congratulations on your retirement also

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thank you very much

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but we certainly want to recognize them

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and their accomplishments

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so i'll have you read their names and

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let's give them a round of applause

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okay maureen sullivan who's not here on

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zoom for us

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i mean his math is going to have a heart

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attack here okay

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maureen sullivan excuse me a second i

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can't read about my glasses so uh

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let's be real

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i can't fake it anymore okay here we are

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maureen sullivan she's a fourth grade

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teacher at ues

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she started here in 1988 she starts a

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fourth grade teacher at mary roberts

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elementary school she's a summer tutor

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district and building committees

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she's also retired she's on zoom right

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now so give her a wave

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okay other retirees are jeannie warren

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who's a professional at mary roberts

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elementary school she started here in

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2001

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she's been a professional at south

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valley and roberts and she completed

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many

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professional trainings she worked during

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the summer programs for the esy

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patricia warren known as trish special

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ed teacher at the middle school

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since 2008 she's worked at the high

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school

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ues middle school participated in many

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school committees

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katie albert science teacher at the high

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school started in 1999

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one of our mentor teachers mary jean

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clatt

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first grade teacher at baker started in

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1996

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she's done one of like bus duties social

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skills club advisor

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many committees at baker barbara memo

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fourth grade teacher at ues

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started in 1996 started grade four at

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mary roberts elementary schools

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00:19:03 --> 00:19:07

strategic club kid zone club at roberts

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bus duty

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00:19:07 --> 00:19:11

summer richard programs mentor star

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teachers do more than just teach folks

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stay busy they are busy and we have

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00:19:13 --> 00:19:18

christine maloney nolan

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special ed teacher baker started in 1997

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resource room teacher

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of the page here social skills club

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advisor

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and district building committee those

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are our retirees

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give them all around folks

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we actually have one more retiree to

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honor

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so lauren's going to come up with a

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little

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thank you

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from us as individuals this is a little

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gift from the board but we did get you

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morristown township morristown township

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public schools presented to dr scott p

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mccartney thank you for your dedicated

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service to our schools and community

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00:20:03 --> 00:20:07

and for your 31 years of educating

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00:20:05 --> 00:20:09

students throughout new jersey

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wishing you much health and happiness in

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00:20:09 --> 00:20:11

your retirement and your future

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endeavors

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a time to look back with admiration a

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00:20:13 --> 00:20:19

time to look forward with anticipation

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so we just wanted to thank you so much

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we know you've been a long time educator

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and 31 years i know you were a lot of

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that time in ed parker township but we

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totally appreciate it i believe it's

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been five years you've been here

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and um you have truly brought um

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stability

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to a very turbulent time i don't know if

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everyone remembers how we had a lot of

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superintendent turnovers so you have

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been

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stability great leadership your kindness

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um

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you will be missed and um but we all

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wish you well we know you will be

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spending a lot of time with your family

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and hopefully after that i'm sure you

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will be pursuing other endeavors

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um but we thank you for your time here

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and we wish you all the best

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thank you um so i very much appreciate

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that

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and uh you know over the last couple

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months since uh

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giving notice to retire um i've received

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many cards

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emails calls people pull you aside and

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it really does mean a lot i appreciate

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it

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in 31 years day one and last day for me

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which is june 30th

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i have thoroughly enjoyed being a part

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of the lives of children

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seeing children grow and learn seeing

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folks

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participate in music programs like

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chris's program or in classrooms in

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00:21:49 --> 00:21:51

kindergarten

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there's not a day that goes by that i

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don't get just a complete thrill

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from seeing some little one holding the

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hands of their mom and dad

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walking out of a school and talking

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about how excited they were

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to learn about this or to do this or to

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00:22:02 --> 00:22:06

go to the next thing

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00:22:03 --> 00:22:07

and so uh it has been a joy they say if

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you find a job that you love

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00:22:07 --> 00:22:10

you're a lucky person i feel like i'm a

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lucky person

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now i can't say i've loved every part of

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it uh tonight being one of those

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pieces of it but at the same point in

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time i am

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truly in awe of the work that teachers

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have had to do

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that school principals have had to do

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this year that parents have had to do

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uh in a time in a situation that has

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just been nothing

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but difficult for all of us and i truly

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respect that for each family for each

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person

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um there's a different point of view a

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different perspective

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and i think what's great about our world

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and great about what we do in education

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is we try to teach our students how to

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respect those differences

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how to love each other in spite of those

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differences how to treat each other with

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00:22:49 --> 00:22:51

kindness

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and compassion and to understand that

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there are multiple perspectives

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and so in the field of education that's

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what we get to do every day

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and our folks do it extremely well so

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00:22:59 --> 00:23:03

thank you to every single person who

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00:23:02 --> 00:23:05

teaches in this district

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00:23:03 --> 00:23:06

and ministers in this district and thank

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00:23:05 --> 00:23:10

you to our parents for the support

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00:23:06 --> 00:23:10

thank you so much

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i didn't get a pen though i know where

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the secret stash is so

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we have an extra pen we have we're taken

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care of

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um excuse me um

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i don't know if mr keith is still in the

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room or in the

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audience he is so mr keith maybe if i

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could ask you to come forward

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and i'm not sure how many of our

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students we were able to to bring back

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this evening

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so last week we actually had our middle

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school

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student awards and we were able to

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bring many people to this very same

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auditorium and recognize students and as

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part of the the program there was a

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mishap with regard to some of the data

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or some clarification and there were a

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number of students

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uh in the corielle science fair and some

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00:24:02 --> 00:24:05

of the other things were going on that

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00:24:03 --> 00:24:06

we wanted to make sure got recognized

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00:24:05 --> 00:24:08

publicly

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so i don't know mr keith if you want to

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pick it up from there and sort of

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00:24:10 --> 00:24:12

explain what everything is and we'll

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00:24:11 --> 00:24:15

recognize our students

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00:24:12 --> 00:24:17

uh tonight yeah in a traditional year we

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00:24:15 --> 00:24:18

recognize our students at the board

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from the core hell science fair and this

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year being what it was was a

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little bit crazy um so

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at our recognition night it kind of

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dawned on us then that we normally do

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this and we wanted to make sure that we

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got to the students when mr lynch gave

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me the list

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it is impressive and as i was trying to

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practice it not sure if he was going to

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show up

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it is a mouthful the titles of some of

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these things that the students have done

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is amazing so i'm going to let him talk

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a little bit more about that we're going

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to introduce the

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students let them get out of here

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because they've got so much homework the

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last week of school

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um so mr lynch is our advisor of

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coryell and i'll let him take it over

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00:24:55 --> 00:25:00

for me

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00:24:57 --> 00:25:01

thank you very much it has been a great

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00:25:00 --> 00:25:02

honor to work with this group of

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00:25:01 --> 00:25:04

students

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00:25:02 --> 00:25:05

uh i'm blown away by their

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00:25:04 --> 00:25:07

accomplishments

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00:25:05 --> 00:25:08

um we've had we had seven students

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00:25:07 --> 00:25:11

participate

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00:25:08 --> 00:25:12

and submit uh projects this year and all

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00:25:11 --> 00:25:14

seven

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um advanced on from the coryell into the

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delaware valley fair

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um so we had tremendous success due to

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their hard work and dedication

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um and given all the constraints of this

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year i'm beyond impressed with their

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work

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um so the first

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student that i'm going to recognize had

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a project titled the effect of question

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instant feedback on student classroom

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engagement

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and that project was awarded second

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place in the

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field of computer science and that is

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vladimir

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ponder bonder excuse me um

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the second project is can kitchen water

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filters work in the wild

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which earned second place in

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microbiology in the corial science fair

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second place in microbiology in the

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delaware science

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fair and the student was invited to

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participate in the broadcom masters

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which is a national

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science fair honoring only the top 10

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percent of projects

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in the official affairs and that is

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lauren shaffer

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next

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the project a conclusion of

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comprehension

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recording versus reading was our team

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project

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um it was awarded first place in the

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team projects category in the corel

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science fair

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second place in the team projects

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category in the delaware science fair

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and also the west pharmaceutical

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services award

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and that goes to dashita singh olivia

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barnes

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and nika vajani

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our next project is characterizing and

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repurposing new jersey shore

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bay mud and this project won

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first place in the corey hell science

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fair in the uh field of chemistry

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um it won the american chemical society

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uh sixth through eighth grade award and

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the best of

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fair for sixth through eighth grade um

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it was also awarded

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honorable mention in the delaware valley

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science fair

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and got the chromatography form of

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delaware valley award

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uh at the delaware valley science fair

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and

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that project belongs to asha chakrabarti

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and finally for the project of cost

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microplastic removal

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and water purifying systems using

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aluminum sulfate salt and coconut husk

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charcoal

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hold on a second

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winning first place in the engineering

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category at the coreall science fair

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the best of engineering awards sixth

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through eighth grade at the corey all

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science fair the best of physical

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sciences award in six through eight at

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the corey all science fair

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first place in engineering at the

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delaware valley science fair

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the pa society of professional engineers

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award at the delaware science

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delaware valley science fair and the

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silver medal

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in the sixth through eighth grade uh

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range in the delaware sale

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sorry there's a lot and one too many

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awards at the delaware valley science

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fair

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as well as being invited to participate

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in the broadcom masters

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sonia leo

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it has been a tremendous honor to work

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with these wonderful students

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um and if we could just give them one

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more round of applause as a group

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i know they're on to big things at the

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high school

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thank you very much

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thank you so much uh you know it was a

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great night uh last week with middle

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school students to see all the great

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things that students did in spite of the

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circumstances

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and then last evening we had our high

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school senior awards

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and there was over 25 000 in

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scholarships

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thousands of hours of community service

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and just so many things to be proud of

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within the community

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and i'm so glad that this district takes

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time to recognize that and emphasize

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those positives

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um because that's what we need to focus

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in on so um the last thing and a

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a category that we've done the last

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couple board meetings unfortunately

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um drea law who has been the driver of

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that couldn't be here

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with us this evening but we've tried to

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recognize some of the unsung heroes in

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our district

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and over the course of time we've

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recognized nurses and

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our support staff and our facilities

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folks and tonight we wanted to take a

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minute to

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give a round of thanks and applause and

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thanks to our technology department

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um without them just think about it

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school would not have happened at all

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even though it was a version of what

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we've typically done so if you wouldn't

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mind please

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thank mr jeff erie in the very back

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and all of his team for their tremendous

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work in i.t

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thank you jeff and i know you'll pass

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that on to your folks um

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truly they've they're there when you

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need them they're there at night

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early mornings saturdays and sundays

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through all this

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jeff i'm still surprised he answers the

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phone when i call because he knows that

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i'm going to ask him or somebody to do

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something

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outside of the work day and they just

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have shown up every single time so we we

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really do appreciate

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and now they have the wonderful task of

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collecting all that tremendous material

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that we've sent home with students

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um and so that that's herculean in its

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own right so

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we do want to say thank you they are

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unsung heroes and we just want to sing a

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little bit on their behalf so

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um with that my report is concluded

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thank you

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great thank you we are

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up for the um student board

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representatives i know cara could not be

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here tonight because there's so much

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um so many senior events going on but

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we've always appreciated her so

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i think claire you're up

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sure go right ahead

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as claire's making her way we'll fill

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the space because i know how awkward

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it is to walk from here to there she

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does it beautifully

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our student reps you know we want to

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take a minute to thank them this year

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too they have been here

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either virtually or in person throughout

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the course of the year um

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not only learning about some of the

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processes in a public meeting and civic

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organizations

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um but i have to say i always find that

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i learn as much

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from them if not more i think sometimes

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they represent

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uh just a tremendous voice so thank you

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to you and your fellow students

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um we're proud of you and we appreciate

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you being a part of our team

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for this school year thank you claire go

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ahead all right thank you

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um my name is claire harin and i'm the

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junior class liaison

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and this is the very last time i will be

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saying that um

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we are our school year ends on thursday

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and i'm so excited

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um tonight i would like to talk about

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our event packed week

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at the high school and unfortunately

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cara could not be here tonight because

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she's helping to set up the seniors

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drive in movie night

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and i'm so excited to announce that

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tomorrow is our junior senior combined

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prom

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student council spent time setting up

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today

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setting up decorations and my mom and i

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made some chandeliers

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with the flower arrangements i really

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think it's really going to make the

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whole prom

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these chandeliers that i made

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um this prom has really been a beast to

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plan

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uh we all know here that copen 19

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regulations have been practically

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changing weekly

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but we are lucky enough to be having a

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joint outdoor prom tomorrow night

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and today was our first day of our

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social emotional learning and pep rally

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events

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before our sel activity started this

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morning we held our student council

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elections so

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everybody cross your fingers i had some

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pretty stiff competition this year

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but uh hopefully i'm on the board again

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the junior student council members held

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a virtual career fair

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and interviewed about 15 different

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professionals in morristown as our sel

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activity

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this event was organized and conducted

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by the juniors and i would like to thank

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my advisors for their guidance

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and support i personally have never had

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an experience like this so i found it

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really interesting

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um denuche and i were in charge of

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asking the same group of business

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professionals

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um different questions about the career

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and their paths and then we also

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open the floor to students in various

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homerooms to answer questions

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i might have put a friend or two on the

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spot with a question but

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overall there was really good feedback

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from

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our event today and um

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today was our first day of pep rally we

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will be having pepper alleys

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today tomorrow and thursday on thursday

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the grades will be wearing their class

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shirts

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i will be gloaming in my gold as a

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junior and the juniors kind of crushed

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the freshmen today

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but tomorrow we're facing the seniors so

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it's not gonna happen again

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um i will brag as long as i can

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um the responses have been great from

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students and i'm really excited to

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continue our competition

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our week will culminate with our

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graduation ceremony the madrigals and i

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will be singing at the ceremony

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and if you would like to brush up on the

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lyrics of her alma mater let me know

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i also had to do that this year my

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sister graduated last year and the

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administration and staff worked really

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hard to give her as normal

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of an experience as possible but i'm so

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excited that this year the seniors will

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be getting

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a practically normal event um madrigals

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will be there the band will be there

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um full um capacity for the families and

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i'm really excited

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um as this is my last meeting of the

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year i would like to thank the board for

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having me speak

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i was excited to be invited back for a

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second year i wasn't so sure if i would

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be

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the board is compiled with many friendly

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faces and i'm very proud of their work

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with race relations and handling the

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pandemic this year

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i was a member of one of their race

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relations subcommittees on improving

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academic achievement trends and i was

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just floored by their work and

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their dedication to um equity and

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equality

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um i would like to congratulate all of

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our retirees

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and i would like to thank senior gerpani

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for supporting me as well for every

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single meeting

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i'm not sure if i'm ready to give our

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updates in spanish yet but i'm close i'm

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close

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and finally i'd like to thank my

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advisors for helping out the juniors to

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create new events and involve our

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classmates in this crazy year

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i know that dealing with us can be like

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herding cats i'm not the easiest to work

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with when i get passionate about

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something and i don't want to cause a

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commotion but

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this meeting definitely might taint my

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memories a little bit as a liaison

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i respect the board for sticking to the

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rules and enforcing state mandates

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and vaccinated or not masks are

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important and they can definitely make

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or break an outfit

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my mom has made a hundred so i can

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coordinate with every single outfit

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and i might leave a little early after

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these comments and i wish everybody here

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a good night

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thank you very much

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um so i'm looking for copio and i am the

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sophomore class liaison

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and if this were a normal year i'd

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probably be cramming in some last

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last-minute studying for

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finals but clearly this year has been

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everything but

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normal and i think all the students are

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very thankful to have a very fun

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and relaxed final week of school with

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all these sle activities

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and this pep rally that is being held at

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the turf

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which i've heard some feedback isn't as

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fun

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as uh it was in the mac in the fall of

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last year

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but due to the coveted regulations at

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the time

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it wasn't possible so i think all the

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students are very thankful that we're at

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least getting something

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so tomorrow the sophomore class is

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holding their sle activity

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and the sophomore officers and the

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senators

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and thankfully we had some volunteers to

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fill up the 17 homerooms

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we'll be leading our sla essee activity

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and we thought it was important to

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like celebrate culture so that is our

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main focus of tomorrow we're going to be

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having some

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interactive activities like jeopardy and

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who wants to be a millionaire

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and thankfully we were talking to some

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of our fellow

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students and they actually gave us and

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supplied us videos

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of them talking about their culture so

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we

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we will be playing those tomorrow and i

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think it's a great learning opportunity

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for all of the students

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and it's just been very challenging but

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i'm very thankful to

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be given the opportunity to talk to you

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and share my experiences that i've

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added to school and although i did not

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run

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for student council next year i will be

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supporting all of them and i'll probably

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be a senator and helping them out any

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way possible thank you

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thank you

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well thank you so much for being here um

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that's great uh hello everybody

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i'm bavika i'm the freshman class

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liaison

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and so today we also had our pep rally

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um we were absolutely crushed by the

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juniors but

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tomorrow reversing the seniors hopefully

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we'll have some luck then and

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tomorrow is also our scl activity and

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our focus for that is mindfulness and so

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we're going to do a slideshow led by

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student facilitators

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and we'll start off with like a quick

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warm-up just asking information like

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do you know any ways to practice

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mindfulness or what do you know about it

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and after going a little bit more in

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depth we're going to focus on ways you

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can practice mindfulness

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and this is just so important because we

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really want to keep all of the freshmen

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engaged we know that the end of the

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school year is coming

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and we want to ensure that they're

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learning about mindfulness and they can

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really take what we're teaching them

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and implement it in their daily lives

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because mindfulness is such an important

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and complex com concept to understand so

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we want to make sure that um

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our slideshow is helpful and all of the

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freshmen can really take something from

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it

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and so after having art open discussions

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to really get the class engaged and make

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sure

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that um they can implement something in

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their lives from what we've said

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we're going to just recap everything in

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our presentation with a really amazing

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and wonderful ted talk we found

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and just as a cool down from all of the

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presentations and ted talks

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we're gonna end with the fun bingo and

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um the homerooms will actually get to

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make their own cards to make it more

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personalized

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and so we decided to end off with more

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of a fun way and if we have some time

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left

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we're also going to end with a guided

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meditation just as a cool down and then

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everyone can go home

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so that is our sel activity for tomorrow

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and i just want to say this is my first

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year being a freshman

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well liaison and i just want to thank

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the board and everyone who made all of

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the meetings possible it's been an

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amazing and really insightful experience

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and yeah just thank you to everyone

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thank you so much i really appreciate

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i've always said this the student

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representatives are such an important

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part of our meetings now and

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they really bring such a great

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perspective to us this is the reason why

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we do a lot of what we do and it's it's

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always the joy of seeing them

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speak and and how respectful and how

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just how much they've developed even

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over the years we see differences

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between them and just the maturity

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levels and

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they're just amazing um i wish i was

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like them at their age they're just

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fabulous so thank you all for being here

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i know it's extra time out of your day

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as well or night

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so we always love their attendance

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next we are on to board committee

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reports

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so if more curriculum do you want to

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start

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hello um so curriculum met

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on june 10th uh in attendance were carol

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butler scott mccartney

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jeff airy sandra alberti mcweeks

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lauren romano myself gavin quinn matt

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keith jackie burnell

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lisa trapani and donna for tortu

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um so we we talked about a couple things

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one of the first things that we talked

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about was

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gavin came in and discussed the new

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textbook adoption for honors chemistry

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so um starting next year honors

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chemistry is going to be using

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a new it's really a program it's not

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necessarily a textbook which is why

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he was so excited about it and it takes

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a phenomenological approach to chemistry

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which is another thing we were talking a

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lot about i'm pretty excited

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so it starts with a story goes into

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investigating

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uh and then you know supplemental

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understandings and everyday experiences

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and then back to that sort of phenomena

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so it

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it treats them as real world experiences

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it has lots of opportunities

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to assess students uh adaptively

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with the kinds of questions that make

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them better scientists

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so the labs are able to be tiered

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and you can have four different versions

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of the same lab going in the same class

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so

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affords a lot of opportunities for

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differentiation

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the the downside is that it's only for

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honors chemistry right now

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um so we have a you know after the first

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marking period we'll be looking at

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you know how well it's being implemented

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and sort of the

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you know what can be learned but overall

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this is uh that was he was pretty

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excited about it

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the next thing we talked about was um so

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lisa trebani and donna

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tortu came in to talk about some of the

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high school social emotional initiatives

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that they started even before uh

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kovid um just to talk about sort of the

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kinds of things how they adapted

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during kovid and you know

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what they might look like next year and

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beyond so

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things like staff book clubs student and

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staff

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chillin chats truth talk series and a

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number of other opportunities

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it culminated with a discussion of the

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there was an mef grant for a pd

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at the mojada stables where staff went

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for a weekend

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and used equine therapy and and that

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kind of thing to

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understand bias and and those sorts of

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things so

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um it was very well received um the

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the staff that was in attendance spoke

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very highly of it

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and again as a as a board we're very

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grateful

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the of the for the initiatives that

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again were started before kovid for

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these types of things as we

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we obviously think um sel is really

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important social emotional learning and

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all of that

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is very important wham's summer reading

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was the next topic

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matt keith discussed the students are

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going to have an option of six books

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and all the books are linked

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thematically so

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obviously students will be um you know

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recommended to read as many books as

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they can

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the conversation won't be necessarily

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book plot specific it'll be much more

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thematic linking the books together and

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the sort of things

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um ultimately the the theme

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of the american experience and

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resilience

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uh that will happen on october 1st which

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leads right into their week of respect

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uh the first week of october um

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we'd also discussed the ela pilot for k

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to five

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so jackie brunell originally this was

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something that had been in the works for

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a while they went back in january

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to look again at what they had what they

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had sort of determined for this pilot

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and and given everything that's happened

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in the last 12 months that seems like a

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really good idea

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um so given what they sort of went back

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to and look they ended up deciding for

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interreading which is an hmh product it

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has a very robust complement of

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online materials that are updated for

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all the reasons that we would expect

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them to be these days

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the the sort of logistics are in the 21

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22 school year

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uh 25 of the teachers k to five will be

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piloting the new ela program uh that's

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about

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one one class per grade per building at

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the k to three level and then 25 percent

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of the ues appropriate students this

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includes

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basic skills and special ed teachers as

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well in that 25

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with the intent of then in the 22 23

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school year

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the other 75 percent then adapting that

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that same curriculum

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uh the last thing we talked about was

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carol butler gave sort of an update on a

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number of things not the least of which

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was the summer enrichment

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program that will be happening in july

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talked about enrollment so

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the in terms of the logistics the 439

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students were given invitations to the

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summer program

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and 270 217 as of monday

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had uh agreed to attend or had

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had um accepted um so

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obviously that's half um as a board we

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talked about sort of

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um keep being very mindful of the other

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half that didn't opt to because these

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were students that were recommended for

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for this enrichment program um

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we also talked about so packets that

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might be available for the summer

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how they might differ from this year um

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from from you know in previous years

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um and and that sort of thing and that

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all of that is really

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you know great and subject specific in

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terms of the packets

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and the only thing i would want to say

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to to conclude is

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as carol is transitioning from this role

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to another i wanted to also express my

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gratitude

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um for the many efforts that i have seen

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personally on behalf of our students

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so as as an end there so thank you

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i guess jack policy

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thank you karen policy medal on june 7th

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in attendance for carol butler matt

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keith scott mccartney lauren romano mark

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villanueva and myself

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we discussed the policies on first

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reading

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0131 formalizes by-law policy and

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regulation

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management 24-21 is revisions per

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statute

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3130 3134 better defines

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assignments of extra duties to staff

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clarifies the days are in fact calendar

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days

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24 our statutory date revisions due to

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covert 19

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41 46 is statute reference changes

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um and another clarification the days

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are calendar days

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5460.02 is a bridge pilot program

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where certain students can remain in the

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district for another year

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6471 establishes maximum business

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travel expenses not requiring border

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approval

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and 8561 is removing the chart

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titled federal funds procurement method

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selection chart

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because it is so frequently updated

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that's my report great thanks jack any

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questions for jack

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so david andrea are not here sandra do

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you have an update

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there we go um so i'll kind of given up

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the

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maybe a little bit for drea and a little

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00:49:35 --> 00:49:39
bit for um

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00:49:36 --> 00:49:40
the committee to explore race and racism

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00:49:39 --> 00:49:42
in morristown

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00:49:40 --> 00:49:43
and that is that we collaborated for the

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00:49:42 --> 00:49:46
um planning and

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00:49:43 --> 00:49:47
pulling together a community engagement

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00:49:46 --> 00:49:49
forum to

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00:49:47 --> 00:49:51
kind of share what each of the

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00:49:49 --> 00:49:53
subcommittees has been working on

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00:49:51 --> 00:49:54
over the years and so we've organized

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00:49:53 --> 00:49:58

since

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the winter time in five subcommittees

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one about hiring for diversity one about

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representation in the curriculum

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safe spaces for all students academic

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thriving

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which claire mentioned in her report and

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fair treatment for all students

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and what we have done over the year is

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have subcommittee meetings that

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include parents include teachers

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administrators and

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students to think about what some goals

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00:50:23 --> 00:50:26
might be for the district in the

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00:50:24 --> 00:50:28
year upcoming as well as some some

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00:50:26 --> 00:50:31
learning opportunities

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00:50:28 --> 00:50:33
so that we can take action going forward

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00:50:31 --> 00:50:35
considering that we have some

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really big opportunities with new

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leadership positions

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we felt the most responsible thing to do

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would be to inform the development

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of a strategic plan rather than have a

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strategic plan and we're looking forward

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to

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continuing to engage in that work and

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building a more robust uh strategic plan

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going forward and so

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in the community engagement form each of

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the subcommittees

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shared some of the learnings that

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they've had over the year

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and i'm very proud to say that each of

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the sub

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committees we had breakout rooms that

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were all facilitated by our students

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just to continue to echo the positivity

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of

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giving students true authentic voice and

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leadership roles

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uh always serves us very well we have a

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lot to learn from those kids

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that we have the privilege of supporting

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in this work that we're all here to do

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so that's both

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communications a bit and uh the

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committee for exploring recent racism

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thank you so much we appreciate that um

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anyone have an off board committee

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report

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sure go ahead mike

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so um as a member of more arts

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uh i got this uh update from them

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because i missed the meeting due to

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being at the race and racism

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um community forum but they wanted me to

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share

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that more arts this year awarded 10

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00:51:55 --> 00:51:59
scholarships

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00:51:56 --> 00:52:00
to graduating seniors this year which is

1404
00:51:59 --> 00:52:01
great

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00:52:00 --> 00:52:03
the only unfortunate part is that they

1406
00:52:01 --> 00:52:05
only receive 10 applications

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00:52:03 --> 00:52:07
so not quite sure why that is but

1408
00:52:05 --> 00:52:10
everybody who applied

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00:52:07 --> 00:52:11
uh got a scholarship more arts is also

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00:52:10 --> 00:52:12
sponsoring the

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00:52:11 --> 00:52:15
morristown high school junior senior

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00:52:12 --> 00:52:17
prom at the yellow sponsor level

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00:52:15 --> 00:52:18

uh again showing their support for our

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our students and their

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00:52:18 --> 00:52:22
arts uh the district art show will be

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00:52:21 --> 00:52:25
virtual again this year

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uh please check the morristown township

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public schools website in the next few

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weeks for

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the amazing student artwork and they

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want to make sure that we

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share the thanks to trish rowe who's

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curating the event

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uh and then also i wanted to

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congratulate the directorial team

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00:52:38 --> 00:52:42

cast and crew of the morristown high

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school fall play who received the top

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prize at the montclair awards this year

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so those are the notes they wanted me to

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share with the board

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great thank you mick anyone else

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i just wanted to of course give a plug

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to morristown education foundation as i

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said last time lauren and i

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00:52:57 --> 00:53:02

are members we are dwindling so we

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00:53:01 --> 00:53:04

are really looking for volunteers to

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00:53:02 --> 00:53:06

join the education foundation

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00:53:04 --> 00:53:09

some of the great things the foundation

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00:53:06 --> 00:53:11

does it funds some of the innovative

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projects the district just can't do

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because our budget is so limited

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and some of the things that mark was

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talking about about the horses and the

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stables and

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we've done the innovation lab at whams

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and there's so many great things

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so um there's a big golf outing but in

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00:53:23 --> 00:53:26
addition to that we

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00:53:24 --> 00:53:28
are involved in some of these teacher

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00:53:26 --> 00:53:29
grants um it's a great way to get

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00:53:28 --> 00:53:32
involved and

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it's um not a huge time commitment but

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it's a nice way to get involved in the

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00:53:33 --> 00:53:37
community so if anyone's ever interested

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00:53:35 --> 00:53:38
in joining emia feel free to reach out

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00:53:37 --> 00:53:42
to lauren or myself and

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00:53:38 --> 00:53:46
um we could pass the word on

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00:53:42 --> 00:53:47
great i think we are ready to go into

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00:53:46 --> 00:53:49

public comment

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so is there a motion to open public

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comment

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it's removed second

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all in favor

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yes items

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00:54:00 --> 00:54:04

[Applause]

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um as we move this is only for agenda

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items our public comment and

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please if you do come to the microphone

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00:54:08 --> 00:54:13

please be wearing a mask um

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first comment section again is only for

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00:54:13 --> 00:54:16
agenda items when your name is called

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00:54:15 --> 00:54:19
please state your name and address

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00:54:16 --> 00:54:19
you will have three minutes to speak

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00:54:19 --> 00:54:21
this is not a

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00:54:19 --> 00:54:23
question and answer period and it's

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00:54:21 --> 00:54:25
always best to follow up with an email

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00:54:23 --> 00:54:27
just so everyone understands also the

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00:54:25 --> 00:54:28
process this is a meeting

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00:54:27 --> 00:54:30
of the board that happens to be in

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00:54:28 --> 00:54:31
public so um

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00:54:30 --> 00:54:33
the advantage now of live streaming is

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that people have access to it

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but um from what we learn in a lot of

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our training and also from our council

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as lisa

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said to us and john many times that this

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is a meeting of the board in public

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um not necessarily answering questions

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but we are open to public comment so

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please do not address board members

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individually and please be respectful

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when making public comment

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so first up to um

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00:54:59 --> 00:55:03
i guess the microphone right over there

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00:55:04 --> 00:55:08
sure just state your name and address

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00:55:07 --> 00:55:11
please

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00:55:08 --> 00:55:13
can you time it i'm so bad at that can i

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00:55:11 --> 00:55:16
take this off while i speak

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00:55:13 --> 00:55:16
so i'd like it to be clear yes i'll put

1500
00:55:16 --> 00:55:18
it right back

1501
00:55:16 --> 00:55:22
thank you my name is katie sullivan i

1502
00:55:18 --> 00:55:22
live at 35 brooks road

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00:55:23 --> 00:55:26
i would like to begin by thanking the

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00:55:25 --> 00:55:27
incredible principals and the teachers

1505
00:55:26 --> 00:55:30

of this district

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especially those at south valley for

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everything they've done for our kids

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00:55:31 --> 00:55:34

this year i would also like to wish mrs

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montagno

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congratulations on her retirement i'm

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really grateful that you guys

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honored her tonight she's a south valley

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faith

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i would also like to thank the three

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board members who wrote to governor

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murphy last week requesting

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00:55:46 --> 00:55:49
a revocation of the mass mandate for new

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00:55:48 --> 00:55:51
jersey schools

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00:55:49 --> 00:55:53
my husband and i wholeheartedly support

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00:55:51 --> 00:55:54
this and believe that mask use should be

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00:55:53 --> 00:55:56
optional in our school buildings

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00:55:54 --> 00:55:58
as they are in every other entity in the

1523
00:55:56 --> 00:56:00
state

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00:55:58 --> 00:56:01
over the last year and a half our

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00:56:00 --> 00:56:03
response to the pandemic within the

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00:56:01 --> 00:56:05
school district by removing children

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00:56:03 --> 00:56:07
from in-person learning

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00:56:05 --> 00:56:09

and then implementing mass use when they

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00:56:07 --> 00:56:11

returned has had a negative impact on

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00:56:09 --> 00:56:13

their health

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as a pediatric nurse in the community

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over the last 15 months i have witnessed

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an increase

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in reports of anxiety and depression in

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00:56:18 --> 00:56:22

the pediatric population

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alarming high rates of suicide

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00:56:22 --> 00:56:29

attempts horrific cases of child abuse

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00:56:26 --> 00:56:31

obesity and new onset diabetes

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exacerbation of eating disorders

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00:56:31 --> 00:56:34

problems with vision related to

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00:56:33 --> 00:56:38

excessive screen use

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00:56:34 --> 00:56:40

and social social and emotional distress

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00:56:38 --> 00:56:42

with regard to mass use among children i

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have seen increased reports of headaches

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particularly migraines complaints of

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dizziness

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lethargy difficulty breathing bloody

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noses

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skin lesions rashes and acne bacterial

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00:56:53 --> 00:56:57

and fungal skin infections

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skin breakdown behind their ears poor

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dentition including

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00:56:59 --> 00:57:02

increased cavities mouth sores and

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00:57:01 --> 00:57:05

abscesses

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00:57:02 --> 00:57:07

stunted speech development reduced

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00:57:05 --> 00:57:10

ability to concentrate

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00:57:07 --> 00:57:13

cognitive decline and exacerbation of

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00:57:10 --> 00:57:14

mental health issues

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00:57:13 --> 00:57:16

also know that in regards to cova 19

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itself the pediatric population has been

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minimally impacted by the virus

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with mild symptoms few hospital

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00:57:21 --> 00:57:25

admissions and nearly

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a nearly non-existent mortality rate

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we cannot accept your safety plan for

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the upcoming school year if this

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includes masking our children for eight

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to nine hours per day

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five days per week i respect you as

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leaders of this community

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and urge you to end the mass mandate in

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our schools

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thank you for your comments anyone else

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i'm gonna keep my mask down

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00:58:14 --> 00:58:17

what an interesting night

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00:58:18 --> 00:58:23

interesting night right i'll get up

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when i'm ready name and address please

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00:58:23 --> 00:58:28

when i'm ready

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no i'll give it to you when i'm ready so

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you guys are uh spaced kind of close

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right does anybody have two masks or

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does anybody have goggles or do you have

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00:58:34 --> 00:58:38

a man

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a shield horn

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00:58:38 --> 00:58:41

there's a process by which we have open

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00:58:40 --> 00:58:43
public meetings

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00:58:41 --> 00:58:46
you are to come to the microphone state

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00:58:43 --> 00:58:47
your name and address

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00:58:46 --> 00:58:49
then you're not welcome to speak you're

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00:58:47 --> 00:58:51
not welcome

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00:58:49 --> 00:58:52
i'm not speaking as a member of the

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00:58:51 --> 00:58:54
public meeting i'm an employee of the

1593
00:58:52 --> 00:58:56
board

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00:58:54 --> 00:58:57
if you would like to speak we're giving

1595
00:58:56 --> 00:59:01
the opportunity to speak

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00:58:57 --> 00:59:01
the rules state that you should

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00:59:02 --> 00:59:09

please return

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00:59:06 --> 00:59:10

bill blanch 325 springhouse lane my

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00:59:09 --> 00:59:13

three boys are here too because we

1600

00:59:10 --> 00:59:13

didn't have a babysitter tonight

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00:59:14 --> 00:59:17

but i just find it interesting i mean

1602

00:59:15 --> 00:59:20

has anybody gone out to dinner

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at this table because you're not the

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wear mask when you go out to dinner

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00:59:23 --> 00:59:27

you're sitting like a foot apart i mean

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00:59:26 --> 00:59:30

it's just

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what we say and what we do sometimes

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puzzles me a little bit with this whole

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pandemic

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i do want to compliment our staff and

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faculty at robert's school

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tremendous mr roberts or mr carter

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is my kids love going to school let's

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just put it that way

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00:59:45 --> 00:59:49

so if there's a positive in this they

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did everything that they could possibly

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do to make this

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normal for our kids

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there's districts throughout this state

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that have taken surveys

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01:00:01 --> 01:00:05

to determine what the parents thoughts

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are because technically you guys work

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01:00:05 --> 01:00:08

for us right like you want to know what

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01:00:07 --> 01:00:11

our thoughts are what we want

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01:00:08 --> 01:00:14

for our kids do you plan on

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sending out a survey to the parents

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because i feel like more people

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are in my boat than another boat which

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01:00:18 --> 01:00:21

is let's get rid of these masks and move

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01:00:20 --> 01:00:23

on

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01:00:21 --> 01:00:25

my kid can go to target my kid can go

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01:00:23 --> 01:00:27

out to eat he can't go to school

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01:00:25 --> 01:00:29

unless he has an ass corn that's

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01:00:27 --> 01:00:33

puzzling again

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things it just doesn't make any sense

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01:00:33 --> 01:00:39

is it going to be a survey is that part

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01:00:36 --> 01:00:42

of our srp

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does anybody want to comment or

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01:00:42 --> 01:00:46

now this is just public comment for you

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to speak okay

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so dr mccartney my wife emailed you

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specifically

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01:00:51 --> 01:00:54

stating that there was over 30 school

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districts where their superintendent

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01:00:54 --> 01:00:58

actually wrote

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a letter to the governor asking him to

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01:00:58 --> 01:01:03

end the mask mandate

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01:01:00 --> 01:01:04

you've yet to write a letter and in your

1649

01:01:03 --> 01:01:07

response

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01:01:04 --> 01:01:09

you said in fact we're wholeheartedly

1651

01:01:07 --> 01:01:11

want to be masked free

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01:01:09 --> 01:01:13

but yet you didn't write a letter

1653

01:01:11 --> 01:01:15

requesting that

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01:01:13 --> 01:01:17

you kind of hid behind the executive

1655
01:01:15 --> 01:01:19
order 175.

1656
01:01:17 --> 01:01:21
so to me that's not fighting for our

1657
01:01:19 --> 01:01:25
children

1658
01:01:21 --> 01:01:26
that's just getting in line and i i do

1659
01:01:25 --> 01:01:27
want to applaud because it didn't go

1660
01:01:26 --> 01:01:29
unnoticed to my household there was

1661
01:01:27 --> 01:01:32
three members that did sign

1662
01:01:29 --> 01:01:34
and send a letter to our governor

1663
01:01:32 --> 01:01:36
and this is growing in jersey there's

1664
01:01:34 --> 01:01:37
it's over 30 school districts now so i

1665
01:01:36 --> 01:01:39
urge you

1666
01:01:37 --> 01:01:40

write a letter to the governor these

1667

01:01:39 --> 01:01:42

kids need to be mass free i just got

1668

01:01:40 --> 01:01:45

done coaching baseball if you guys

1669

01:01:42 --> 01:01:46

witness the weekends of what's happening

1670

01:01:45 --> 01:01:48

these kids aren't wearing masks they're

1671

01:01:46 --> 01:01:51

having fun they're being kids

1672

01:01:48 --> 01:01:52

the control at school has got to end and

1673

01:01:51 --> 01:01:55

that's what it is

1674

01:01:52 --> 01:01:56

kids sitting on dots being told how to

1675

01:01:55 --> 01:01:57

eat a snack when they can take their

1676

01:01:56 --> 01:01:59

mask

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01:01:57 --> 01:02:02

that that's not uh that's not educated

1678

01:01:59 --> 01:02:03

it's communism

1679

01:02:02 --> 01:02:07

being told what to do every every minute

1680

01:02:03 --> 01:02:10

of the day

1681

01:02:07 --> 01:02:14

so finally i'm done empowering

1682

01:02:10 --> 01:02:16

people to decide what's best for my kids

1683

01:02:14 --> 01:02:18

so i'll look every single one in the eye

1684

01:02:16 --> 01:02:19

i'm done empowering you to decide what's

1685

01:02:18 --> 01:02:21

best for my kid

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01:02:19 --> 01:02:24

my kids coming back to this school next

1687

01:02:21 --> 01:02:26

year and they're gonna be mask-free

1688

01:02:24 --> 01:02:27

okay because i'm gonna decide what's

1689

01:02:26 --> 01:02:28

best for me and any parent that stands

1690

01:02:27 --> 01:02:31
with me

1691

01:02:28 --> 01:02:31
let's join the fight

1692

01:02:31 --> 01:02:37
put out the survey and you'll see okay

1693

01:02:35 --> 01:02:39
thank you i feel like we're hiding

1694

01:02:37 --> 01:02:40
behind guidelines no i'll be done when

1695

01:02:39 --> 01:02:41
i'm done i feel like we're hiding we

1696

01:02:40 --> 01:02:43
have a three minute limit

1697

01:02:41 --> 01:02:45
that's fine i'll be done when i'm done

1698

01:02:43 --> 01:02:48
no we haven't had a time

1699

01:02:45 --> 01:02:51
excuse me the chair you're in was paid

1700

01:02:48 --> 01:02:51
for by taxpayers right

1701

01:02:55 --> 01:02:59

sir if you want to be part of the

1702

01:02:57 --> 01:03:00

meeting follow the rules

1703

01:02:59 --> 01:03:02

the board president has asked you and

1704

01:03:00 --> 01:03:04

given you more than ample time to

1705

01:03:02 --> 01:03:05

respond you can call me i'm happy to

1706

01:03:04 --> 01:03:07

hear from you i'll set up an appointment

1707

01:03:05 --> 01:03:07

with

1708

01:03:08 --> 01:03:11

we have an audience

1709

01:03:13 --> 01:03:18

folks what we need

1710

01:03:17 --> 01:03:20

if you have a question you can call me

1711

01:03:18 --> 01:03:24

and i'm happy to talk to you

1712

01:03:20 --> 01:03:26

i did you just read my answer okay

1713

01:03:24 --> 01:03:32

sorry that's fine please this is

1714

01:03:26 --> 01:03:32

disruptive to our meeting please

1715

01:03:35 --> 01:03:39

the simple answer that we've written and

1716

01:03:37 --> 01:03:40

sent to every family in this community

1717

01:03:39 --> 01:03:42

multiple times is that there is an

1718

01:03:40 --> 01:03:43

executive order

1719

01:03:42 --> 01:03:45

written by the governor that does not

1720

01:03:43 --> 01:03:48

exclude schools

1721

01:03:45 --> 01:03:48

from wearing masks indoors you can read

1722

01:03:48 --> 01:03:50

it

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01:03:48 --> 01:03:51

you can call the governor's office you

1724

01:03:50 --> 01:03:53

can take a group of people to there and

1725

01:03:51 --> 01:03:55

raise your concern

1726

01:03:53 --> 01:03:56

we support that we ask the board of

1727

01:03:55 --> 01:03:58

education

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01:03:56 --> 01:04:00

if they'd like to write a letter several

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01:03:58 --> 01:04:03

did and we've moved forward

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01:04:00 --> 01:04:03

i'm not going to go back and forth

1731

01:04:05 --> 01:04:08

we're finished sir okay so we're on to

1732

01:04:07 --> 01:04:11

the next person

1733

01:04:08 --> 01:04:11

it's time to none of it makes sense i

1734

01:04:11 --> 01:04:14

understand

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01:04:11 --> 01:04:15

we agree a lot doesn't make sense but

1736

01:04:14 --> 01:04:18

please we need to move on to our next

1737

01:04:15 --> 01:04:18

our next person please

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01:04:19 --> 01:04:23

thank you for your comments thank you

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01:04:22 --> 01:04:25

because it doesn't make sense

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01:04:23 --> 01:04:27

we're i'm not going to have an

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01:04:25 --> 01:04:29

individual debate with you sir

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01:04:27 --> 01:04:31

thank you please the time is up let's

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01:04:29 --> 01:04:31

next

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01:04:36 --> 01:04:41

colette you could yep colette lamiti at

1745

01:04:40 --> 01:04:42

68 red leaf

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01:04:41 --> 01:04:44

road first of all i just needed some

1747

01:04:42 --> 01:04:46

clarification because i thought this

1748

01:04:44 --> 01:04:47

part of the public comment was related

1749

01:04:46 --> 01:04:49

to the agenda

1750

01:04:47 --> 01:04:51

did i miss that we're talking about mask

1751

01:04:49 --> 01:04:53

at this time so i wanted to clarify

1752

01:04:51 --> 01:04:55

that but i did have a question related

1753

01:04:53 --> 01:04:57

to the agenda and

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01:04:55 --> 01:04:59

doesn't have to be answered here but

1755

01:04:57 --> 01:05:02

just related to the committee

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01:04:59 --> 01:05:05

report that was discussed um

1757

01:05:02 --> 01:05:08

specifically the ercc and

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01:05:05 --> 01:05:09

what i was curious about is with the

1759

01:05:08 --> 01:05:11

facts of

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01:05:09 --> 01:05:13

you know one of the biggest hiring that

1761

01:05:11 --> 01:05:16

we're going to be doing coming up

1762

01:05:13 --> 01:05:17

and that we haven't actually solidified

1763

01:05:16 --> 01:05:18

the plan i understand what was said as

1764

01:05:17 --> 01:05:21

far as

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01:05:18 --> 01:05:22

um you know the new people that are

1766

01:05:21 --> 01:05:24

coming in

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01:05:22 --> 01:05:26

and wanting that their input and their

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01:05:24 --> 01:05:26

their involvement but i'm just thinking

1769

01:05:26 --> 01:05:28

about

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01:05:26 --> 01:05:30

how do we you know sort of not have some

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01:05:28 --> 01:05:33

of those things in place

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01:05:30 --> 01:05:35

and the values that we would be looking

1773

01:05:33 --> 01:05:38

for as a community

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01:05:35 --> 01:05:40

as a school for the biggest position

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01:05:38 --> 01:05:42

so that's a question that i have and i

1776

01:05:40 --> 01:05:43

don't know who i should direct my email

1777

01:05:42 --> 01:05:46

to

1778

01:05:43 --> 01:05:47

sandra maybe no karen you can read yeah

1779

01:05:46 --> 01:05:48

direct it to me

1780

01:05:47 --> 01:05:50

i'll definitely so that's my question

1781

01:05:48 --> 01:05:52

yep that was that but are we talking

1782

01:05:50 --> 01:05:53

about mass right now can we clarify that

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01:05:52 --> 01:05:55

is that part of this part of the open

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01:05:53 --> 01:05:56

comment

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01:05:55 --> 01:05:58

it's part of the safe return to school

1786

01:05:56 --> 01:06:00

plan so technically

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01:05:58 --> 01:06:06

it is so that was that was what was okay

1788

01:06:00 --> 01:06:09

just want to clarify

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01:06:06 --> 01:06:09

okay go ahead

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01:06:11 --> 01:06:16

andrea lawson 781 garwood road i applaud

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01:06:15 --> 01:06:18

the three members who wrote to the

1792

01:06:16 --> 01:06:19

governor on june 7th as individual

1793

01:06:18 --> 01:06:20

people

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01:06:19 --> 01:06:23

not representing the board to lift the

1795

01:06:20 --> 01:06:23

mass mandate i wrote the board on june

1796

01:06:23 --> 01:06:25

13th

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01:06:23 --> 01:06:27

asking to lift the mandate and received

1798

01:06:25 --> 01:06:28

a response from our board of ed

1799

01:06:27 --> 01:06:30

president

1800

01:06:28 --> 01:06:31

that she too plans to write the governor

1801

01:06:30 --> 01:06:33

but wasn't comfortable with the

1802

01:06:31 --> 01:06:34

statements and statistics that were

1803

01:06:33 --> 01:06:35

included in the letter her colleagues

1804

01:06:34 --> 01:06:37

sent

1805

01:06:35 --> 01:06:39

as of sunday june 13th the board of ed

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01:06:37 --> 01:06:41

president had not written this letter

1807

01:06:39 --> 01:06:43

in my opinion if the board of ed

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01:06:41 --> 01:06:45

president or any of the other six

1809

01:06:43 --> 01:06:46

members intended to write a different or

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01:06:45 --> 01:06:48

supplemental letter

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01:06:46 --> 01:06:50

to the governor they would have done so

1812

01:06:48 --> 01:06:51

by now i am here to ask the board of ed

1813

01:06:50 --> 01:06:53

again

1814

01:06:51 --> 01:06:54

to make the mass mandate optional for

1815

01:06:53 --> 01:06:57

esy

1816

01:06:54 --> 01:06:59

and next year just to recap my

1817

01:06:57 --> 01:07:00

seven-year-old special education

1818

01:06:59 --> 01:07:02

daughter with an iep

1819

01:07:00 --> 01:07:04

and communication impairment had

1820

01:07:02 --> 01:07:06

in-person learning reduced from five

1821

01:07:04 --> 01:07:08

days to four days in january

1822

01:07:06 --> 01:07:09

my daughter's class had two children

1823

01:07:08 --> 01:07:12

four days a week

1824

01:07:09 --> 01:07:12

i had to pay to play for my daughter to

1825

01:07:12 --> 01:07:15

receive

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01:07:12 --> 01:07:16

in-person support to cover the virtual

1827

01:07:15 --> 01:07:17

learning on fridays

1828

01:07:16 --> 01:07:20

the school felt it was fine for my

1829

01:07:17 --> 01:07:22

daughter to be in class with 10 kids

1830

01:07:20 --> 01:07:24

with no certified teacher rather than a

1831

01:07:22 --> 01:07:25

class with two kids and a special ed

1832

01:07:24 --> 01:07:26

teacher

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01:07:25 --> 01:07:29

in order to keep it fair for the

1834

01:07:26 --> 01:07:32

teachers march 16th

1835

01:07:29 --> 01:07:34

i was asking this board to return to

1836

01:07:32 --> 01:07:36

five full days in person learning

1837

01:07:34 --> 01:07:37

and reinstate a meeting with physicians

1838

01:07:36 --> 01:07:40

that was canceled

1839
01:07:37 --> 01:07:41
due to wanting to quote wait and see any

1840
01:07:40 --> 01:07:43
release of new

1841
01:07:41 --> 01:07:45
guidelines on june 7th superintendent

1842
01:07:43 --> 01:07:48
mccartney wrote another parent

1843
01:07:45 --> 01:07:49
that masking was routine on june 13th i

1844
01:07:48 --> 01:07:51
shared with the board of ed the adverse

1845
01:07:49 --> 01:07:53
reactions of wearing a face mask and the

1846
01:07:51 --> 01:07:54
impact it had on my seven-year-old

1847
01:07:53 --> 01:07:56
daughter

1848
01:07:54 --> 01:07:58
my youngest child sarah is seven years

1849
01:07:56 --> 01:08:01
old has a speech and language disability

1850
01:07:58 --> 01:08:02

she's an iep receives pull out education

1851

01:08:01 --> 01:08:05

special

1852

01:08:02 --> 01:08:07

speech and language therapy as well as

1853

01:08:05 --> 01:08:09

occupational therapy therapy

1854

01:08:07 --> 01:08:10

the use of a face mask restricts both

1855

01:08:09 --> 01:08:12

her airways

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01:08:10 --> 01:08:14

as well as her ability to communicate it

1857

01:08:12 --> 01:08:16

is critical for my speech

1858

01:08:14 --> 01:08:17

and language impaired child to be able

1859

01:08:16 --> 01:08:20

to watch her teachers

1860

01:08:17 --> 01:08:21

therapists and peers lips mouth and

1861

01:08:20 --> 01:08:24

tongue when they speak

1862

01:08:21 --> 01:08:25

this is one tool that my daughter uses

1863

01:08:24 --> 01:08:27

to compensate

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01:08:25 --> 01:08:28

for her disability it is not an

1865

01:08:27 --> 01:08:30

articulation issue

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01:08:28 --> 01:08:32

like people simply can't understand her

1867

01:08:30 --> 01:08:34

but to put in perspective sarah has to

1868

01:08:32 --> 01:08:36

balance her breath

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01:08:34 --> 01:08:39

think about her specific tongue and lip

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01:08:36 --> 01:08:40

placement as well as manage her saliva

1871

01:08:39 --> 01:08:42

all while thinking and processing what

1872

01:08:40 --> 01:08:45

she's trying to communicate

1873

01:08:42 --> 01:08:47

an easy and natural task for most but an

1874

01:08:45 --> 01:08:49

absolute struggle for my seven-year-old

1875

01:08:47 --> 01:08:51

furthermore the mass has physically cut

1876

01:08:49 --> 01:08:53

my daughter on both sides of her face

1877

01:08:51 --> 01:08:55

as well as scratched her cheek sarah has

1878

01:08:53 --> 01:08:57

needed treatment of medicated ointment

1879

01:08:55 --> 01:09:00

which sticks to the mass

1880

01:08:57 --> 01:09:02

from the school nurse as well as home

1881

01:09:00 --> 01:09:04

the emotional distress is devastating

1882

01:09:02 --> 01:09:06

she has an increase in tardiness because

1883

01:09:04 --> 01:09:07

she's crying many mornings and doesn't

1884

01:09:06 --> 01:09:08

want to go to school because the mask

1885

01:09:07 --> 01:09:10

hurts her

1886

01:09:08 --> 01:09:12

this district made a decision to not

1887

01:09:10 --> 01:09:14

open a single full day

1888

01:09:12 --> 01:09:16

in person because it was too difficult

1889

01:09:14 --> 01:09:19

and costly for the cafeteria

1890

01:09:16 --> 01:09:19

and now has mass mandates because it's

1891

01:09:19 --> 01:09:22

routine

1892

01:09:19 --> 01:09:24

i am asking you to stop making excuses

1893

01:09:22 --> 01:09:26

start being leaders

1894

01:09:24 --> 01:09:28

utilize the governor's exception clause

1895

01:09:26 --> 01:09:30

which empowers school officials

1896

01:09:28 --> 01:09:32

to make the best decision for their

1897

01:09:30 --> 01:09:34

buildings and communities time is up

1898

01:09:32 --> 01:09:36

it is time to demonstrate to the

1899

01:09:34 --> 01:09:38

community you are attentive learner

1900

01:09:36 --> 01:09:40

to your learner's needs and just one

1901

01:09:38 --> 01:09:42

final question

1902

01:09:40 --> 01:09:45

um were you wearing masks when you met

1903

01:09:42 --> 01:09:45

privately in the executive meeting

1904

01:09:46 --> 01:09:52

so can you clarify what the rules are

1905

01:09:50 --> 01:09:54

and where to find them so we can find

1906

01:09:52 --> 01:10:04

and reference to them

1907

01:09:54 --> 01:10:06

thank you thank you

1908

01:10:04 --> 01:10:08

wearing this mask down that hallway was

1909

01:10:06 --> 01:10:08

the longest i've worn it in the last 10

1910

01:10:08 --> 01:10:12

weeks

1911

01:10:08 --> 01:10:16

so um sarah rivera 105

1912

01:10:12 --> 01:10:18

smith court um my mom is a 66 year old

1913

01:10:16 --> 01:10:21

pancreatic cancer patient

1914

01:10:18 --> 01:10:22

every other week since december 16th my

1915

01:10:21 --> 01:10:24

mom has sat

1916

01:10:22 --> 01:10:26

in the pen infusion center for her eight

1917

01:10:24 --> 01:10:28

hour chemotherapy appointment

1918

01:10:26 --> 01:10:30

and then goes home with a 46 hour drip

1919

01:10:28 --> 01:10:33

of yet another chemo

1920

01:10:30 --> 01:10:34

my mom goes to shoprite literally every

1921

01:10:33 --> 01:10:36

day

1922

01:10:34 --> 01:10:39

unmasked even with her portable chemo

1923

01:10:36 --> 01:10:41

the one on ark road you can go see her

1924

01:10:39 --> 01:10:44

she's there every day she also frequents

1925

01:10:41 --> 01:10:47

many main street restaurants in stores

1926

01:10:44 --> 01:10:48

unmasked on a weekly basis shout out to

1927

01:10:47 --> 01:10:51

orianna

1928

01:10:48 --> 01:10:54

pearl maurizio's and ralph's market

1929

01:10:51 --> 01:10:55

for showing her patience and grace as

1930

01:10:54 --> 01:10:58

she slowly moves about

1931

01:10:55 --> 01:10:59

and makes corny jokes my mom also sees

1932

01:10:58 --> 01:11:02

my unmasked

1933

01:10:59 --> 01:11:05

children every day my kids attend school

1934

01:11:02 --> 01:11:05

they play group sports have sleepovers

1935

01:11:05 --> 01:11:07

and

1936

01:11:05 --> 01:11:10

can you believe it they share food with

1937

01:11:07 --> 01:11:11

their friends my mom hosts happy hours

1938

01:11:10 --> 01:11:13

for her neighbors

1939

01:11:11 --> 01:11:14

unmasked of course and has my unmasked

1940

01:11:13 --> 01:11:16

kids

1941

01:11:14 --> 01:11:18

and their germ-infested mask-free

1942

01:11:16 --> 01:11:21

children our friends

1943

01:11:18 --> 01:11:22

over to her house as well my mom is

1944

01:11:21 --> 01:11:23

fully capable of making decisions that

1945

01:11:22 --> 01:11:26

are in her

1946

01:11:23 --> 01:11:26

medical physical social and emotional

1947

01:11:26 --> 01:11:29

best

1948

01:11:26 --> 01:11:30

interest the same holds true for every

1949

01:11:29 --> 01:11:32

parent in our district

1950

01:11:30 --> 01:11:34

we will decide what is in the best

1951

01:11:32 --> 01:11:37

interest of our children

1952

01:11:34 --> 01:11:40

we are their parents to our boe members

1953

01:11:37 --> 01:11:41

your time is up there will no longer be

1954

01:11:40 --> 01:11:43

patience and grace

1955

01:11:41 --> 01:11:45

shown to you as you power behind the

1956

01:11:43 --> 01:11:48

union speak in platitudes

1957

01:11:45 --> 01:11:50

or send your trite meaningless and often

1958

01:11:48 --> 01:11:53

rude email replies

1959

01:11:50 --> 01:11:54

to parents that is if a reply is even

1960

01:11:53 --> 01:11:56

sent

1961

01:11:54 --> 01:11:58

you have done enough damage to our

1962

01:11:56 --> 01:12:00

children and we are done

1963

01:11:58 --> 01:12:01

in september our children will not be

1964

01:12:00 --> 01:12:05

forced to wear a mask

1965

01:12:01 --> 01:12:06

we're taking back our schools and as my

1966

01:12:05 --> 01:12:10

mother would say

1967

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[_] or get off the pot

1968

01:12:20 --> 01:12:23

good evening jill macaluso 800 golf view

1969

01:12:22 --> 01:12:24

road

1970

01:12:23 --> 01:12:26

as i've mentioned every time i've

1971

01:12:24 --> 01:12:27

addressed the board i believe we have a

1972

01:12:26 --> 01:12:29

big culture problem

1973

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most notably we lack transparency and

1974

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inclusion haddenfield has a policy for

1975

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outdoor masking

1976

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no masks are required it's been around

1977

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for months it can easily be

1978

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found with a few clicks on their website

1979

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even in the face of ever-evolving

1980

01:12:40 --> 01:12:44

guidance this district did it well

1981

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their board met and discussed important

1982

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policy tablet topics in public forums

1983

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and they set

1984

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clear reasonable standards for the

1985

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district they were then transparent

1986

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about those standards

1987

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in moore's town there's been very little

1988

01:12:54 --> 01:12:58

transparency parents are left confused

1989

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and guessing and it leads to frustration

1990

01:12:58 --> 01:13:02

and divide in our community

1991

01:13:00 --> 01:13:04

we take to facebook to advocate on

1992

01:13:02 --> 01:13:05

social media where we should really know

1993

01:13:04 --> 01:13:07

that nobody is

1994

01:13:05 --> 01:13:08

actively listening to us tonight i ask

1995

01:13:07 --> 01:13:11

that you foster

1996

01:13:08 --> 01:13:11

an inclusive culture by making eye

1997

01:13:11 --> 01:13:14

contact

1998

01:13:11 --> 01:13:17

listening to me actively nodding your

1999

01:13:14 --> 01:13:19

heads and appreciating my smile

2000

01:13:17 --> 01:13:21

parents are worried you are too reactive

2001

01:13:19 --> 01:13:23

that we do not have solid plans for

2002

01:13:21 --> 01:13:25

return to school next year and many

2003

01:13:23 --> 01:13:27

including myself are worried that our

2004

01:13:25 --> 01:13:28

kids are going to be wearing masks

2005

01:13:27 --> 01:13:30

we know you have to follow governor's

2006

01:13:28 --> 01:13:32

orders but we'd like to see you be more

2007

01:13:30 --> 01:13:35

reasonable when there is flexibility

2008

01:13:32 --> 01:13:36

to take a stance and make a decision be

2009

01:13:35 --> 01:13:37

proactive

2010

01:13:36 --> 01:13:40

but our experience from this year

2011

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doesn't give us faith in your leadership

2012

01:13:40 --> 01:13:44

to set clear and transparent standards

2013

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or masks or any other important topics

2014

01:13:44 --> 01:13:47

that will be covered in the return to

2015

01:13:45 --> 01:13:49

school plan we will hear about

2016

01:13:47 --> 01:13:51

we've experienced spending hours

2017

01:13:49 --> 01:13:52

discussing double ppe

2018

01:13:51 --> 01:13:55

moving targets like indoor dining

2019

01:13:52 --> 01:13:57

capacity no mandated mask breaks

2020

01:13:55 --> 01:13:59

masks were required outdoors even when

2021

01:13:57 --> 01:14:01

they were long not required by

2022

01:13:59 --> 01:14:03

government standards

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01:14:01 --> 01:14:05

so we just don't have faith time and

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01:14:03 --> 01:14:07

time again because there were no

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01:14:05 --> 01:14:09

top-down clear and transparent standards

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01:14:07 --> 01:14:10

on important topics like outdoor masking

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01:14:09 --> 01:14:12

or mask breaks

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we were told to reach out to the

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01:14:12 --> 01:14:16

superintendent then told to reach out to

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01:14:14 --> 01:14:17

the principals and sometimes even

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the teacher pods that our students are

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01:14:17 --> 01:14:22

in this results in confusion and churn

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we do not trust that it will be better

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in fall we were worried that the

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government guidance won't be crystal

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01:14:25 --> 01:14:28

clear

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and once again this board will not act

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01:14:28 --> 01:14:31

specifically about masks but more

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01:14:29 --> 01:14:33

broadly on lots of important topics

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01:14:31 --> 01:14:35

critical to reopening

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we are worried this board will say oh

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01:14:35 --> 01:14:38

those decisions are operations and you

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01:14:37 --> 01:14:39

will give discretion to the

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01:14:38 --> 01:14:41

superintendent

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01:14:39 --> 01:14:42

we will end up in the same staad state

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01:14:41 --> 01:14:45

of affairs we are in right now

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01:14:42 --> 01:14:48

complexity confusion and complacency

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01:14:45 --> 01:14:49

tonight as i look forward to what i

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01:14:48 --> 01:14:51

really want to be a bright future

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01:14:49 --> 01:14:54

i ask this board and specifically the

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policy committee to re-evaluate its role

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in responsibility

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especially with an interim

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superintendent in place you cannot give

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sole decision making to the super

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01:15:00 --> 01:15:05

on school reopening plans more broadly

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01:15:03 --> 01:15:05

masks or other important policy

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01:15:05 --> 01:15:07

decisions

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we are tired of the wait and see

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approach we are tired of the bare

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minimum

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we need inclusive platforms for parents

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to weigh in on important topics and we

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01:15:13 --> 01:15:16

need to see this board deliberate on

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01:15:15 --> 01:15:18

topics

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in a public forum we need standards that

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are reasonable and based on science and

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logic

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we need your leadership as we head into

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01:15:23 --> 01:15:27

the fall in conclusion we need you

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01:15:25 --> 01:15:29

to start being proactive in your

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planning foster a culture of

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transparency and inclusion and start

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01:15:31 --> 01:15:33

making decisions in the best interest of

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kids

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in the spirit of transparency i

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respectfully ask for you to answer the

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question posed by andrea

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lawson about whether you were or were

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01:15:40 --> 01:15:43

not wearing masks when you met in

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private session

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and if you were not wearing masks i

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would like to understand what you're

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citing for not wearing masks

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you have a responsibility to set a tone

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at the top

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foster the behavior you want to see and

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i'd like an answer

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01:15:55 --> 01:16:08

time is up please

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elizabeth pollard 64 brooks road

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first of all dr mccartney thank you for

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01:16:19 --> 01:16:23

your dedication and commitment

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01:16:21 --> 01:16:24

to our children and for ensuring the

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01:16:23 --> 01:16:26

safest and best possible learning

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01:16:24 --> 01:16:26

environment for them during the last

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01:16:26 --> 01:16:29

five years

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and most specifically during the last

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year thank you to the board as well

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01:16:31 --> 01:16:35

all the best to you and your family

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01:16:33 --> 01:16:38

you'll be missed

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a few words about mass and vaccines

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masks are a means to prevent the spread

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of potentially deadly diseases

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and the short and long term

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01:16:44 --> 01:16:48

complications of these diseases

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01:16:46 --> 01:16:49

masks substantially reduce exhale

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01:16:48 --> 01:16:51

respiratory droplets

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and aerosols from infected wearers and

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reduce exposure of uninfected wearers to

2110

01:16:53 --> 01:16:57

these particles

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masks and vaccinations have been

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instrumental in getting cover 19 under

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control

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these cases we are seeing now are

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primarily in those who are not

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vaccinated illustrating the efficacy of

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the vaccine

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as we know the newer delta variant of

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this disease well i know i don't know

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if you know is responsible for

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approximately 10 percent of cases in the

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united states

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is more transmissible and can cause more

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severe disease

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the delta strain is predicted to be the

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more the most dominant strain in three

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weeks

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fortunately available vaccines are

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effective against this variant

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in order to continue to keep our

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students and staff safe we should

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continue to utilize masks in schools

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until a vaccine becomes available to

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children under 12.

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utilizing case rate and positivity rate

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data are helpful as well

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i willingly and thankfully agree with

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those who quote very low rates of

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disease morbidity mortality in children

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i also note that doing everything we can

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to prevent every single case should be

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our goal

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a single preventable case is

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unacceptable thank you

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01:18:07 --> 01:18:14

thank you

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01:18:15 --> 01:18:19

well i think the beautiful thing about

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this world is we all are allowed to have

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our own opinion

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so thank you thank you

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on all spectrums of opinions uh nicole

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mchenry

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iii shelter rock place i want to bring

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up a topic today called choice

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and before i get to the why of this

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topic let me give you a little

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background of the reason i bring it up

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we as parents have hundreds probably

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thousands of choices

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from the moment we find out we're going

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to be a parent we choose to have that

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child what their name will be

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their religion the clothing their wear

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medical choices etc you get the point

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and then we come to the school age and

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we have choices again to make

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public or private maybe those who are

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daring they choose home school

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i for one have never had that on my list

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of choices as

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most of our teachers will understand why

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but my husband and i made a choice we

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made a choice that we wanted to provide

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our children with opportunities beyond

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what we had

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we made that choice to be a two-income

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household to do this and to not

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sacrifice other goals

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we made the choice to purchase a project

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of a home and keep it in the family then

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plant our roots here in morristown

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and we did this all to give our children

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the best

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public education within our means

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do you understand why i say this because

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i am among

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a very large portion of people in this

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town

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that chose to come here for the schools

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this is a

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fact we did this it is the biggest

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driving force of why people are coming

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to morristown

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every teacher every staff member should

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applaud yourself for that

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because you have created that however

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let's get to the why of this and the

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topic i'm presenting you

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each of you have made a choice to run

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for the board of education

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you chose this role and your purpose

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behind your campaigns

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you chose to volunteer in this position

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and represent the families and the

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children

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of this town you chose to be an advocate

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for kids knowing very well

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you were going to be put in positions

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that you would have to stand up to the

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union

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who continually is advocating for the

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teachers and contracts

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because that is their job

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so we are clear here it is absolutely

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possible

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to compromise when in those situations

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but never should that compromise be

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at the expense of our children neither

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by the board

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01:20:41 --> 01:20:44
or the union

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so we are understanding now sadly i

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think we can see that this year

2222

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that has happened way too often our

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children have been what we have

2224

01:20:53 --> 01:20:57
compromised

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there is no excuse as to why they were

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not back in school five days

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way before we had moved into that

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01:21:00 --> 01:21:03
direction

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01:21:02 --> 01:21:05
there's no science that supports why

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01:21:03 --> 01:21:06

they should not be full day like

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01:21:05 --> 01:21:08

majority of our neighboring and

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01:21:06 --> 01:21:10

competing districts

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01:21:08 --> 01:21:11

and as we move towards herd immunity and

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01:21:10 --> 01:21:13

the science behind disease

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there is no reason to keep these kids

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01:21:13 --> 01:21:18

mass in fact the benefits at this point

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certainly do not outweigh the risk

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for a good majority of our children and

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teachers

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this is not a cdc or governor's choice

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as you continually state

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it is the board's choice so what you are

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ultimately doing

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is choosing to put these children at

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risk emotionally physically and

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educationally

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while continually taking away our choice

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01:21:37 --> 01:21:42

as parents of what is best

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we are all tired of fighting please wrap

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01:21:42 --> 01:21:46

up i'm sorry

2251

01:21:43 --> 01:21:48

please wrap up time is up you've wasted

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01:21:46 --> 01:21:49

15 months of my kids lives

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01:21:48 --> 01:21:52

you can give me two more minutes

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01:21:49 --> 01:21:52

michelle

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01:21:53 --> 01:21:57

we are all tired of fighting to have our

2256

01:21:55 --> 01:21:58

rights back for what is best for our

2257

01:21:57 --> 01:22:12

children everyone has three minutes

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01:21:58 --> 01:22:12

you're good please we are overwhelmed

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now with all due respect there is a

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process this is a public meeting with

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the board

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there are rules by which we ask people

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to participate we understand you have a

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disagreement

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you've written we've heard you we

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understand but at this point

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01:22:30 --> 01:22:33

we've given everyone three minutes to

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speak

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and then you need to speak we need to

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move to the next speaker

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tonight i am their voice i respectfully

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ask those of you

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who were too tired to fight anymore step

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please thank you for thank you for your

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public comment

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thank you thank you for your comments

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please yes

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we have a process please okay

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good evening melissa arcaro burns a

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brooks road

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first i'd like to thank the board

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members the teachers and the staff

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who made this year happen i have a

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senior we had no idea what

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this year was going to look like and the

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01:24:07 --> 01:24:09

events and the opportunities that she

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01:24:08 --> 01:24:11

has

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01:24:09 --> 01:24:13

had have been terrific and we really are

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01:24:11 --> 01:24:15

appreciative of that

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01:24:13 --> 01:24:16

i'd like to also thank student council

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01:24:15 --> 01:24:19

who worked

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tirelessly to make all these events

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01:24:19 --> 01:24:23

happen including the prom

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i have to say i am incredibly

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disappointed in the behavior of mr

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weinstein

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and mr villanueva for not respecting the

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mask policy in the building

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and then refusing to do what they were

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so please don't mention individuals

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well

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i'm sorry

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well i mean obviously i can have as much

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time as i want since

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they are doing that as well

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as of right now the cdc recommends masks

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while indoors for people who cannot yet

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be vaccinated

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institutions who specialize in the

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medical care of children like

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children's hospital of philadelphia also

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recommend mass for children

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who cannot yet be vaccinated while they

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are endorsed

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these are medical experts these are the

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people and institutions you should be

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relying on when making decisions

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relative to the health of our students

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you should be guided by the science and

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the recommendations of the experts

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period

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many of our 7th through 12th graders

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have already been vaccinated or can be

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however our k-6 students do not have the

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option

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therefore they need this boe to step up

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and do the right thing by them

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and by these parents in this town and

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maintain the mass mandate while in

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school buildings

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masks are inconvenient and they are

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annoying

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they're not traumatizing and they're not

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dangerous

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masks have masks have

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protected people all over the world

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since the start of this pandemic

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in the absence of a vaccine masks are

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the only scientifically proven way to

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prevent the spread of the coronavirus

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and the only way we were able to gain

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any control over this virus facts are

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still facts

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regardless of what an angry mob says or

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what someone posts on facebook

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to hear anyone justify the lifting of

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this mandate by saying the kids are not

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dying

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is so disrespectful kids especially

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those with underlying health conditions

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are becoming gravely ill as a result of

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the virus

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people who hold that position simply

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discount the effects

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both short and long term that this virus

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has on children and their families

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we are supposed to be a community we are

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supposed to be in this

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together however we clearly are not

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no one is in this with me and my

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ten-year-old son

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with multiple pre-existing conditions

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that make him more likely to be one of

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01:26:56 --> 01:27:01

the children who are severely affected

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01:26:58 --> 01:27:01

by this virus

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wrap up please time's up kids like him

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01:27:04 --> 01:27:08

need others to care enough to continue

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01:27:06 --> 01:27:09

wearing masks while in the school

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buildings

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kids like him need this board to step up

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to the pressure

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to remove the mass mandy it is the job

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of this board and our administration to

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protect our students

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whether it is from guns in our schools

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abusive adults sports injuries or in

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this case a virus

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it is sad clear that could please wrap

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up

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i am it is sad but clear that many

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people in this town do not understand

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what it means to care about other people

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01:27:36 --> 01:27:40

the good news is they do not vote

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on whether our district maintains this

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mandate but you do

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and this community needs you to set an

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example that shows we are

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still town full of people who try to do

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the most good for most people

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especially for those who are the most

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vulnerable

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absent cdc guidelines to the contrary

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i'm asking this board to continue the

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requirement

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for masking for at least our students in

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k-6

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thank you

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good evening board mike chubaneck 137

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avon terrace thank you for the

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01:28:17 --> 01:28:21

opportunity to speak

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01:28:18 --> 01:28:22

uh i would ask the board to consider uh

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this issue

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as an issue of choice okay i don't think

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there's a person in this room that would

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suggest

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that as a parent that there's anyone

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who's better

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able to make a choice about their

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child's well-being or health

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than that parent so let that parent make

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01:28:39 --> 01:28:42

the choice

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if that lady wants her kid to wear a

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mask he can wear a mask

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okay my child i do not want him to wear

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a mask

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either of them so let me make the choice

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for my child

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i do it every day when i decide whether

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my kid can play soccer

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or hockey or any other sport where he

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could be seriously injured

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or or damaged break a leg break an arm

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do something like that

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that's a decision i make every day when

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my child wants to ride a bike or go

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somewhere like

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01:29:07 --> 01:29:14

go somewhere to play with his friends

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i weigh the risks it's my decision

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and again i don't think there's a parent

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in this room that would suggest that

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there's anyone better to make that

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decision than the parent themselves

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that's all we're simply asking for is

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let us have the choice she can wear the

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mask

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it's very simple thank you

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yeah i have thank you my name is tom

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orecki 307 fair of you

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uh so

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i was thinking about some things to say

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but it seems like most people

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already said them so i can dispute

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some of the opposing views to vaccine

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01:29:59 --> 01:30:04

and mask wearing that were brought up by

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a few of the people here um first thing

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01:30:04 --> 01:30:09

there's no evidence that masks

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actually have done anything uh as far as

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aerosol

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and how we spread the disease okay so we

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have this one side that says

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the masks uh serve a purpose and we have

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the other side that says the right we

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have this science that actually

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mainstream media science and cdc science

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and fda

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and pharma science saying one thing and

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pushing it and then we have some of the

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real science out there or

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opposing science and these two would

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never get together

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and have this discussion okay so that's

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where we're at now that's why there's

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all the confusion

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um mass social distancing was proven

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yeah let's drop it down now to three

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feet from six feet i mean it's just

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absurd right so this isn't

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science this is just uh

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just trying to get everyone sort of

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believing and keep

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keeping going with this with this

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whatever it is

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the the children haven't been affected

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now if this is interesting we're talking

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01:31:07 --> 01:31:11

about

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a population that has been more affected

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by the actual mandates than the virus

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and we all could agree with that

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you got any science on right so and you

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you guys are smart people right else you

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want to be up there

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so we know this and we all know another

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01:31:25 --> 01:31:28

thing

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this is the government in new jersey

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and you guys are under pressure we

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understand this right we'll take care of

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that later

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but for right now we need to start

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thinking on our own here

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and listening to the real signs if you

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need to to make your decision instead of

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a governor who actually believes he

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knows something that

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uh top scientists don't know we

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understand that the cdc's are giving rec

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the cdc is giving recommendations and

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maybe he wants to follow

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okay so let's just say this the the mask

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mandates

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they we know they affected our children

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01:32:02 --> 01:32:06

you guys are educators or

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01:32:04 --> 01:32:08

you know the teachers they know how they

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01:32:06 --> 01:32:11

affect the children

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01:32:08 --> 01:32:14

psychologically uh but we all know

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that this is pushing forward to the

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01:32:14 --> 01:32:18

vaccine

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right the mandated vaccine

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no ma you want to wear don't want to

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wear a mask you're going to have to be

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vaccinated and that's what we're pushing

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to i guarantee

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01:32:24 --> 01:32:27

by september these vaccines will be

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approved for

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all school-aged children this is what

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they're pushing for

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now let me just say a little bit about

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the vaccine

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remember this is still eua right

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emergency use authorization only this is

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still an experimental drug

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what the fda states is that

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the reason that the only use of this

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drug is if

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the the benefit out overrides the risk

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give me the stats here school-aged

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children

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the risk and benefit there's more risk

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to them getting this vaccine

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01:33:03 --> 01:33:07

than benefit right let's look at the

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01:33:06 --> 01:33:10

stats who's getting sick

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01:33:07 --> 01:33:12

please that's the only way that that

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drug can be given to our children

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if we feel it's more dangerous

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for the the virus is more dangerous than

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the drug right and it's not it hasn't

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01:33:20 --> 01:33:25

been proven

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these kids are not getting sick

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01:33:25 --> 01:33:40

all right so thank you

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hi i'm anthony dragon 547 eagle brook

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drive

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um i'm just i'm not going to talk about

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the masks and the vaccines and stuff

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like that

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um because i think it's been said uh

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01:33:47 --> 01:33:52

what i am going to talk about is that

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my grandparents um fled

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with nothing but the clothes on their

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01:33:54 --> 01:33:58

backs and their young children to leave

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01:33:56 --> 01:34:00

a country where

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party officials would huddle together

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01:34:00 --> 01:34:03

and have one

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01:34:01 --> 01:34:05

set of rules for themselves and then

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01:34:03 --> 01:34:06

when they came out in public and saw

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01:34:05 --> 01:34:08

that there was opposition they used the

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01:34:06 --> 01:34:11

police to clear the room

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01:34:08 --> 01:34:15

out of there that's what they did

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01:34:11 --> 01:34:18

so this room let the record reflect

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01:34:15 --> 01:34:21

is pretty much empty okay except for a

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small group of people who are here

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01:34:21 --> 01:34:25

really engaged you would think with all

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01:34:23 --> 01:34:27

the self-congratulations that's gone on

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01:34:25 --> 01:34:29

here tonight

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we should have a room full of people

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giving

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rousing standing ovations right

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but we don't it's empty for the people

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who are watching at home because i was

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there and then i came down here

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when i saw what went on at the beginning

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of this

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um it's empty okay so

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here's the thing the only reason we had

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what we had this year was because people

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like jill

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drug you by your nostrils

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to open the schools that's it

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and it's not for any other reason than

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01:35:02 --> 01:35:05

that

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01:35:03 --> 01:35:07

and i applaud jill if you have anything

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01:35:05 --> 01:35:09

more to say you can come up and say i

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01:35:07 --> 01:35:12

yield the balance of my time

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01:35:09 --> 01:35:12

to anybody else who wants to come up and

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say

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[Applause]

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dennis rackey uh 11 wagon bridge run

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i'm up here because i'm tired of the

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hypocrisy of this board

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and the administration this whole year

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we've heard

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we're in we want the kids back in school

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yet it took months

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and months to get you guys to commit to

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five days

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now we want the kids to be safe we don't

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want them to have no masks

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yet there hasn't been any attempt by the

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overall board

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as a collective to send a letter to the

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governor not one

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not from the superintendent not for it

2601

01:35:57 --> 01:36:00

took three board members

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separately so where do you guys really

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want

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the kids to have the mask opportunity to

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have the opportunity to decide

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01:36:05 --> 01:36:11

yes i want to have masks or no i don't

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01:36:08 --> 01:36:12

last thing no not listening there were

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01:36:11 --> 01:36:15

several

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with the executive order 175 it gave the

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districts the opportunity

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to make a decision whether or not they

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want the kids to wear masks there's

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01:36:20 --> 01:36:23
several

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01:36:21 --> 01:36:24
districts in this state that chose that

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01:36:23 --> 01:36:27
opportunity

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yet we're deciding oh no the executive

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01:36:27 --> 01:36:31
order says we can't do it which is a lie

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01:36:29 --> 01:36:32
there's several in districts that allow

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01:36:31 --> 01:36:35
that to happen

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01:36:32 --> 01:36:36
yet we're afraid to take any action

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01:36:35 --> 01:36:39

because we're a pro

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01:36:36 --> 01:36:40

a reactive administration finally i'm

2623

01:36:39 --> 01:36:42

going to ask a question

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01:36:40 --> 01:36:45

that's been asked and now one person has

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01:36:42 --> 01:36:47

answered did you or did you not

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01:36:45 --> 01:36:50

wear a mask during your executive

2627

01:36:47 --> 01:36:50

meeting yes or no

2628

01:36:52 --> 01:36:56

no yes or no did you do did you guys not

2629

01:36:55 --> 01:36:58

wear a mask

2630

01:36:56 --> 01:37:01

in the executive meeting and then put on

2631

01:36:58 --> 01:37:01

the show and put a mask on out here

2632

01:37:04 --> 01:37:09

i know yes or no i still got

2633

01:37:08 --> 01:37:11

i still got another minute and a half

2634

01:37:09 --> 01:37:14

yes or no why are you guys afraid to

2635

01:37:11 --> 01:37:18

answer that question

2636

01:37:14 --> 01:37:22

huh answer the question

2637

01:37:18 --> 01:37:25

why if you're in the you dr mccart sorry

2638

01:37:22 --> 01:37:26

you guys stated we are in an educational

2639

01:37:25 --> 01:37:29

building

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01:37:26 --> 01:37:29

masks are required but yet i know for a

2641

01:37:29 --> 01:37:31

fact

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01:37:29 --> 01:37:33

that you guys are aware back there the

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01:37:31 --> 01:37:36

hypocrisy

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01:37:33 --> 01:37:37

is disgusting makes me want to spit that

2645

01:37:36 --> 01:37:39

you guys

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01:37:37 --> 01:37:41

lie to us and not have a mask on out

2647

01:37:39 --> 01:37:43

there but put one on here

2648

01:37:41 --> 01:37:46

so did you wear a mask in the executive

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01:37:43 --> 01:37:46

meeting yes or no

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01:37:47 --> 01:37:51

yes or no you can't even look at me

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01:37:49 --> 01:37:55

somebody yes or no

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01:37:51 --> 01:37:56

no i said some of you yes or no why

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01:37:55 --> 01:37:58

can't you answer the question whether or

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01:37:56 --> 01:38:00

not you were a mask in a meeting

2655

01:37:58 --> 01:38:04

that yet you come out here and you tell

2656

01:38:00 --> 01:38:06

us we have to wear a mask

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01:38:04 --> 01:38:08

i don't hear it's a public forum you're

2658

01:38:06 --> 01:38:10

still on board property

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01:38:08 --> 01:38:12

you're on board probably education

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01:38:10 --> 01:38:13

property district property you should be

2661

01:38:12 --> 01:38:15

wearing a mask in the executive meeting

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01:38:13 --> 01:38:17

yet i know you guys can do but yet

2663

01:38:15 --> 01:38:19

you don't have the guts to tell us you

2664

01:38:17 --> 01:38:22

don't wear a mask

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01:38:19 --> 01:38:24

why not what are you afraid of

2666

01:38:22 --> 01:38:27

step up and take some action for the

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01:38:24 --> 01:38:28

kids stop potting behind those masks

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01:38:27 --> 01:38:30

and do something for the kids that's

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01:38:28 --> 01:38:32

best for them and not for your own

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01:38:30 --> 01:38:32

well-being

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01:38:47 --> 01:38:54

kharam 441 ordershaw avenue

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01:38:51 --> 01:38:56

i'm a fifth grader in south uh

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01:38:54 --> 01:38:58

no fifth grader at morristown upper

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01:38:56 --> 01:39:00

elementary school

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01:38:58 --> 01:39:00

and

2676

01:39:02 --> 01:39:09

i've never felt that a mask is

2677

01:39:06 --> 01:39:13

harming me in any way

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01:39:09 --> 01:39:16

and that

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01:39:13 --> 01:39:16

um um

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01:39:18 --> 01:39:21

and that

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01:39:21 --> 01:39:26

it is causing people to be seriously

2682

01:39:25 --> 01:39:30

injured

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01:39:26 --> 01:39:32

because of something that covers their

2684

01:39:30 --> 01:39:32

um

2685

01:39:36 --> 01:39:42

your time taking time their face

2686

01:39:43 --> 01:39:45

and that

2687

01:39:46 --> 01:39:48

it um

2688

01:39:50 --> 01:39:56

is not abuse to children for them to

2689

01:39:52 --> 01:39:58

wear a mask

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01:39:56 --> 01:39:58

and

2691

01:39:59 --> 01:40:01

um

2692

01:40:07 --> 01:40:11

no great thank you so much

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01:40:19 --> 01:40:22

good evening everybody my name is

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01:40:20 --> 01:40:23

nicholas walzak and i'm a fifth grader

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01:40:22 --> 01:40:25

at ues

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01:40:23 --> 01:40:26

i want to start off right away by saying

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01:40:25 --> 01:40:27

that none of the students like wearing a

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01:40:26 --> 01:40:29

mask

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01:40:27 --> 01:40:30

we hate them i can't stand being in a

2700

01:40:29 --> 01:40:33

mask for

2701

01:40:30 --> 01:40:35

the more i mean then an hour until i

2702

01:40:33 --> 01:40:37

have to go to the bathroom

2703

01:40:35 --> 01:40:40

so i can just take my mask off and

2704

01:40:37 --> 01:40:43

breathe in fact it makes me angry

2705

01:40:40 --> 01:40:45

i used to love school i used to

2706

01:40:43 --> 01:40:47

look forward to get on the bus seeing my

2707

01:40:45 --> 01:40:48

teachers and friends

2708

01:40:47 --> 01:40:50

now i'd rather stay home even though

2709

01:40:48 --> 01:40:52

it's lonely

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01:40:50 --> 01:40:53

it's better than being in a mask the

2711

01:40:52 --> 01:40:56

mask makes me sick

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01:40:53 --> 01:40:57

i get sick to my stomach and i have

2713

01:40:56 --> 01:40:59

headaches

2714

01:40:57 --> 01:41:01

every day my mom was giving me tylenol

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01:40:59 --> 01:41:03

and tums just so i could feel better

2716

01:41:01 --> 01:41:06

and by the way did you know that taking

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01:41:03 --> 01:41:08

tylenol every day

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01:41:06 --> 01:41:09

can cause stomach and kidney problems

2719

01:41:08 --> 01:41:11

that you also know

2720

01:41:09 --> 01:41:13

that i have a greater chance of dying

2721

01:41:11 --> 01:41:15

than from the flu

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01:41:13 --> 01:41:17

than i have from coven so why are the

2723

01:41:15 --> 01:41:19

children being forced to wear masks they

2724

01:41:17 --> 01:41:21

don't even work

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01:41:19 --> 01:41:22

i want to feel comfortable and safe in

2726

01:41:21 --> 01:41:25

school

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01:41:22 --> 01:41:27

i want to see my teachers smiling faces

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01:41:25 --> 01:41:30

and my friends smiling and laughing

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01:41:27 --> 01:41:34

now i see angry or happy because i can

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01:41:30 --> 01:41:36

can't read their expressions it's very

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01:41:34 --> 01:41:38

uncomfortable

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01:41:36 --> 01:41:39

very uncomfortable and i don't feel okay

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01:41:38 --> 01:41:42

anymore it makes me

2734

01:41:39 --> 01:41:43

very sad i have anxiety thinking of

2735

01:41:42 --> 01:41:47

about wearing a mask

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01:41:43 --> 01:41:49

again and again next year i don't want

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01:41:47 --> 01:41:51

to go back at all i'm afraid to stand

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01:41:49 --> 01:41:53

close to my friends

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01:41:51 --> 01:41:55

in in school not because i'm afraid of

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01:41:53 --> 01:41:57

getting sick because i'm afraid of

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01:41:55 --> 01:41:59

teachers getting angry i don't want this

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01:41:57 --> 01:42:02

way of learning can we

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01:41:59 --> 01:42:03

learn when we are stressed it's hard

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01:42:02 --> 01:42:05

enough

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01:42:03 --> 01:42:06

to focus because i have adhd and it's

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01:42:05 --> 01:42:10

100 times worse

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01:42:06 --> 01:42:13

when i'm wearing a mask how can any pers

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01:42:10 --> 01:42:14

people focus with a mask because

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01:42:13 --> 01:42:16

all i keep thinking about is wanting to

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01:42:14 --> 01:42:18

take it off

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01:42:16 --> 01:42:20

we can't learn this way it's not fair we

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01:42:18 --> 01:42:23

are healthy kids but we are treated like

2753

01:42:20 --> 01:42:24

full of germs and it doesn't feel very

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01:42:23 --> 01:42:26

good

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01:42:24 --> 01:42:27

i really wanted to do field day with my

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01:42:26 --> 01:42:29

friends because i

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01:42:27 --> 01:42:32

had to wear i didn't really want to do

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01:42:29 --> 01:42:34

field day because i had to wear a mask

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01:42:32 --> 01:42:36

i would rather sit home there's nothing

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01:42:34 --> 01:42:39

fun about wearing a mask

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01:42:36 --> 01:42:40

we want to we want our fun lives back we

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01:42:39 --> 01:42:42

want to be kids again

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01:42:40 --> 01:42:44

we want to breathe let us breathe thank

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01:42:42 --> 01:42:44

you

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01:42:45 --> 01:42:47

thank you

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01:42:49 --> 01:42:53

thank you very much i think we're going

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01:42:51 --> 01:42:55

to close public comment now there is

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01:42:53 --> 01:43:00

another section towards the end

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01:42:55 --> 01:43:00

nicola do you wanna one last one

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01:43:01 --> 01:43:04

okay sorry i missed the raised hands

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01:43:03 --> 01:43:07

those two and then we're closing public

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01:43:04 --> 01:43:07

comment

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01:43:10 --> 01:43:16

nicola hampton 725 north stanwick road

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01:43:14 --> 01:43:18

um a lot has been said tonight one key

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01:43:16 --> 01:43:19

thing i'd like to agree with this is a

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01:43:18 --> 01:43:20

gentleman who mentioned the room is

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01:43:19 --> 01:43:22

mostly empty

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01:43:20 --> 01:43:24

um i didn't start coming to these

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01:43:22 --> 01:43:26

meetings a month ago and i didn't

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01:43:24 --> 01:43:27

didn't start coming during covert i've

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01:43:26 --> 01:43:29

been coming for eight to ten years

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01:43:27 --> 01:43:30

and the room was mostly empty this is

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01:43:29 --> 01:43:33

not unusual

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01:43:30 --> 01:43:34

um we have a very unusual unusual

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01:43:33 --> 01:43:35

situation

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01:43:34 --> 01:43:37

in that the whole community has been

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01:43:35 --> 01:43:39

touched by this one thing

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01:43:37 --> 01:43:41

um but i've been coming for eight and

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01:43:39 --> 01:43:43

ten years and i've watched this board

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01:43:41 --> 01:43:45

and this superintendent and previous

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01:43:43 --> 01:43:48

boards and previous superintendents

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01:43:45 --> 01:43:49

and the administration and the teachers

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01:43:48 --> 01:43:52

turn things around

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01:43:49 --> 01:43:53

at every opportunity i have seen

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01:43:52 --> 01:43:56

families

2796

01:43:53 --> 01:43:59

and students with specific problems some

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01:43:56 --> 01:44:00

massive way bigger than covert but

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01:43:59 --> 01:44:01

because it didn't affect all their

2799

01:44:00 --> 01:44:03

neighbors

2800

01:44:01 --> 01:44:05

it didn't get this kind of response but

2801

01:44:03 --> 01:44:06

it did get the response from the board

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01:44:05 --> 01:44:08

and the superintendents and the

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01:44:06 --> 01:44:11

administration

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01:44:08 --> 01:44:12

so my youngest daughter graduates this

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01:44:11 --> 01:44:15

year

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01:44:12 --> 01:44:16

i know five of this team have graduates

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01:44:15 --> 01:44:18

this year

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01:44:16 --> 01:44:20

i want to thank you not just for this

2809

01:44:18 --> 01:44:23

year and all the hard work you did

2810

01:44:20 --> 01:44:24

but for the many many many years i know

2811

01:44:23 --> 01:44:26

we're not supposed to call people out

2812

01:44:24 --> 01:44:28

i would like to call out dave tate and

2813

01:44:26 --> 01:44:29

carol butler who have also been sitting

2814

01:44:28 --> 01:44:32

at this table for 10 years

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01:44:29 --> 01:44:33

um all the work you've done that i've

2816

01:44:32 --> 01:44:34

seen you do

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01:44:33 --> 01:44:37

all the help you've given my family in

2818

01:44:34 --> 01:44:38

the background and many other families

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01:44:37 --> 01:44:41

that i've been

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01:44:38 --> 01:44:41

working with sharing time with and enjoy

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01:44:41 --> 01:44:43

so

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01:44:41 --> 01:44:45

this has been an incredibly difficult

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01:44:43 --> 01:44:48

year as there have been incredibly

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01:44:45 --> 01:44:50

different difficult situations before

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01:44:48 --> 01:44:51

this got everybody's attention but the

2826

01:44:50 --> 01:44:53

other ones got your attention

2827

01:44:51 --> 01:44:56

every time and i want to thank you for

2828

01:44:53 --> 01:44:59

the 14 years we've been in the district

2829

01:44:56 --> 01:45:00

you your those before you and those to

2830

01:44:59 --> 01:45:02

come after you

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01:45:00 --> 01:45:04

i know we haven't always agreed i've sat

2832

01:45:02 --> 01:45:06

down with many of you

2833

01:45:04 --> 01:45:07

and sometimes agree sometimes we don't

2834

01:45:06 --> 01:45:09

um

2835

01:45:07 --> 01:45:10

i've rallied the community on occasion

2836

01:45:09 --> 01:45:12

when we didn't agree

2837

01:45:10 --> 01:45:14

we approached things respectfully we got

2838

01:45:12 --> 01:45:16

things done collaboratively

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01:45:14 --> 01:45:18

we didn't always win you didn't always

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01:45:16 --> 01:45:20

win but we got there and we

2841

01:45:18 --> 01:45:21

all went at it for the good of students

2842

01:45:20 --> 01:45:23

i believe you have done that

2843

01:45:21 --> 01:45:25

and i believe we'll see that next year i

2844

01:45:23 --> 01:45:27

don't think we'll be wearing masks

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01:45:25 --> 01:45:29

i'm guessing most people don't think

2846

01:45:27 --> 01:45:30

we'll be wearing masks so i hate to see

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01:45:29 --> 01:45:32

this kind of

2848

01:45:30 --> 01:45:34

dissent and abuse for something that's

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01:45:32 --> 01:45:35

probably not going to come true

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01:45:34 --> 01:45:37

none of us want to wear masks i didn't

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01:45:35 --> 01:45:40

vote for governor murphy

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01:45:37 --> 01:45:41

i won't be voting for him next time okay

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01:45:40 --> 01:45:42

but i do understand that you guys have

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01:45:41 --> 01:45:45

to follow

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01:45:42 --> 01:45:47

his um his requirements i'm also

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01:45:45 --> 01:45:49

guessing i don't have this for a fact

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01:45:47 --> 01:45:50

i'm guessing there's money behind it as

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01:45:49 --> 01:45:53

in if you don't follow

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01:45:50 --> 01:45:55

the guidelines and there's a financial

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01:45:53 --> 01:45:56

impact would be my expectation knowing

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01:45:55 --> 01:45:59

how governments work

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01:45:56 --> 01:46:00

i also know that if you were taking off

2863

01:45:59 --> 01:46:02

the masks

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01:46:00 --> 01:46:03

we'd have a whole group of parents here

2865

01:46:02 --> 01:46:06

on the other side

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01:46:03 --> 01:46:08

hopefully not behaving the same way but

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01:46:06 --> 01:46:10

parents will do whatever we have to do

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01:46:08 --> 01:46:11

um to protect our children i don't like

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01:46:10 --> 01:46:14

how it's been done

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01:46:11 --> 01:46:15

i do like how you have done your job and

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01:46:14 --> 01:46:18

i want to thank you for all you've done

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01:46:15 --> 01:46:18

and wish you the best of luck

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01:46:19 --> 01:46:28

thank you nicholas

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01:46:29 --> 01:46:32

okay thank you for letting me speak

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01:46:30 --> 01:46:35

thank you for seeing me in the back um

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01:46:32 --> 01:46:36

so i'm patrice farkas in 215 east camden

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01:46:35 --> 01:46:39

ave

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01:46:36 --> 01:46:40

uh man um

2879

01:46:39 --> 01:46:42

i don't even know where to begin i'd be

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01:46:40 --> 01:46:46

remitted if i did not say

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01:46:42 --> 01:46:48

and point out as the woman before me did

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01:46:46 --> 01:46:50

even though a lot of the things may be

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01:46:48 --> 01:46:52

coming from majority or people speaking

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01:46:50 --> 01:46:53

about the majority of the community

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01:46:52 --> 01:46:55

there are

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01:46:53 --> 01:46:57

individuals that make up the i won't

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01:46:55 --> 01:46:59

even say minority but

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01:46:57 --> 01:47:01

that need that extra thought and that

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01:46:59 --> 01:47:03

extra attention and thinking of the mass

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01:47:01 --> 01:47:05

and the social distancing

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01:47:03 --> 01:47:07

because as a public health professional

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01:47:05 --> 01:47:10

we understand the research shows

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01:47:07 --> 01:47:11

that and i might need to talk this way

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01:47:10 --> 01:47:15

the research shows that

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01:47:11 --> 01:47:17

covid is affecting our community widely

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01:47:15 --> 01:47:19

differently there are great disparities

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01:47:17 --> 01:47:22

so it may be

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01:47:19 --> 01:47:23

you know as she said we may not need to

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01:47:22 --> 01:47:25

wear a mass in the fall

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01:47:23 --> 01:47:27

we may not have to but having that

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01:47:25 --> 01:47:29

patience and thinking of your neighbor

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01:47:27 --> 01:47:31

wouldn't have gotten us here in the

2903

01:47:29 --> 01:47:34

first place and coveted wide

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01:47:31 --> 01:47:36

you know big at the beginning but

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01:47:34 --> 01:47:37

because we were rushing and thinking i

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01:47:36 --> 01:47:39

don't want to do

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01:47:37 --> 01:47:41

this or why do i have to stay inside or

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01:47:39 --> 01:47:43

why can't i do this

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01:47:41 --> 01:47:45

if we would have just thought for a

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01:47:43 --> 01:47:46

second you know what let me do this just

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01:47:45 --> 01:47:48

for my neighbor

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01:47:46 --> 01:47:50

we'll figure it out later and maybe we

2913

01:47:48 --> 01:47:53

would be open and not be sitting here

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01:47:50 --> 01:47:54

half face looking at each other so i

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01:47:53 --> 01:47:57

just say that

2916

01:47:54 --> 01:47:57

you know take that thought into my

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01:47:57 --> 01:47:59

neighbor

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01:47:57 --> 01:48:01

sitting out here most of you i do not

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01:47:59 --> 01:48:04

know but

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01:48:01 --> 01:48:05

i know in my job i think of my neighbor

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01:48:04 --> 01:48:07

and think of how i can do

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01:48:05 --> 01:48:08

my part and i just ask you all to think

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01:48:07 --> 01:48:11

that through

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01:48:08 --> 01:48:11

i understand the kids you want them to

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01:48:11 --> 01:48:13

be

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01:48:11 --> 01:48:15

socially active and be with their

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01:48:13 --> 01:48:16

friends and have their experiences in

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01:48:15 --> 01:48:19

high school and

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01:48:16 --> 01:48:21

participate in all the great things but

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01:48:19 --> 01:48:23

i know personally i would like them to

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01:48:21 --> 01:48:25

see that future

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01:48:23 --> 01:48:26

i would like them to be alive to

2933

01:48:25 --> 01:48:29

experience that

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01:48:26 --> 01:48:30

and unfortunately covet takes people

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01:48:29 --> 01:48:32

just like that

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01:48:30 --> 01:48:33

they can be super healthy or they can be

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01:48:32 --> 01:48:36

super

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01:48:33 --> 01:48:38

sick we just don't know

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01:48:36 --> 01:48:39

and that's one thing in having these

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01:48:38 --> 01:48:42

meetings and

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01:48:39 --> 01:48:42

and conversing and having these public

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01:48:42 --> 01:48:45

comments

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01:48:42 --> 01:48:46

we've said we just don't know we we

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01:48:45 --> 01:48:48

really don't know

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01:48:46 --> 01:48:49

but i would hate for us something like

2946

01:48:48 --> 01:48:51

that tragic to hit

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01:48:49 --> 01:48:53

our community and then we're here having

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01:48:51 --> 01:48:56

a vigil

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01:48:53 --> 01:48:57

you know so i just keep that in the back

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01:48:56 --> 01:48:59

your mind

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01:48:57 --> 01:49:01

everybody here is individuals and

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01:48:59 --> 01:49:02

everybody's going to be impacted

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01:49:01 --> 01:49:04

differently

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01:49:02 --> 01:49:06

and if we're wearing masks in the fall

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01:49:04 --> 01:49:07

just to protect somebody else that's

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01:49:06 --> 01:49:08

really what we have to do it might be

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01:49:07 --> 01:49:10

your child

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01:49:08 --> 01:49:12

those that came in at the beginning of

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01:49:10 --> 01:49:12

this meeting that we're trying to

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01:49:12 --> 01:49:15

protect

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01:49:12 --> 01:49:17

it might be somebody else's but that's

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01:49:15 --> 01:49:19

why we're here that's what we need to do

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01:49:17 --> 01:49:22

as a neighbor and as a community so i

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01:49:19 --> 01:49:25

just ask for that i hear both opinions

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01:49:22 --> 01:49:28

and i respect both sides because

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01:49:25 --> 01:49:29

as someone said earlier everybody has

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01:49:28 --> 01:49:31

the right to their opinion and they're

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01:49:29 --> 01:49:33

just trying to think of their child

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01:49:31 --> 01:49:34

and what you can best try to do for your

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01:49:33 --> 01:49:37

own children so

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01:49:34 --> 01:49:39

i just thank you guys i thank all of us

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01:49:37 --> 01:49:40

for being here and showing up for our

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01:49:39 --> 01:49:42

community

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01:49:40 --> 01:49:43

but just try to think of the other

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01:49:42 --> 01:49:45

person or

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01:49:43 --> 01:49:47

or the other child so thank you guys

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01:49:45 --> 01:49:49

thank you

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01:49:47 --> 01:49:49

thank you

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01:49:53 --> 01:49:57

hi lisa trapani 350 bridge railroad i

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01:49:55 --> 01:49:59

just have a short statement

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01:49:57 --> 01:50:00

of thanks for the two administrators who

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01:49:59 --> 01:50:03

are going to be

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01:50:00 --> 01:50:04

leaving us at the end of june so on

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01:50:03 --> 01:50:06

behalf of the morrison education

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01:50:04 --> 01:50:07

association i'd like to thank two

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01:50:06 --> 01:50:10

members of the administration

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01:50:07 --> 01:50:11

for their service to our district i

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01:50:10 --> 01:50:13

would like to thank

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01:50:11 --> 01:50:14

carolyn gibson for her service to

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01:50:13 --> 01:50:16

moorestam

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01:50:14 --> 01:50:17

you came in at one of the most difficult

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01:50:16 --> 01:50:20

times in education

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01:50:17 --> 01:50:21

and you were dedicated to the position

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01:50:20 --> 01:50:23

we appreciate your knowledge

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01:50:21 --> 01:50:25

your willingness to work together to

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01:50:23 --> 01:50:26

solve problems and we wish you the best

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01:50:25 --> 01:50:29

in the future

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01:50:26 --> 01:50:31

thank you next i would like to thank

2999

01:50:29 --> 01:50:33

scott mccartney for his five years of

3000

01:50:31 --> 01:50:34

service to the district

3001

01:50:33 --> 01:50:36

he was appointed after a series of

3002

01:50:34 --> 01:50:38

interim superintendents

3003

01:50:36 --> 01:50:40

another difficult time he guided us

3004

01:50:38 --> 01:50:42

through a global pandemic

3005

01:50:40 --> 01:50:43

and we maintained our high standards on

3006

01:50:42 --> 01:50:45

all levels

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01:50:43 --> 01:50:47

and i speak for the staff when i say

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01:50:45 --> 01:50:49

that we're very

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01:50:47 --> 01:50:50

proud of that and we're proud of the

3010

01:50:49 --> 01:50:52

support from the board and all the

3011

01:50:50 --> 01:50:55

administration

3012

01:50:52 --> 01:50:57

despite what some in this community

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01:50:55 --> 01:51:00

would have you believe

3014

01:50:57 --> 01:51:01

we had our differences but we work

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01:51:00 --> 01:51:03

together to resolve them

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01:51:01 --> 01:51:04

for the best of the district just as

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01:51:03 --> 01:51:07

with business

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01:51:04 --> 01:51:08

labor and management work together to

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01:51:07 --> 01:51:11

provide a great service

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01:51:08 --> 01:51:12

which we did we wish you the best in

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01:51:11 --> 01:51:15

your future

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01:51:12 --> 01:51:15

thank you

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01:51:18 --> 01:51:23

can i have a motion to close public

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01:51:20 --> 01:51:23

comment

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01:51:23 --> 01:51:28

think second second all in favor

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01:51:31 --> 01:51:37

moving on to reports to the board a the

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01:51:35 --> 01:51:39

business administrator board secretary

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01:51:37 --> 01:51:39

reports

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01:51:41 --> 01:51:46

one uh one financial report to the board

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01:51:44 --> 01:51:48

secretary two treasurer's report three

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01:51:46 --> 01:51:51

cafeteria report

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01:51:48 --> 01:51:52

for approval of budget transfers five

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01:51:51 --> 01:51:54

approval of bills

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01:51:52 --> 01:51:56

can i please have a motion to approve

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01:51:54 --> 01:51:59

one through five

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01:51:56 --> 01:52:03

so sandra second thank you

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01:51:59 --> 01:52:05

any questions or comments

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01:52:03 --> 01:52:08

no all in favor aye aye those

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01:52:05 --> 01:52:10

abstentions

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01:52:08 --> 01:52:12

okay moving on to the recommendations of

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01:52:10 --> 01:52:14

the superintendent the approval of the

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01:52:12 --> 01:52:17

safe return to schools plan

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01:52:14 --> 01:52:19

policies and procedures one first

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01:52:17 --> 01:52:21

reading policies

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01:52:19 --> 01:52:22

two second reading three policies and

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01:52:21 --> 01:52:27

regulations to be

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01:52:22 --> 01:52:27

abolished can i please have a motion to

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01:52:27 --> 01:52:30

approve

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01:52:27 --> 01:52:33

items one through three so moved thank

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01:52:30 --> 01:52:36

you second

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01:52:33 --> 01:52:42

second any questions or comments

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01:52:36 --> 01:52:42

all in favor aye those abstentions

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01:52:42 --> 01:52:46

okay moving on to educational program

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01:52:45 --> 01:52:48

one is home instruction

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01:52:46 --> 01:52:49

two special education out of district

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01:52:48 --> 01:52:51

placements

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01:52:49 --> 01:52:53

three burlington county alternative

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01:52:51 --> 01:52:55

school placements four special education

3059

01:52:53 --> 01:52:58

in district placements

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01:52:55 --> 01:53:01

by bayata home health care and corp

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01:52:58 --> 01:53:05

nursing services could i please have a

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01:53:01 --> 01:53:05

motion to approve items one through five

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01:53:05 --> 01:53:15

second questions comments

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01:53:09 --> 01:53:15

all in i'll favor from too

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01:53:15 --> 01:53:22

anyone else no

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01:53:19 --> 01:53:23

so d under finance and business this is

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01:53:22 --> 01:53:26

the bond refund

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01:53:23 --> 01:53:27

refinancing ordinance the motion is a

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01:53:26 --> 01:53:29

resolution is

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01:53:27 --> 01:53:31

requested approving the refunding bond

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01:53:29 --> 01:53:32

ordinance of the board of education of

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01:53:31 --> 01:53:34

the township of morristown and the

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01:53:32 --> 01:53:36

county of burlington new jersey

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01:53:34 --> 01:53:38

providing for the refunding of all or a

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01:53:36 --> 01:53:40

portion of the outstanding

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01:53:38 --> 01:53:43

callable school refunding bonds of the

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01:53:40 --> 01:53:45

school district dated may 1st 2012

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01:53:43 --> 01:53:48

issued in the original principal amount

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01:53:45 --> 01:53:50

of 20 million 525

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01:53:48 --> 01:53:51

000 appropriating not to exceed 8

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01:53:50 --> 01:53:54
million

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01:53:51 --> 01:53:56
600 000 therefore and authorizing the

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01:53:54 --> 01:53:57
issuance of not to exceed

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01:53:56 --> 01:53:59
eight million six hundred thousand

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01:53:57 --> 01:54:00
refunding bonds to provide for such

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01:53:59 --> 01:54:04
refunding as per

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01:54:00 --> 01:54:06
exhibit 21-279 can i please have a

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01:54:04 --> 01:54:09
motion

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01:54:06 --> 01:54:11
thank you second second any questions or

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01:54:09 --> 01:54:13
comments

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01:54:11 --> 01:54:14
i know james did provide information to

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01:54:13 --> 01:54:19

the board on this so

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01:54:14 --> 01:54:19

okay uh a roll call vote

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01:54:20 --> 01:54:26

dr alberti yes mr fairchild

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01:54:23 --> 01:54:30

yes mrs law

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01:54:26 --> 01:54:35

dr schneider yes mr villanueva

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01:54:30 --> 01:54:39

mr weeks mr weinstein

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01:54:35 --> 01:54:43

miss romano yes mr shaw yes

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01:54:39 --> 01:54:44

thank you uh number two approval of

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01:54:43 --> 01:54:45

state contract and consortium vendor

3101

01:54:44 --> 01:54:48

purchases

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01:54:45 --> 01:54:51

three donations and uh four interlocal

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01:54:48 --> 01:54:54

services agreement i.t services

3104
01:54:51 --> 01:54:56
five non-resident tuition students six

3105
01:54:54 --> 01:54:58
annual meeting notice seven bus

3106
01:54:56 --> 01:55:00
emergency evacuation drills

3107
01:54:58 --> 01:55:01
eight bayada contracted substitute

3108
01:55:00 --> 01:55:04
school nursing services

3109
01:55:01 --> 01:55:06
nine athletic organization memberships

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01:55:04 --> 01:55:10
10 athletic schedules

3111
01:55:06 --> 01:55:12
11 sidebar agreement 12 chapter 47

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01:55:10 --> 01:55:14
annual notification 13 food service

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01:55:12 --> 01:55:17
management contract

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01:55:14 --> 01:55:19
14 school lunch prices 15 authorization

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01:55:17 --> 01:55:22

for lease purchase 16

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01:55:19 --> 01:55:23

physician services 17 transferred to

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01:55:22 --> 01:55:27

capital reserve

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01:55:23 --> 01:55:29

not to exceed can i please have a motion

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01:55:27 --> 01:55:32

to approve items 2-17

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01:55:29 --> 01:55:34

so moved second thank you any questions

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01:55:32 --> 01:55:38

or comments

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01:55:34 --> 01:55:42

no all in favor those abstentions

3123

01:55:38 --> 01:55:44

no great moving on to employee relations

3124

01:55:42 --> 01:55:45

number one approval of the contract for

3125

01:55:44 --> 01:55:49

business administrator

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01:55:45 --> 01:55:51

two appointments

3127
01:55:49 --> 01:55:54
three leave of absence and an extension

3128
01:55:51 --> 01:55:56
up to leave of absence

3129
01:55:54 --> 01:55:59
four change of assignment five salary

3130
01:55:56 --> 01:56:01
correction six retirements

3131
01:55:59 --> 01:56:03
seven resignations eight administrative

3132
01:56:01 --> 01:56:06
leave withholding of salary increase

3133
01:56:03 --> 01:56:08
nine reappointment of substitutes 10

3134
01:56:06 --> 01:56:09
june swap day presenters 11 homebound

3135
01:56:08 --> 01:56:11
structures

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01:56:09 --> 01:56:13
12 reappointment of bus drivers 13

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01:56:11 --> 01:56:14
reappointment of extended school day

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01:56:13 --> 01:56:17

program staff

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01:56:14 --> 01:56:17

14 reappointment of education support

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01:56:17 --> 01:56:21

services

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01:56:17 --> 01:56:23

15 reappointment of paraprofessionals 16

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01:56:21 --> 01:56:26

staff summer hours 17 athletics

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01:56:23 --> 01:56:28

18 high school athletic volunteers 19

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01:56:26 --> 01:56:31

extended school year staff

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01:56:28 --> 01:56:35

20 esser essa summer teaching staff

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01:56:31 --> 01:56:36

21 co-curricular stipends 22 curriculum

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01:56:35 --> 01:56:38

writing 23

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01:56:36 --> 01:56:40

summer transportation staff 24 black

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01:56:38 --> 01:56:43

seal stipend

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01:56:40 --> 01:56:43
25 cst summer evaluation meeting staff

3151
01:56:43 --> 01:56:46
26

3152
01:56:43 --> 01:56:48
information technology volunteer 27 high

3153
01:56:46 --> 01:56:51
school musical

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01:56:48 --> 01:56:52
videographer 28 delanco shared service

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01:56:51 --> 01:56:55
incentive

3156
01:56:52 --> 01:56:57
29 summer enrichment support staff 30

3157
01:56:55 --> 01:56:59
september professional development staff

3158
01:56:57 --> 01:57:01
31 middle school unified track one to

3159
01:56:59 --> 01:57:03
one paraprofessional

3160
01:57:01 --> 01:57:04
32 school nurse for summer programs and

3161
01:57:03 --> 01:57:08

33

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01:57:04 --> 01:57:09

2021 2022 employment contracts can i

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01:57:08 --> 01:57:10

please have

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01:57:09 --> 01:57:12

a motion to approve items one through

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01:57:10 --> 01:57:15

thirteen one through

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01:57:12 --> 01:57:18

thirty three so moved second

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01:57:15 --> 01:57:19

thank you anyone have any questions or

3168

01:57:18 --> 01:57:22

comments

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01:57:19 --> 01:57:25

that was a lot nope

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01:57:22 --> 01:57:29

roll call vote dr alberti yes

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01:57:25 --> 01:57:32

mr fairchild yes mrs law

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01:57:29 --> 01:57:36

dr schneider yes mr villanueva

3173

01:57:32 --> 01:57:40

mr weeks mr weinstein

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01:57:36 --> 01:57:43

mr romano yes mr shaw yes

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01:57:40 --> 01:57:44

thank you then we have some suspensions

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01:57:43 --> 01:57:47

and hib report

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01:57:44 --> 01:57:48

um then informational only enrollment

3178

01:57:47 --> 01:57:51

information

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01:57:48 --> 01:57:53

does anyone have any old business to

3180

01:57:51 --> 01:57:56

discuss

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01:57:53 --> 01:57:56

no any new business

3182

01:57:58 --> 01:58:02

i guess not so um we will open the floor

3183

01:58:01 --> 01:58:04

again

3184

01:58:02 --> 01:58:07

um could i have a motion to open the

3185

01:58:04 --> 01:58:11

floor for public comment

3186

01:58:07 --> 01:58:21

second all in favor aye

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01:58:11 --> 01:58:25

if anyone wants to come to the mic

3188

01:58:21 --> 01:58:27

hello my name is deena hees 29

3189

01:58:25 --> 01:58:29

apple orchard road i want to speak in

3190

01:58:27 --> 01:58:32

reference to the re-entry plan for the

3191

01:58:29 --> 01:58:35

fall which includes masking our kids

3192

01:58:32 --> 01:58:37

all day every day first i want to tell

3193

01:58:35 --> 01:58:40

you a little bit about myself

3194

01:58:37 --> 01:58:42

i'm an introvert this is the very last

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01:58:40 --> 01:58:43

thing that i want to be doing right now

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01:58:42 --> 01:58:45

i'd rather be home pretending this

3197

01:58:43 --> 01:58:47

wasn't happening

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01:58:45 --> 01:58:48

but it is i have to stand up for the

3199

01:58:47 --> 01:58:52

kids

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01:58:48 --> 01:58:52

and for my own son my son is in ninth

3201

01:58:52 --> 01:58:55

grade

3202

01:58:52 --> 01:58:56

he used to be a very happy kid always

3203

01:58:55 --> 01:58:59

smiling

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01:58:56 --> 01:59:03

always up for fun however the past year

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01:58:59 --> 01:59:06

he's changed

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01:59:03 --> 01:59:09

now i barely recognize him he's quiet

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01:59:06 --> 01:59:10

he's withdrawn he doesn't want to go to

3208

01:59:09 --> 01:59:15

school

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01:59:10 --> 01:59:15

and he keeps to himself that's not him

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01:59:15 --> 01:59:19

he's not alone reports of mental health

3211

01:59:18 --> 01:59:23

crises and adolescents

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01:59:19 --> 01:59:27

have skyrocketed since this began

3213

01:59:23 --> 01:59:29

in the past year a child aged 5 to 18

3214

01:59:27 --> 01:59:30

is 12 times more likely to die of

3215

01:59:29 --> 01:59:33

suicide

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01:59:30 --> 01:59:33

and of coven

3217

01:59:34 --> 01:59:42

mass cause feelings of anxiety

3218

01:59:38 --> 01:59:46

and fear and isolation in some kids

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01:59:42 --> 01:59:49

not all kids but a lot of them

3220

01:59:46 --> 01:59:51

how can we continue to do this to them

3221

01:59:49 --> 01:59:55

the thought of putting my son through

3222

01:59:51 --> 01:59:57

this for another year terrifies me

3223

01:59:55 --> 01:59:58

i know him and i know what's best for

3224

01:59:57 --> 02:00:01

him

3225

01:59:58 --> 02:00:06

i should be making that decision

3226

02:00:01 --> 02:00:09

not the board and not the governor

3227

02:00:06 --> 02:00:11

parents please know that this mass

3228

02:00:09 --> 02:00:13

mandate in september is not based in

3229

02:00:11 --> 02:00:17

science

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02:00:13 --> 02:00:17

infections are at an all-time low

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02:00:17 --> 02:00:21

if children do get the virus they have a

3232

02:00:20 --> 02:00:25

virtually

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02:00:21 --> 02:00:28

zero percent chance of dying or being

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02:00:25 --> 02:00:31

hospitalized our kids are being masked

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02:00:28 --> 02:00:34

in september for two reasons

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02:00:31 --> 02:00:36

money and politics

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02:00:34 --> 02:00:38

i'm not willing to allow that to happen

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02:00:36 --> 02:00:41

to my son

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02:00:38 --> 02:00:42

members of the board please do the right

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02:00:41 --> 02:00:46

thing for our kids

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02:00:42 --> 02:00:49

and for my son please end the mass

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02:00:46 --> 02:00:56

mandate or at least make it optional

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02:00:49 --> 02:00:56

thank you

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02:01:07 --> 02:01:11

okay

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02:01:09 --> 02:01:12

okay i just wanted to make a comment

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02:01:11 --> 02:01:15

because of

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02:01:12 --> 02:01:16

the mention about the behind closed door

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02:01:15 --> 02:01:21

meeting

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02:01:16 --> 02:01:23

so one behind closed doors

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02:01:21 --> 02:01:24

signifies something to me in the sense

3251

02:01:23 --> 02:01:27

that it's

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02:01:24 --> 02:01:29

private it's kind of disconcerting to

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02:01:27 --> 02:01:32

know that amongst your

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02:01:29 --> 02:01:35

group that there are people who would

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02:01:32 --> 02:01:36

divulge like what's happening behind

3256

02:01:35 --> 02:01:38

closed doors to me that feels like such

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02:01:36 --> 02:01:41

a breach of trust

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02:01:38 --> 02:01:43

one secondly to that

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02:01:41 --> 02:01:46

i really want to say because i know that

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02:01:43 --> 02:01:49

you all don't comment

3261

02:01:46 --> 02:01:51

is that thank you for upholding what is

3262

02:01:49 --> 02:01:54

the essence

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02:01:51 --> 02:01:56

of being a public institution

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02:01:54 --> 02:01:58

as you came out here and upheld what

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02:01:56 --> 02:02:02

were the rules

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02:01:58 --> 02:02:04

as a public institution by requiring

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02:02:02 --> 02:02:05

the mandate the request of the mass in

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02:02:04 --> 02:02:08

this

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02:02:05 --> 02:02:10

public space which is exactly

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02:02:08 --> 02:02:12

what we are talking about in the sense

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02:02:10 --> 02:02:14

of what we

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02:02:12 --> 02:02:16

would be thinking beyond just our own

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02:02:14 --> 02:02:19

individual cells

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02:02:16 --> 02:02:21

behind closed doors what you do as

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02:02:19 --> 02:02:23

consenting adults

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02:02:21 --> 02:02:25

possibly maybe you have agreements

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02:02:23 --> 02:02:27

because you're vaccinated i have no clue

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02:02:25 --> 02:02:29

that's your business young people have a

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02:02:27 --> 02:02:31

saying nanya

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02:02:29 --> 02:02:33

it's not your business what y'all were

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02:02:31 --> 02:02:36

doing behind closed doors it's quite

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02:02:33 --> 02:02:37

disappointing

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02:02:36 --> 02:02:39

that people are now demanding that you

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02:02:37 --> 02:02:42

tell them hold your peace

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02:02:39 --> 02:02:44

hold your peace as you are but again

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02:02:42 --> 02:02:47

thank you for upholding what is the

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02:02:44 --> 02:02:49

public institution

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02:02:47 --> 02:02:50
this space because there could be people

3289
02:02:49 --> 02:02:53
in here

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02:02:50 --> 02:02:54
who could be affected negatively by not

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02:02:53 --> 02:02:58
upholding

3292
02:02:54 --> 02:03:02
those types of mandates so thank you

3293
02:02:58 --> 02:03:02
thank you

3294
02:03:08 --> 02:03:11
yeah um anthony dragon 547 eagle brook

3295
02:03:11 --> 02:03:12
drive

3296
02:03:11 --> 02:03:14
i don't even want to go down the road of

3297
02:03:12 --> 02:03:15
what you were doing as consenting adults

3298
02:03:14 --> 02:03:17
behind those stores

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02:03:15 --> 02:03:19

in addition to that but i just wanted to

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02:03:17 --> 02:03:21

the gentle lady brought up a point that

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02:03:19 --> 02:03:22

most of these school board meetings are

3302

02:03:21 --> 02:03:23

empty and i'm into that i understand

3303

02:03:22 --> 02:03:25

that but what we're seeing

3304

02:03:23 --> 02:03:27

across the country is that people are

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02:03:25 --> 02:03:30

gathering at their school board meetings

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02:03:27 --> 02:03:31

to either applaud the courage that's

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02:03:30 --> 02:03:34

been

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02:03:31 --> 02:03:37

shown during the course of the year or

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02:03:34 --> 02:03:38

to show anger for things that weren't

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02:03:37 --> 02:03:41

done

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02:03:38 --> 02:03:43

okay and that's what that's what i was

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02:03:41 --> 02:03:45

illustrating here that this is

3313

02:03:43 --> 02:03:46

empty so what you have is you have a

3314

02:03:45 --> 02:03:49

disengaged

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02:03:46 --> 02:03:52

public okay who really

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02:03:49 --> 02:03:55

they they don't see they see

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02:03:52 --> 02:03:57

futility okay the only two members who

3318

02:03:55 --> 02:03:59

would have shown any opposition tonight

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02:03:57 --> 02:04:00

you all didn't have the courage to

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02:03:59 --> 02:04:02

insist that they come back

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02:04:00 --> 02:04:03

in here or to make some sort of

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02:04:02 --> 02:04:05

accommodation for them

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02:04:03 --> 02:04:07

i'll tell you mark villanueva is the

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02:04:05 --> 02:04:09

only person who makes these board

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02:04:07 --> 02:04:11

meetings interesting and why is that not

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02:04:09 --> 02:04:12

because he

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02:04:11 --> 02:04:15

gets into squabbles with people but

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02:04:12 --> 02:04:17

because he's the voice of opposition

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02:04:15 --> 02:04:19

this is the uni party you're all in

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02:04:17 --> 02:04:19

agreement with each other and that's

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02:04:19 --> 02:04:21

great

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02:04:19 --> 02:04:23

but you have a big disagreement and that

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02:04:21 --> 02:04:23

disagreement is shown in the people who

3334
02:04:23 --> 02:04:25
are here

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02:04:23 --> 02:04:27
but most importantly the people who are

3336
02:04:25 --> 02:04:29
watching the people who are not here

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02:04:27 --> 02:04:30
because they've had it they don't see

3338
02:04:29 --> 02:04:34
any point

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02:04:30 --> 02:04:35
to it okay and you stood up

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02:04:34 --> 02:04:37
you're so you're courageous because you

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02:04:35 --> 02:04:37
stood up five new subcommittees this

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02:04:37 --> 02:04:39
year

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02:04:37 --> 02:04:41
but you couldn't figure out how to do

3344
02:04:39 --> 02:04:43
lunch

3345
02:04:41 --> 02:04:44

so there's a lot of symbolism but not a

3346

02:04:43 --> 02:04:47

lot of substance

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02:04:44 --> 02:04:47

okay and what i what we would like to

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02:04:47 --> 02:04:49

see

3349

02:04:47 --> 02:04:51

is more courage moving forward and what

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02:04:49 --> 02:04:55

people are scared of

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02:04:51 --> 02:04:58

is this takes courage

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02:04:55 --> 02:05:08

this doesn't take courage okay

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02:04:58 --> 02:05:08

thank you very much

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02:05:10 --> 02:05:15

hello claudine leone 425 older shaw

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02:05:13 --> 02:05:15

avenue

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02:05:16 --> 02:05:20

i i think you honored our rit folks and

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02:05:19 --> 02:05:22

i

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02:05:20 --> 02:05:23

absolutely commend them this year would

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02:05:22 --> 02:05:25

not have happened i

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02:05:23 --> 02:05:26

don't understand and i don't think we

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02:05:25 --> 02:05:28

really understand that when they get all

3362

02:05:26 --> 02:05:31

that stuff back

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02:05:28 --> 02:05:33

their job is so far not done so

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02:05:31 --> 02:05:34

given that that they made this year

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02:05:33 --> 02:05:37

happen i

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02:05:34 --> 02:05:39

implore the board once again to have

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02:05:37 --> 02:05:42

these meetings available on zoom

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02:05:39 --> 02:05:43

not just live streamed you all have your

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02:05:42 --> 02:05:45

laptops you can be

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02:05:43 --> 02:05:46

zooming and they can see your faces he

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02:05:45 --> 02:05:50

can figure it out

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02:05:46 --> 02:05:52

it's 100 possible if our wonderful

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02:05:50 --> 02:05:53

teachers can teach to a screen of 20

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02:05:52 --> 02:05:56

kids

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02:05:53 --> 02:05:57

and a room of 20 kids you guys can hold

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02:05:56 --> 02:05:59

a board meeting and allow

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02:05:57 --> 02:06:01

those that can't participate i

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02:05:59 --> 02:06:03

personally worked up until 705

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02:06:01 --> 02:06:04

and i had a scramble over here and i

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02:06:03 --> 02:06:06

thought it was important

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02:06:04 --> 02:06:07

you know and i'm glad i did i missed a

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02:06:06 --> 02:06:10

little bit of the scuttlebutt but i

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02:06:07 --> 02:06:12

you know i appreciate that people did

3384

02:06:10 --> 02:06:13

show up and express themselves

3385

02:06:12 --> 02:06:15

those folks would have had the

3386

02:06:13 --> 02:06:18

opportunity if they were on zoom so i i

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02:06:15 --> 02:06:21

really hope so just as another

3388

02:06:18 --> 02:06:24

point my eighth grade son says

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02:06:21 --> 02:06:25

why are you going you know they're not

3390

02:06:24 --> 02:06:27

gonna listen

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02:06:25 --> 02:06:29

i don't know where he gets that from i'm

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02:06:27 --> 02:06:32

a very diplomatic person in my home

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02:06:29 --> 02:06:33

and he knows i'm very fair-minded he's

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02:06:32 --> 02:06:35

getting that from

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02:06:33 --> 02:06:38

the environment that he's in at school

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02:06:35 --> 02:06:38

he's getting they're they're less afraid

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02:06:38 --> 02:06:40

about

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02:06:38 --> 02:06:41

i think one of the kids were saying you

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02:06:40 --> 02:06:43

know standing next to someone or do

3400

02:06:41 --> 02:06:45

something they're getting in trouble

3401

02:06:43 --> 02:06:47

you know they're getting trouble for

3402

02:06:45 --> 02:06:48

being kids they're getting trouble

3403
02:06:47 --> 02:06:50
before you made the clarification for

3404
02:06:48 --> 02:06:51
outdoor masks

3405
02:06:50 --> 02:06:53
if they were taking it down they were

3406
02:06:51 --> 02:06:55
getting in trouble these kids

3407
02:06:53 --> 02:06:57
don't want to be in school you know his

3408
02:06:55 --> 02:06:59
comment is we only have a couple days

3409
02:06:57 --> 02:07:01
left and i said well

3410
02:06:59 --> 02:07:03
the fall is yet to be determined the

3411
02:07:01 --> 02:07:05
governor has to make some decisions

3412
02:07:03 --> 02:07:07
the cdc is going to come out with their

3413
02:07:05 --> 02:07:07
guidance the board has to absorb all

3414
02:07:07 --> 02:07:10

that

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02:07:07 --> 02:07:11

so we need to keep our voices heard so i

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02:07:10 --> 02:07:14

hope

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02:07:11 --> 02:07:15

you consider the zoom i know our its

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02:07:14 --> 02:07:17

guys can do it

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02:07:15 --> 02:07:18

it's really important to the community

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02:07:17 --> 02:07:20

particularly those with younger kids who

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02:07:18 --> 02:07:22

can't be here

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02:07:20 --> 02:07:23

and and we want more engagement right

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02:07:22 --> 02:07:24

you know we want we want more engagement

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02:07:23 --> 02:07:28

from the community

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02:07:24 --> 02:07:28

so i thank you

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02:07:32 --> 02:07:37

thank you hi

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02:07:35 --> 02:07:40

just one more brief public comment from

3428

02:07:37 --> 02:07:42

me jill follows macaluso from 800

3429

02:07:40 --> 02:07:45

golfview i'm going to go back to my drum

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02:07:42 --> 02:07:46

around culture of inclusion and culture

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02:07:45 --> 02:07:48

of transparency

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02:07:46 --> 02:07:50

i talk a lot about those words but

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02:07:48 --> 02:07:51

sometimes maybe not the specific tactics

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02:07:50 --> 02:07:54

that you could

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02:07:51 --> 02:07:56

implement to foster them i agree 100

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02:07:54 --> 02:07:58

percent with claudine

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02:07:56 --> 02:08:00

i think going back to providing the

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02:07:58 --> 02:08:04

parent community with the opportunity

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02:08:00 --> 02:08:06

to fully participate by zoom and

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02:08:04 --> 02:08:08

including public comment it

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02:08:06 --> 02:08:09

would be a big step in the right

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02:08:08 --> 02:08:11

direction to foster

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02:08:09 --> 02:08:13

a culture of inclusivity where each and

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02:08:11 --> 02:08:15

every person's voice can be heard

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02:08:13 --> 02:08:16

also on the culture of inclusivity i

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02:08:15 --> 02:08:18

found it

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02:08:16 --> 02:08:19

odd that some of the commenters were

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02:08:18 --> 02:08:21

shut off

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02:08:19 --> 02:08:23
at three minutes on the mic and some

3450
02:08:21 --> 02:08:24
were not shut off at three minutes on

3451
02:08:23 --> 02:08:26
the mic

3452
02:08:24 --> 02:08:27
i'm getting texts from people who are

3453
02:08:26 --> 02:08:29
watching by zoom i don't even know if

3454
02:08:27 --> 02:08:31
it's constitutional to

3455
02:08:29 --> 02:08:33
shut off some people because you made

3456
02:08:31 --> 02:08:37
the meeting available

3457
02:08:33 --> 02:08:39
by public zoom broadcast so you really

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02:08:37 --> 02:08:40
can't silence people after three minutes

3459
02:08:39 --> 02:08:43
especially when you're picking

3460
02:08:40 --> 02:08:45

and choosing who to silence and

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02:08:43 --> 02:08:47

on the picking and choosing topic it

3462

02:08:45 --> 02:08:48

leads to my final point around

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02:08:47 --> 02:08:50

transparency

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02:08:48 --> 02:08:52

i really would love an answer about

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02:08:50 --> 02:08:54

whether or not you did or did in fact

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02:08:52 --> 02:08:57

not wear masks when you met in public

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02:08:54 --> 02:08:58

in private session i looked back at the

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02:08:57 --> 02:09:00

policy

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02:08:58 --> 02:09:02

i know it's not super clear on the

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02:09:00 --> 02:09:03

website but dr mccartney sent an email

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02:09:02 --> 02:09:07

saying that

3472
02:09:03 --> 02:09:09
all persons are required to wear a mask

3473
02:09:07 --> 02:09:11
with the exception at all times in our

3474
02:09:09 --> 02:09:13
buildings with the exception of staff

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02:09:11 --> 02:09:16
alone in a room by themselves

3476
02:09:13 --> 02:09:17
so i really really would like to know i

3477
02:09:16 --> 02:09:19
think it's so important

3478
02:09:17 --> 02:09:21
in the spirit of transparency and

3479
02:09:19 --> 02:09:22
fostering the trust that i've heard

3480
02:09:21 --> 02:09:25
other speakers talk about

3481
02:09:22 --> 02:09:26
if you didn't wear them why won't you

3482
02:09:25 --> 02:09:28
say it

3483
02:09:26 --> 02:09:29

why can't you have the courage you're

3484

02:09:28 --> 02:09:31

our leadership

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02:09:29 --> 02:09:33

you are the tone at the top you are the

3486

02:09:31 --> 02:09:35

boss of the

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02:09:33 --> 02:09:37

superintendent i really really really

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02:09:35 --> 02:09:39

want to know i'm looking at you

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02:09:37 --> 02:09:41

are you gonna answer did you wear masks

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02:09:39 --> 02:09:45

in private session

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02:09:41 --> 02:09:45

did you follow the school policy

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02:09:46 --> 02:09:50

okay i'll wait here until my time is up

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02:09:49 --> 02:09:52

because i know you set a timer when i

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02:09:50 --> 02:09:52

talk

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02:09:59 --> 02:10:05

okay it's

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02:10:02 --> 02:10:08

fascinating it's behavioral science like

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02:10:05 --> 02:10:10

experiment that you won't respond

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02:10:08 --> 02:10:12

we just don't answer questions during

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02:10:10 --> 02:10:13

this so you answer questions for a lot

3500

02:10:12 --> 02:10:15

of people i respectfully disagree with

3501

02:10:13 --> 02:10:16

you you don't answer questions

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02:10:15 --> 02:10:18

if it's not something you want to share

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02:10:16 --> 02:10:19

or if there's something about the person

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02:10:18 --> 02:10:21

who's asking it

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02:10:19 --> 02:10:22

you answer plenty of questions and you

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02:10:21 --> 02:10:26

also allow people

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02:10:22 --> 02:10:27

to call out certain board members etc if

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02:10:26 --> 02:10:29

you like what you're hearing

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02:10:27 --> 02:10:31

you let it go on if you don't you shut

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02:10:29 --> 02:10:44

off the mic

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02:10:31 --> 02:10:44

thank you

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02:10:50 --> 02:10:55

now i've got an old tilt store back in

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02:10:52 --> 02:10:59

person need my glasses so excuse me

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02:10:55 --> 02:11:02

um karen vidal 441 older shaw avenue

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02:10:59 --> 02:11:04

all right um so first i want to thank

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02:11:02 --> 02:11:05

the board and everything else for making

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02:11:04 --> 02:11:08

this year happen

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02:11:05 --> 02:11:11

um i am a little discerned that we're

3519

02:11:08 --> 02:11:12

all jumping to a decision on masks

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02:11:11 --> 02:11:14

when we're not there yet the part of

3521

02:11:12 --> 02:11:14

having a novel virus what we're learning

3522

02:11:14 --> 02:11:17

about

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02:11:14 --> 02:11:18

is research is coming out all the time

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02:11:17 --> 02:11:21

do we know if children are going to be

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02:11:18 --> 02:11:23

vaccinated 5-12 in september

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02:11:21 --> 02:11:24

absolutely not so i wouldn't accept a

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02:11:23 --> 02:11:26

decision from the board now because the

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02:11:24 --> 02:11:27

science doesn't show where the decision

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02:11:26 --> 02:11:30

should be

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02:11:27 --> 02:11:31

um i have no problem that those children

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02:11:30 --> 02:11:32

12 and above

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02:11:31 --> 02:11:34

can be vaccinated if it's a parent

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02:11:32 --> 02:11:36

choice and they would like to do that

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02:11:34 --> 02:11:37

and i think for that reason a lot of

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02:11:36 --> 02:11:39

parents would support

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02:11:37 --> 02:11:40

removing the mass mandate for wams and

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02:11:39 --> 02:11:44

above

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02:11:40 --> 02:11:46

um for below my concerns are this

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02:11:44 --> 02:11:49

one i don't think people realize that

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02:11:46 --> 02:11:51

public school is not a majority wins

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02:11:49 --> 02:11:53

it's not a democratic election there's

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02:11:51 --> 02:11:56

actually laws that protect

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02:11:53 --> 02:11:58

student with medical disabilities so

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02:11:56 --> 02:12:01

your child can come to school

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02:11:58 --> 02:12:03

with cancer and i know that because

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02:12:01 --> 02:12:05

that's what i did for 22 years

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02:12:03 --> 02:12:07

and you've seen on facebook some of the

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02:12:05 --> 02:12:08

pictures of kids with cancer

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02:12:07 --> 02:12:10

because some of their parents were chose

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02:12:08 --> 02:12:13

to disclose that

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02:12:10 --> 02:12:15

a lot didn't and you had no idea that

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02:12:13 --> 02:12:17

their children were in our schools

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02:12:15 --> 02:12:20

they deserve a right to a public

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02:12:17 --> 02:12:21

education they have no option for remote

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02:12:20 --> 02:12:23

next year

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02:12:21 --> 02:12:26

there is a child with a critical immune

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02:12:23 --> 02:12:29

disorder who's a rising fourth grader

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02:12:26 --> 02:12:30

that child deserves it and i hear you i

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02:12:29 --> 02:12:33

understand that the mask is

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02:12:30 --> 02:12:34

uncomfortable but all of these things

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02:12:33 --> 02:12:37

that people have been saying

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02:12:34 --> 02:12:40

the pandemic is causing the depression

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02:12:37 --> 02:12:41

the pandemic is causing the high suicide

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02:12:40 --> 02:12:43

rates

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02:12:41 --> 02:12:44

the pandemic is causing all of these

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02:12:43 --> 02:12:47

things

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02:12:44 --> 02:12:47

i understand that i've again i've done

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02:12:47 --> 02:12:50

this

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02:12:47 --> 02:12:52

and for 22 years i can tell you i know

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02:12:50 --> 02:12:54

the research behind the mass because

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02:12:52 --> 02:12:55

that was my job as a pediatric oncology

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02:12:54 --> 02:12:57

nurse

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02:12:55 --> 02:12:59

and i'm the first person to say that of

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02:12:57 --> 02:13:01

course that was a critically ill

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02:12:59 --> 02:13:03

population and that's not definitely the

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02:13:01 --> 02:13:05

population that's going on right

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02:13:03 --> 02:13:06

now for what we're doing for schools but

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02:13:05 --> 02:13:07

here's some of the thing with the novell

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02:13:06 --> 02:13:10

rivers

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02:13:07 --> 02:13:11

we now say that um from the mayo clinic

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02:13:10 --> 02:13:14

just printed in

3582

02:13:11 --> 02:13:15

to may of this year there is recent

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02:13:14 --> 02:13:17

research that now children are

3584

02:13:15 --> 02:13:20

long-haulers

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02:13:17 --> 02:13:21

without severe disease so we're talking

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02:13:20 --> 02:13:24

struggle making you through the school

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02:13:21 --> 02:13:26

day exhaustion trouble concentrating

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02:13:24 --> 02:13:27

decreased performance in athletes

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there is now a recommendation from the

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children's hospital of philadelphia

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that any child with one or more symptom

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of covid

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should have an ekg prior to return to

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sports

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now if a parent decides to not do the

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ekg that's a parent preference

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but we need to uphold that and let them

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know that there is still that risk

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i have two family members that are

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long-haulers one's on anticoagulant

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therapy

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so it means this could be lifelong for

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her another's in a brain fog

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02:13:54 --> 02:13:58

that's horrible for somebody whose job

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is an author

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02:13:58 --> 02:14:06

um dave teachy from times

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02:14:01 --> 02:14:06

time's up karen yeah thank you um

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02:14:06 --> 02:14:11

you know it's nice that you're quick to

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02:14:08 --> 02:14:11

call out me and not other people

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02:14:12 --> 02:14:14

thank you

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02:14:16 --> 02:14:21

okay can i have a motion to close public

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02:14:19 --> 02:14:21

comment

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02:14:22 --> 02:14:31

oh sorry i missed that one

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02:14:28 --> 02:14:33

thank you for allowing me to speak um

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02:14:31 --> 02:14:35

i'd like to speak to the mask mandate

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02:14:33 --> 02:14:38

for um

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september i have two children name and

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02:14:38 --> 02:14:42

address please oh i'm sorry

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02:14:39 --> 02:14:44

i'm dawn miller my address is 301 spring

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02:14:42 --> 02:14:47

house lien

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i have two children at morristown high

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02:14:47 --> 02:14:50
school

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02:14:47 --> 02:14:52
my oldest is graduating and my youngest

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02:14:50 --> 02:14:54
is a rising sophomore

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according to my kids masks are no big

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02:14:54 --> 02:14:57
deal

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they're only worn for four and a half

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02:14:57 --> 02:15:01
hours a day just a half day

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02:14:59 --> 02:15:03
some teachers are lenient and allow them

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02:15:01 --> 02:15:04
to wear them below their nose or on

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02:15:03 --> 02:15:06
their chin

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02:15:04 --> 02:15:09
then there's the mask free hallway where

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02:15:06 --> 02:15:12

no teachers are there to monitor

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as an adult i see things differently i

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see a dear friend's son who has special

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needs

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gets sent home from school multiple

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times due to a tickle that he develops

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02:15:19 --> 02:15:24

in his throat from the from the mask

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02:15:22 --> 02:15:26

i see a neighbor's daughter struggle

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02:15:24 --> 02:15:28

with headaches

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i see a friend's daughter stay full

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remote not because

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of fear of a virus but because the mass

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causes her anxiety

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i see a barrier to smiles and disguised

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emotions

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and i know several board members who are

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compassionate and i know you see this

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02:15:44 --> 02:15:46

too

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but let's get real do the masks actually

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work according to the cdc fabric and

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02:15:54 --> 02:15:58

surgical masks have not been proven to

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02:15:56 --> 02:16:01

protect the wearer

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02:15:58 --> 02:16:04

per the fda face masks

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02:16:01 --> 02:16:05
are designated as experimental for

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02:16:04 --> 02:16:08
emergency use

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02:16:05 --> 02:16:11
with no long-term safety trials for

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02:16:08 --> 02:16:13
daily use on children

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02:16:11 --> 02:16:15
how long will we continue to compromise

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02:16:13 --> 02:16:17
our children's mental health

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02:16:15 --> 02:16:20
and social and emotional well-being for

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02:16:17 --> 02:16:22
unproven science

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02:16:20 --> 02:16:24
did you know schools in sweden have been

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02:16:22 --> 02:16:26
open full time without masks since the

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02:16:24 --> 02:16:28
start of the school year

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02:16:26 --> 02:16:31

one million nine hundred fifty one

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02:16:28 --> 02:16:35

thousand nine hundred and five children

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02:16:31 --> 02:16:37

and no children have died of covid19

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02:16:35 --> 02:16:39

there was a low incidence of severe

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02:16:37 --> 02:16:43

covert with 15 children hospitalized

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that's one in 130 000.

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02:16:43 --> 02:16:48

the spread among staff was lower than

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02:16:45 --> 02:16:50

other non-health care occupations

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02:16:48 --> 02:16:52

several states within our own country

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02:16:50 --> 02:16:54

are now massless

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02:16:52 --> 02:16:56

and we are seeing a continued decline in

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02:16:54 --> 02:16:58

cases

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02:16:56 --> 02:17:01

what are the metrics being used for

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02:16:58 --> 02:17:03

lifting the mass mandate in schools

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02:17:01 --> 02:17:05

here in new jersey it's estimated that

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02:17:03 --> 02:17:08

between vaccination and natural

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02:17:05 --> 02:17:10

infection we are at 80 percent immunity

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combine this with the fact that children

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are not proven

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vectors of the virus and their survival

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rate is

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nearly 100

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continued masking is nothing short of

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child abuse

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02:17:23 --> 02:17:26

now because i have a graduating senior i

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have spent the last two weekends

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celebrating with family and friends

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it combined hundreds of people smiling

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02:17:32 --> 02:17:36

shaking hands hugging sharing meals

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together

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it is absolute theatrics that the

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children are told to wear masks in

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school

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you have the power to stop this nonsense

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02:17:45 --> 02:17:48

and the complete overreach of power by

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02:17:47 --> 02:17:50

our governor

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02:17:48 --> 02:17:53

i ask you please give parents the power

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02:17:50 --> 02:17:54

to declare for themselves

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02:17:53 --> 02:17:56

whether or not we want our children to

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02:17:54 --> 02:17:59

wear masks

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02:17:56 --> 02:17:59

thank you thank you

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02:18:05 --> 02:18:10

dan miller i'm going to husband 301

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02:18:07 --> 02:18:14

spring gasoline also

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02:18:10 --> 02:18:16

just real quick uh it's prostitution

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02:18:14 --> 02:18:18

if you're doing this just for the money

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02:18:16 --> 02:18:21

for the 749 000

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it's prostitution your [___] now our

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kids

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so that you can get 749 000 to pay for

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02:18:24 --> 02:18:27

whatever

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02:18:25 --> 02:18:28

in the world that you wanna pay for just

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02:18:27 --> 02:18:31

think about that

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02:18:28 --> 02:18:40

don't be a bunch of prostitutes okay

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02:18:31 --> 02:18:45

thank you

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okay motion to close public comment

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second thank you all in favor

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02:18:49 --> 02:18:56

aye okay we are up for a german i i

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02:18:54 --> 02:18:56

would like to say i do appreciate both

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02:18:56 --> 02:18:59

sides

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02:18:56 --> 02:19:01

i really do i have mixed opinions on

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02:18:59 --> 02:19:04

both um as an individual

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02:19:01 --> 02:19:05

as you know someone read i do intend to

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02:19:04 --> 02:19:06

write to the governor and i would

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02:19:05 --> 02:19:08

implore

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all of you who feel the same way to do

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02:19:08 --> 02:19:12

that however as a

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bored consensus that every individual

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has their own decisions we have gotten

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02:19:14 --> 02:19:18

many many emails on the other side of

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02:19:17 --> 02:19:20

people fearing

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02:19:18 --> 02:19:21

the masks and wanting to keep them for

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02:19:20 --> 02:19:24

those under 12.

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02:19:21 --> 02:19:25

so we are we are not at the fall it's a

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02:19:24 --> 02:19:28

long time away

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02:19:25 --> 02:19:30

um and i do you know i just a lot of us

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feel we don't know at this point

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02:19:30 --> 02:19:33

what it will bring we are closely

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monitoring and we are a public entity so

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we are required to follow the mandates

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of the state

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and if those change we are more than

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willing to i know mr heiser

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02:19:40 --> 02:19:43

mr tate and their presentations have

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02:19:41 --> 02:19:45

said it multiple times

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if the mandates change we will change

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but as of now as a public entity

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we are required to follow this mandate

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so as individuals

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feel free to go to trenton the state

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02:19:55 --> 02:19:58

department of education

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the commissioner of education the

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governor's office

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whatever you can do to petition your

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02:20:01 --> 02:20:05

views i would take it to that extent

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02:20:07 --> 02:20:09

okay

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okay we should to adjourn please

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thank you a second second all in favor

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02:20:19 --> 02:20:22

thanks