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Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:23 AM
To: christine_melendez@ccpsnet.net; james_freeman@ccpsnet.net
Subject: Walk out?

Dear Ms. Melendez and Mr. Freeman,

I'm a science teacher at Thomas Dale and felt inspired to let you know that if the CEA suggested a walk out related to the mask issue, it was (again) an ill-advised tactic. I'm not a CEA member, and will not be if these are the tactics the organization stands for. I have been in regular contact with Debbie Bailey explaining my disagreement with her vote to rescind the mask mandate in our county over the last week. I have challenged her assumptions and presented scientific evidence to show her that she made the wrong decision. At this point, the entire executive order may still be ruled against in court, for that matter. But I'm still here at work, fully vaccinated, fully masked (even if it weren't required), teaching students.

At most, you may get a mention in the news that disgruntled employees walked out to protest the board decision. The end result will do nothing more than what the governor has already done: it will polarize the population more and solidify the anger toward teachers. It's time to have civil discussions in public and show that teachers care about their jobs and the education of their students. In the end, the students are the ones being harmed by a walk out, just like lifting the mask mandate. Please, be a solution, not a problem.

Sincerely,
Chris Holtry