

BUCKS BULLETIN

A Message From Our Chair,
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Over the past couple of years, with the encouragement and example of other parents, I've found my voice and my courage to speak up for my children, and all children.

This week illustrated for me just why that is so important.

At Tuesday night's Central Bucks board meeting, I made a public comment thanking our superintendent, Dr. Lucabaugh, for the role he played in launching the internal investigation into a district teacher who had a series of inappropriate contacts with district students. His investigation led to not only the firing of that teacher, but also criminal charges being brought.

Now I'll admit, I got a little more worked up than I usually do when speaking, but it was from the heart and it was genuine. I've gotten used to the progressive audience members snickering and making comments, and this time was no exception.

They took issue with my comment of gratitude, because if their candidates win on November 7th, they intend to fire Dr. Lucabaugh out of spite.

But what I didn't expect was the outpouring of support and encouragement I've received over the past few days. Parents, community members, teachers, educators, and even administrators, thanked me for speaking up when they couldn't.

I hope this serves as a reminder that the loudest voices in the room aren't always the majority, and that sometimes when you find the courage to speak from the heart, you may strike a chord with those listening in a way you never expected.

Our children, and the great educators and administrators who educate them and protect them, need us to keep speaking up.

REFLECTING ON THE PAST: TWO YEARS SINCE DEMS' FAILED CALL FOR MANDATORY MASKING

It's been two years since a group of Democrat medical professionals and activists gathered for a press conference outside the Central Bucks School District administration building. Their aim was to urge the school board to make mask-wearing mandatory for students and staff. As we look back on this event, it's essential to remember that while the focus has shifted, the cast of characters and the tactic of creating media spectacles has not.

Mariam Mahmud, a now-elected director and at that time a Democrat candidate for the CBSD school board, was among the speakers at the press conference. Alongside others, they pushed for mandatory masks in schools, claiming it was necessary to mask children for the health and safety of everyone. Signs read, "Delta (variant) loves unmasked kids."

However, their efforts ultimately failed, as the board chose an optional masking policy for the 2021-2022 school year, regardless of vaccination status, and voters elected to continue on with a Republican board majority that November.

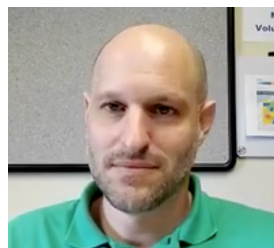
Fast forward to the present day, and some of the loudest advocates for mandates, and against our County Health Director's guidance, are now supporting the democrats running for the school board, or in some instances, running themselves.



Mariam Mahmud at 7/27/21 Presser

It's crucial that we recall the initiatives they championed, especially as they now want to be entrusted with reversing pandemic-related learning loss. The upcoming elections provide an opportunity to elect representatives who align with our values and prioritize students' well being first.

WILL GOV. SHAPIRO TAP SILENCED BUCKS HEALTH DIRECTOR DAMSKER FOR TOP DOC ROLE?



Dr. David Damsker

Through ReOpen Bucks, we focused much of our advocacy on following the COVID schools guidance issued by Bucks County Health Director, Dr. David Damsker, who had authority to issue pandemic related guidance under Pennsylvania law. Damsker favored in-person learning and was an early adopter of measures like modified quarantine, which allowed kids to stay in school.

Now, rumors emanating from within the Shapiro administration indicate that Damsker is being considered for the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health vacancy. While it remains to be seen if Damsker will be appointed or confirmed, we suspect this is merely a continuation of Democrat attempts to silence him. As attorney general, Shapiro unsuccessfully defended mask mandates that impacted millions of children across the state.