

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.165

Reps. LaFave, Steven Johnson, Rendon, O'Malley, Outman, Borton, Reilly, Allor, Maddock, Carra and Meerman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Dickinson-Iron District Board of
2 Health to remove Health Officer Daren Deyaert from office.

3 Whereas, On September 16, 2021, the Dickinson-Iron District
4 Health Department Health Officer, Daren Deyaert, issued an
5 Emergency Order for Control and Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission
6 in Educational Settings within Dickinson and Iron Counties,
7 Michigan. The order took effect September 20, 2021, and remains in
8 effect until six weeks past the date the COVID-19 vaccine is
9 authorized and available to persons aged five to eleven years old,
10 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention transmission levels
11 reach "Low" in the counties, or until further notice from the

1 Health Officer; and

2 Whereas, The order requires that, within educational
3 institutions, children in kindergarten through grade six must
4 consistently and properly wear a facial mask covering both nose and
5 mouth while inside any enclosed building or structure of the
6 institution. The order also requires all persons, regardless of
7 vaccination status, providing service to any child in kindergarten
8 through grade six to properly and consistently wear a face mask
9 while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution;
10 and

11 Whereas, There is no justification for a sweeping mask mandate
12 that takes personal safety decisions out of the hands of children
13 and their parents. COVID-19 poses a lower risk to children, and
14 adults have access to a vaccine that dramatically reduces the risk
15 of hospitalization and death; and

16 Whereas, The people of Dickinson and Iron counties do not
17 support a mask mandate in educational settings. Acting to impose
18 such a mandate against the public will does not serve to protect
19 the health of the community and will be detrimental to the learning
20 process; and

21 Whereas, Instituting a mask mandate that does little to
22 protect the health of the public and will lead to significant
23 problems in educational settings is not consistent with the role of
24 a local health officer; and

25 Whereas, The Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health has a
26 duty to the residents of its counties to ensure the Health Officer
27 is acting in their best interests; now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
29 Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health to remove Health Officer

- 1 Daren Deyaert from office; and be it further
- 2 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
- 3 members of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health.