

Georgia PTA District 10 Board of Directors
Position Statement:
Mandating Masks in Public in All of Fulton County

WHEREAS, both Atlanta Public and Fulton County School Systems have started the 2020-2021 school year using virtual learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, many families of public school children want their children to have face-to-face engagement in school, and

WHEREAS, research studies show that online classes aren't as effective as in-person classes for most students and that students who struggle in in-person classes are likely to struggle even more online, and

WHEREAS, both school districts are using public health data, including virus infection rates, to determine when and how to re-open schools face-to-face, and

WHEREAS, wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands all contribute to reduced viral infection rates in the community, and

WHEREAS, the governor's executive order [08.15.20.01](#) allows local governments to mandate masks in their public spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Georgia PTA District 10 Board of Directors supports the mandating of masks in public, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Georgia PTA District 10 Board of Directors appeals to local governments within Fulton County to encourage members of the public to practice social distancing at all times and to wash their hands frequently, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Georgia PTA District 10 Board of Directors urges local governments within Fulton County to issue mandates for mask wearing in their public spaces in compliance with Georgia law and the governor's existing executive orders, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Georgia PTA District 10 Board of Directors strongly requests that the governor issue a comprehensive, state-wide mandate requiring people to wear a mask when around others to reduce the spread of COVID-19.