



NH State Advisory Committee on the  
Education of Children/Students with Disabilities

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January 03, 2024

*House Committee on Education*  
The General Court of New Hampshire  
107 North Main Street, LOB Room 207  
Concord, NH 03301

Sent via email to all members of the House Committee on Education

RE: **Oppose HB1093 with Amendment** *prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools.*

Dear Honorable Members of the House Education Committee,

Members of the New Hampshire's State Advisory Committee (SAC) on the Education of Children/Students with Disabilities collectively oppose HB1093 as written. Students with disabilities may be required to mask in order to attend school for medical reasons. If it is in their individualized educational program (IEPs) or 504 plans, and the state has made it illegal, children may need to be placed out-of-state at a significant expense to each district.

As I'm sure you recall from last year, SAC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee (under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and RSA 186-C), which has among its responsibilities to: advise the NH Department of Education regarding unmet needs within the state related to the education of children/students with disabilities, and comment publicly on the state plan and rules and regulations proposed for issuance by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities.

Sincerely yours,  
*Karen Stokes*

Karen Stokes  
Chair, State Advisory Committee on the Education of Children/Students with Disabilities

Cc:  
*Governor Christopher Sununu*  
*Commissioner Frank Edelblut*



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**Roll Call Vote to approve HB 1093 as amended**

<b>SAC Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>SAC Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Rep. Peggy Balboni	ABST	Gregory Magoon	Y
*Jennifer Blagriff	Y	Melissa McKeon	Y
Joseph Costanzo	ABST	Lance Paquette	ABST
*Carin Daddino-Rogers	Y	*Jennifer Pike	Y
Rebecca Fredette	ABST	Karen Rosenberg	Y
Melissa Gray	Y	*Moir Ryan	Y
Kari Grimes	Y	*Karen Stokes	Y
Esther Kennedy	Y	Kathleen Talbot	ABST
Rep. Katelyn Kuttab	Y	*Tracy Walbridge	Y
Michelle Lewis	Y		

*\* Parent Representative*

**Motion Result:** The motion **passes** with 14 Yes, and 5 Abstain.