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Assembly,

First I want to thank you for your time, effort, and service to Petersburg. As board member of the Petersburg School District Board of Education, a parent of two students, and one grandchild, I urge you to take some of the pressure off our students, our staff, and the PMC staff, and temporarily institute a mask mandate community wide for when people are indoors in areas open to the public or club membership (such as the Moose and Elks).

I don't think some in our community realize that our schools staff and PMC staff are nearly at their breaking point due to the extensive extra time and work involved. This is our second outbreak since the beginning of school. We cannot sustain this train much longer.

We desperately want to keep the school doors open and the staff at both the District and PMC from exhaustion and burnout. If a temporary mask mandate is enough to stem the tide then the minor discomfort of wearing a mask seems a small price to pay.

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