

Sen. Kapenga: When will the Governor let parents decide what's best for their kids?

Posted on Friday, Apr 8, 2022

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

[Madison, WI] — Senate President Chris Kapenga (R - Delafield) released the following statement

concerning Governor Evers' veto of Assembly Bill 995, authored by the Senator, which would allow parents to opt their child out of wearing a face mask at school, and would also require an option for in-person classroom instruction:

"Today, the Governor vetoed a bill that would put the rights of parents above education

bureaucrats who have forced our children to stay masked, even today, in the classroom. The Governor says he doesn't want the Legislature to 'insert itself in decisions parents and

educators have been making together,' but that just shows how out of touch he is! Parents have not been a part of the decision-making process, they've been ignored.

"The Governor's veto is indicative of how Democrats really feel about parents and mirrors the sneering comment of Representative Lee Snodgrass, who said in a now deleted tweet, 'If

parents want to have a say in their child's education, they should home school or pay for

private tuition out of their family budget.'

“Our children continue to suffer because of the arrogant ‘we know better than parents’

mentality, and it needs to stop. If Governor Evers truly cared about our children, he would have signed this bill into law to give parents the right to opt their child out of wearing a mask, and ensure that in-person instruction is always an option. I’m truly disappointed in his continued lack of leadership and refusal to buck the establishment and do what seems more than

reasonable for the people of Wisconsin.”