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TSTA applauds Dallas ISD for defying governor and requiring masks in schools

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina released the following statement:

The Texas State Teachers Association applauds the Dallas Independent School District for putting the health and safety of its students, employees and local community first and requiring mask use in its schools. We urge other school districts to join Dallas ISD and ignore Gov. Abbott's politically motivated order prohibiting mask mandates.

We agree with Dallas Superintendent Michael Hinojosa that it is within a school district's discretion to take steps to ensure the health and safety of its students and employees. We believe it also is the governor's responsibility to do everything he can to ensure the health and safety of all his constituents, or at least get out of the way so local officials can.

Once again, we call on the governor to withdraw his order. It is important for students and educators to return to the classroom, but they must do so with safety precautions because the pandemic is still dangerous. Health experts have urged the continued use of masks in public schools.