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TSTA supports federal investigation of Texas mask policy

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina issued the following statement today:

The Texas State Teachers Association applauds the federal investigation of the dangerous impact that Gov. Greg Abbott's ban on mask mandates poses for students with disabilities, who are particularly vulnerable to contracting COVID-19.

All of our students, school employees and their communities are at risk. Barely a month into the new school year, the number of COVID cases reported in Texas schools has almost exceeded the number for all of last year.

Once again, we call on the governor to drop his ban on mask mandates in schools, so that individual school districts can require masks to protect all their students, employees and local communities while the pandemic remains dangerous.

Health experts strongly recommend masks as an important means of protection in our schools. Educators and parents want to keep students safe. But the governor cares less about the health and safety of children than he does about his political base. That is not leadership. That is pandering.

It is time for the governor to get out of the way and let local school officials follow the guidance of health experts.