



August 30, 2021

The Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
House Committee on Public Education
PO Box 12068
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas, 78711

RE: Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 164 by Chairman Dutton

Dear Chairman Dutton and Members of the House Committee on Public Education:

We are submitting this written testimony in support of House Bill (HB) 164 on behalf of the membership of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). We appreciate your service to our state as well as consideration of our recommendation to vote for HB 164.

A cornerstone priority of TASA members is local control and flexibility, as school districts must be able to respond to the differing needs of students, educators, parents, and the communities they serve. We believe that HB 164 supports our cornerstone priority by allowing a district's board of trustees to require face covering policies for individuals to reduce the spread of infectious, contagious, communicable diseases when in a specified setting operated by a school or district.

We urge the committee members to vote HB 164 out of committee as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey McCreary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Casey McCreary, Associate Executive Director, Education Policy
Texas Association of School Administrators
