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Mayor Jacobs & Rep. Zachary to Support Defense Fund to Fight Mask Mandate in Knox County Public Schools

Knoxville, Tenn.—Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and State Representative Jason Zachary (R-Farragut) have each pledged \$5,000 private dollars to support an association of Knox County parents’ legal battle to end the preliminary injunction requiring masks in Knox County Schools.

“Knox County Schools’ students are the only ones in the country being federally forced to cover their faces,” said Mayor Jacobs. “This fund will help pay one of the best legal teams in the country to fight back against Judge Greer’s egregious overreach. Taking action like this helps us support parents who want to make choices for their own kids; parents who deserve to be heard.”

The Unmask Knox County Kids Association (UKCKA) and other parents will make up the initial class of Plaintiffs represented by The Dhillon Law Group, a team who has litigated and won multiple COVID-restriction cases before the United States Supreme Court including *Daily Wire vs. OSHA* and *South Bay vs. Newsom*.

Any parent interested in joining the class or donating to the defense fund should visit UnmaskKnoxCountyKids.org.

“We believe that many parents and defenders of liberty will want to add their voice to this fight,” said Representative Zachary. “If the community pulls together, we can end this harmful mandate and put a stop to the negative impacts on our students.”

Due to procedural considerations, the Knox County Board of Education must be named as the Defendant in this lawsuit, just as it was in the September 2021 filing of the Plaintiff’s original complaint—that Knox County Schools was in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act by not continuing to require masking during the pandemic.

“Of course, suing the school board is not our first choice, but it’s the only way to get the case heard at this point,” clarified Jacobs.

A joint video statement can be found [here](#). Both officials will be available for in-person interviews tomorrow, Tuesday, March 1. Please call the respective offices to schedule.

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