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Shenandoah School Corporation Statement:

The incident at the SSC school board meeting last Monday evening is regrettable, and Mr. Troxell is sorry for his actions. Mr. Troxell knows his actions are not representative of the expectations of the school board or SSC. Mr. Troxell also believes his actions should not depict his long history of service to children at SSC and our community. School board members at Shenandoah School Corporation all have long tenures and all have served the safety and educational interests of our students without fail. We ask our community as a whole to not let this incident, though inexcusable, sway their support for the work accomplished each day by all SSC staff, which includes school board members, in regard to student safety and educational attainment for all children.

There are always two (2) sides to every situation and this situation is no different. There are no excuses being made for the actions, but our school board members are tired of being called child abusers over a Mask Mandate. The SSC Mask Mandate is for the safety of everyone who enter an SSC building. Masks are the only effective tool public schools are currently granted by the State of Indiana that give us a chance to keep all students, grades PK-12, safe and in school during the public health emergency due to COVID-19. Masks have worked at SSC. Shenandoah School Corporation will continue to conduct Control Measures as prescribed by Indiana law which include contact tracing and quarantining students and adults as appropriate.

The Shenandoah School Corporation school board will address Mr. Troxell in regard to the incident Monday evening. Moving forward, we ask that everyone involved, school representatives and patrons/parents treat each other with dignity and respect.

Respectfully, Ron Green Superintendent Shenandoah School Corporation