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Dr. Diana L. Greene, Superintendent Duval County Public Schools

The Jacksonville Branch NAACP values the partnership with Duval County Public Schools as we work together for educational excellence throughout all communities. The COVID-19 battle is certainly a challenge that we must all work together to overcome. Now isn't the time to give up - especially as the Delta variant is surging amongst young people, impacting their lives and future. Too many younger, lower-income, Southern kin are at the greatest risk.

Together, let's protect ourselves and others as the dangerous variants wreak havoc around the world and the city of Jacksonville, Florida. It is important now, more than ever, to take all precautions to protect each other, our community and most important our children.

On behalf of the Jacksonville Branch NAACP, we request that Duval County Schools and the Duval County School Board make every effort to protect the students and employees of the school district through <u>mandatory</u> mask-wearing within buildings and classrooms for this upcoming school year. To do less, compromises the health and lives of students and employees.

We must continue to emphasize the use of mask-wearing, social distancing, and vaccines appropriately to prevent infection, prevent spread, reduce hospitalization and deaths, and protect our families.

Singerely.

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Cc: School Board Members