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**State Representative Robin Bartleman Issues Statement  
Applauding Broward County School Board's Leadership**

**WESTON, Fla. - Representative Robin Bartleman (D-Weston)** issued the following statement in response to Broward County School Board's decision to protect schoolchildren from the growing threat of COVID-19 and the delta strain.

"Florida has broken another record having the largest number of COVID cases this week. As a former teacher and school administrator I did everything I could to protect our students. When one student had a peanut allergy, not a single child could bring peanuts into the classroom and the other parents never disagreed because it was about the safety of that student.

"This same logic should be applied to a deadly pandemic. Children under 12 still cannot receive the vaccine—there is no other choice for them—a mask is their only line of defense. All parents should feel safe sending their children to school and the only way to do this is by implementing a mask requirement. Local governments, especially our school boards, are entitled to make the decisions they deem best for the health of our children. I am asking all families, please, look beyond the inconvenience of a mask and do what is best for all children. This is about the safety of our children as a collective.

"I applaud the Broward County School Board for their steadfast decision in keeping the mask requirement for students and staff members during the start of the 2021-2022 school year."

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