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Mayor Jacobs Issues Statement on Mask Mandate Modification

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs issues the following statement on Federal Judge Ronnie Greer's recent order modifying Knox County Schools' mask mandate while Plaintiffs and the Board of Education attempt mediation.

"I am thrilled the mask mandate order has been paused through almost the end of the school year. But celebration is premature. First, this is only temporary. Second, there are still serious questions to be answered. What is the power of the Board of Education to set policy? And will CDC guidelines become de facto law in Knox County Schools? We can't forget this case potentially impacts more than the 60,000 public school students in Knox County and could become a precedent for judicial expansion of the ADA nationwide."

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