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*“Our schools are facing more and more challenges, yet Republicans want the hardest-hit schools to make more decisions on their own.”*

### Then and Now: WI Republican Decisions Making Their Tune On Local

*After months of demanding a “regional approach” to managing the COVID-19 pandemic, Wisconsin Republicans have shifted their tune on local decision-making.*

- Republicans Insisted For Months That Districts Make Their Own Decisions About In-Person

Scott Fitzgerald, May 2020: “There’s a uniformness in certainly a district that has 1,000 kids vs. a district that has 500 kids.”

Scott Fitzgerald, August 2020: “There’s a number of districts that I think didn’t get it right. They’re not doing it right.”

- Since The Beginning Of The Pandemic, Republicans Have Insisted On A “Regional Approach” To Managing The Pandemic

Sen. Duey Stroebe, April 2020: “One size fits all does not work. One size fits all thing was, was a mistake.”

Assembly Majority Leader Brian Steinhilber, April 2020: “We do think that a regional approach makes sense.”

Speaker Robin Vos, April 2020: “Sometimes people who live inside a bubble of the capital have a different perspective.”

Former JFC Co-Chair John Nygren, May 2020: “DAI was a belief in that [we should have a regional approach].”

Rep. Gundrum On Mask Requirement: “I’ll have a say, and I’ll continue to support local decisions.”

Rep. Rob Brooks: “Wisconsin does not need a statewide, one-size-fits-all approach to COVID-19.”

## DPW Chair: GOP Wants Schools to Do More with Less

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**Speaker Vos On Mask Requirements: "Local Governments Have Been Responding Appropriately"**

**Sen. Van Wanggaard: "You Can't Legislate Common Sense For That Reason, I Continue To Struggle"**

**Sen. Chris Kapenga: "[F.A.W.] We Keep Saying, 'A Regional Approach Is Absolutely The Way To Go'**