



Letter from the Board of Education
December 9, 2021

RE: Board Correspondence – Vaccine Mandate

Dear Kyle Ilett,

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for your letter dated October 26, 2021. It was shared at a meeting held on November 24, 2021.

At this moment in time, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' Board of Education is reviewing information from the B.C. Ministry of Education on Kindergarten to Grade 12 sector guidelines for vaccination policies. The Board's vaccination discussions are held in-camera as they relate to our labour force. Once the Board has made a decision, we will make a public announcement.

We hope to finalize a decision in the coming weeks. Once again, thank you for sharing your perspective on the possibility of a vaccination mandate.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

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CAUTION: External Message

Hello,

As a father with a child in the nanaimo school district I wish to weigh in on this topic. Children are not at high risk from covid 19 and I believe it is not necessary to arbitrarily compel staff to adhere to a mandate that its legality is still undetermined.

I believe my child is safe and her teachers have built strong relationships that she has grown to cherish. She would be distraught if she were to lose any of these role models due to a policy that is not necessary. Children are masked. Teachers are masked, most of them are vaccinated. Who is at risk? Children rarely transmit the virus. Of the people who have passed away in the past 2 years in BC 0 were children, over 1100 of the 1800 were greater than eighty years old.

Over 200 were between 70 and 80. Children and working aged adults are at extremely low risk and do not deserve to have their liberties infringed upon.

There are many lawsuits currently in progress regarding vaccine mandates and their constitutionality. Why not take the side of caution and at the very least wait until the matter is settled by a judge.

Below is a copy of the immunization act of 1997 outlining the limitations of vaccine policies.

I appreciate your hard work in this troubling time and I am confident in the faculties' ability to continue managing effectively as they have for the previous 2 years.

Thank you,

Kyle.

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