



**RE: Board Correspondence – Vaccine Mandate**

Dear Nicole and John Benedict,

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for your letter dated October 28, 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.

It is important to note that a vaccine mandate would only apply to staff. Families will always be given the decision to vaccinate their child or not. Our schools will be open for any student, regardless of their vaccination status.

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

**From:** [Karen Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Karen Matthews](#)  
**Subject:** N. Benedict  
**Date:** October 30, 2021 8:16:54 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Students are at nearly zero % risk of contracting or transmitting this respiratory illness and are instead buffers which help others build their immune system. The overall survival rate is 99.997%.

This sort of mandate violates the charter of rights and is unlawful.

School officials, staff and volunteers, are not medical professionals and, therefore, if this sort of mandate is decided upon, they are unlawfully practising medicine by prescribing, recommending, and using coercion to insist that school children take this experimental medical treatment.

Please protect our children. Do not mandate an experimental shot and further recommend the use of masks.

Concerned parent,  
Nicole & John Benedict

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