



RE: Board Correspondence – Vaccine Mandate

Dear Sarah Mcalpine,

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for your letter dated October 27, 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

From: [Karen Matthews](#)
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Subject: FW: Meeting on mandatory vaccination
Date: October 27, 2021 12:02:07 PM

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Subject: Meeting on mandatory vaccination

CAUTION: External Message

To whom it may concern ,

I am writing this letter today as it has been brought to my attention that school districts 68 will be having a meeting to discuss vaccine mandates for the teachers in this school district . Thought I am not a teacher or staffed anywhere within school district 68 or at any school district for that matter, my child does attend a school with in this district. I am writing today because Canadians need to be able to have a voice , and the voice needs to be heard with regards to our personal choice on medical treatments .

In Canada the choice on whether or not to accept or not accept medical treatment has always been an individual right, the Canadian national report on immunization (1996) stated immunizations are not mandatory in Canada and cannot be made mandatory because of the Canadian constitution. Section 2 of our charter guarantee these rights and freedoms through the freedom of conscience (subsection a) and the freedom of thought, belief, opinion ,and expression (subsection b). Without an individual having the freedom to make their own medical choices we no longer live in a democratic society.

The charter of rights and freedoms protects Canadians fundamental rights and freedoms, essentially keeping Canada a free and democratic society . Our Canadian nation is founded on principles that acknowledge the dignity and worth of the human person and the position of the family in a society of free men and free institutions ,it also continues to say that men and institutions remain free only when freedom is founded upon respect for moral and spiritual values and the rule of law .

Over the last 18 -24 months I have never witnessed such a division with in my country and my community such as the us vs them mentality we are seeing today . we have had the opportunity to hear about and learn from the atrocities that our fellow Canadian first nations faced at residential schools and how under the direction of our federal government RCMP officer were given lawful orders to remove indigenous children from their homes and family's and transport them to residential schools . These actions that were directed by our federal government are actions our communities are still trying to recover from to this day. Please don't allow this mandate to become the next great lesson.

I strongly believe that should the government mandate be scrutinized under a court of law it would

not hold up to the weight of injustice it is imposing upon our Canadian people . As a mother , as a member of this community and as a member of school district 68 I send this letter on behalf of all teachers to plea on their behalf that school district 68 does not make the vaccine mandatory for staff, and allows its employees to continue to teach our children without being under the thumb of threat and Coercion. These teachers in our district and all district across our country are helping to shape our great nations children our future ! and should be allowed to do so under the pretense of freedom not fear . Please allow our teachers to make medical decision for themselves and do not allow the tyranny imposed upon us to seep into our schools .

thank you for the time and consideration given to this letter and our teachers with in school district 68

Sarah Mcalpine

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