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Subject: COVID Mandates

Good morning,

I wanted to send an email in regards to the recent COVID mandates issued by CCSD. I would also like this email submitted as public comment for the next board meeting.

It is my understanding that the SPCSA is not currently contemplating a COVID vaccine mandate for Charter school staff or students, which is great to hear! But, I felt it necessary to share my thoughts on the topic BEFORE it becomes an agenda item for consideration.

I have 2 children (4th and 10th) that attend charter schools in Clark County, NV. Last week on September 1st, I watched CCSD board of Trustees vote to mandate vaccines for its employees. This week, we are getting reports that LAUSD is on the verge of mandating the vaccine for all students 12 and over.

I am not going to waste your time or mine presenting "data/science" about the vaccine. EVERYONE has made up their minds on this topic, and is only willing to acknowledge "data/science" that supports their position. So, I am not going to argue for or against the vaccine.

However, I would like to appeal to a broader principle....and that is **CHOICE**. As board members of the "State Public Charter School Authority" you understand, value and uphold the principle that parents should have a **CHOICE**. **CHOICE** is the foundation of the charter school system here in Nevada. SPCSA understands the success, power and freedom that comes with choice. Without **CHOICE**, the charter school system would not exist. Charter schools operate differently than local school districts and that is precisely what makes charter school so unique and appealing to so many families across the state. If you follow the lead of CCSD, then the charter school system will be no different from the local school district and thus you would eliminate choices for families. It would also be a betrayal to the families who joined the charter school system thinking they would always

have a **CHOICE** to do what is best for their child.

MANDATING THE COVID VACCINE FOR EMPLOYEES AND/OR STUDENTS WOULD GO AGAINST THE VERY CORE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS BEFORE IT IS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

ADDITIONALLY, IT HAS TAKEN DECADES TO BUILD A POSITIVE REPUTATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS IN NEVADA. IF SUCH A MANDATE IS ISSUED BY THE SPCSA, THERE WILL IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM NEGATIVE RAMIFICATIONS TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM'S REPUTATION. AND, I ASSURE YOU IT WILL TAKE DECADES TO REBUILD.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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