

**Electronically Submitted Public Comments
September 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

Closed Session: Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code § 54957.6 and Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Government Code § 54956.9

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Items not on the agenda, within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board

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Public Hearing: Increase 2020-2021 Gann Limit by \$1,225,954.34, and Adoption of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 District Appropriations Subject to GANN Limits

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Public Hearing: Ensure Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2021-2022 Per Education Code Section 60119 (b) and Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

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Information Item: Suicide Prevention Awareness Week Update

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Molly Zurflueh	Requiring asymptomatic children to test for Covid makes them feel like there is something wrong with them. Let them be children. Let them feel normal. All of this is going to jeopardize their mental health for decades, if not generations.
	Awesome

Action Item: Approval of Resolution #21-15, Increase 2020-2021 Gann Limit by \$1,225,954.34 and Adoption of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 District Appropriations Subject to GANN Limits

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Action Item: Approval of the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals Report

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Action Item: Approval of Resolution No. 21-16: Ensure Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2021-2022 School Year Per Education Code 60119

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Consent Calendar -Action(Consent) Items C-O

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Action Item - Consideration of Baseline COVID-19 Testing for All Students

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Stacy	Hi. What website or organization are you basing your data off of as far as test accuracy, breakthrough cases, variants, etc when it comes to COVID-19? Thank you.
Payal Avellan	We want to advocate for more robust testing after school breaks. Other districts in Orange County have enacted mandatory testing. There is a model to follow, such as Santa Ana Unified. This will help keep our students and their vulnerable family members safe.
Marek Kaczynski	Considering that you cannot know the vaccination status of students 12 and older plus students younger than 12 cannot be vaccinated yet it would seem prudent to test regularly to safeguard all students and staff.
Jennifer Walton	I would like covid testing for students - my daughter is high risk and without vaccinations and knowing everyone else is being

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	<p>proactive- she is in extreme risk! You can't promise all parents are safe. So let's put that measure in place to protect the innocent- or let us have homeschool options back</p>
Ina	<p>If you actually vote to mandate testing for all students, in conjunction, there should be an opt out policy or a policy that kids can get tested with their parents present or off campus instead. Adding a medical procedure to school is stressful and can be scary for young kids, even the saliva test. I hope you have already removed from consideration the consequence of "independent study" for opting out, which is completely inappropriate. Also, if you are at all considering mandatory weekly testing, then in exchange, the mandatory mask policy should be lifted (which I probably would not mind because I don't want my kindergarten and 1st graders to have to continue to wear masks, I'm for parent's choice)! Lastly, how is Laguna Beach, as small as we are, even remotely comparable to LA and Santa Ana?! Trying to make that argument is a complete non-starter. Please make decisions based off data from our jurisdiction, and don't make their issues our own.</p>
Aviva Watkins	<p>We implore the board to vote in support of ongoing Covid-19 testing for all students. This is vitally important to our family, and the well-being of community. This is not about politics; it's about the health and safety of our LBUSD students which should be paramount.</p>
Parent of LBHS freshman student	<p>We would like to please request covid-19 testing for LBUSD students and staff (especially for anyone unvaccinated). We completely support testing (and covid vaccination). Thank you. We wish that this would have taken place before the start of the school year. Our freshman high school student is immune compromised and is fully vaccinated, as are all of the members of our immediate family. He is still at a greater risk of serious illness from covid, as are other family members. We have all stayed home and have attended school only from home and work only from home for the last 18 months in order to protect him especially, and also other family members. We felt we had very little choice this fall between full in person school in LBUSD or an independent study program elsewhere. If we had had the choice of online zoom classes with our LBUSD teachers like last year, we would have absolutely jumped at that opportunity. That was a perfect mix of being with peers & teachers and maintaining high academic excellence, while still staying safe health-wise. This year, I hold my breath and pray every day while dropping him off at school and I do not feel that he is safe. Please do testing for students and staff. Please also continue to require masks at all times for everyone, at least indoors, through this year, or we will</p>

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	<p>have to remove him from in person school. Thank you.</p>
<p>Nicole S.</p>	<p>Baseline testing is not necessary, it is a waste of time and resources. Due to the high number of vaccinated individuals, the positive cases have gone down significantly. According to OC Health Care Agency's website, the daily positive cases were 338 yesterday. That is out of a population of 3.2 MILLION within the county! If the numbers were in the thousands, then yes, it would be prudent to test our entire student body at LBUUSD, but it is really not necessary at this period in the pandemic.</p>
<p>Ayesha Mahapatra</p>	<p>Dear Board of Education Members,</p> <p>It seems to me that a simple, but effective way to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 outbreaks in our schools would be to require weekly testing to be completed by each student. Avoiding COVID-19 outbreaks and the subsequent learning loss that will inevitably result from such outbreaks due to mandatory quarantining should be a priority. As an elementary school parent of two children too young to be vaccinated, there are few mitigation strategies I can employ short of masking and isolating my kids if they show symptoms. We mask and we monitor for symptoms daily, but that is not enough. It's been easy to take advantage of the district's testing program and I'd be more than happy to have our kids test weekly if it means they can continue to attend school in person. It takes less than 20 minutes per week and doesn't even have to be done at school. Instructional minutes do not need to be used to conduct testing since it can be done at home. This allows testing to be done in private and uses little district resources to conduct, other than the cost of the test. I hope you will consider instituting such a policy in our district.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>Molly Zurflueh</p>	<p>This will only show a moment in time. For what? Isn't the actual goal of at least 2 of you to institute mandatory periodic testing? Why not be honest with the community? Why expend significant taxpayer dollars & countless hours of student instructional time when you can educate parents and students about keeping children home from school if they are sick. Sneezing/coughing & fevers are easy to spot or screen. Yet, you are proposing to spend our hard earned \$ on a mostly worthless endeavor. How about EDUCATING? 1) screening in 1st period every day, 2) weekly check in/reminder to parents to verify all are healthy & 3) remind parents not to send sick children to school? These cost effective & useful options are are better than forcing a medical procedure (yes, testing is a medical procedure) on children as young as 5. They need to be worried about learning-not instructed to produce spit for the benefit of adults. It is not cute or a game as others may suggest. And the older kids, some are really struggling with all of this. Why are you proposing to put yet another hurdle in their paths? Why are you reflexively voting to mandate something without carefully considering the financial and psychological impact of your actions? Just because there is \$ to do it doesn't mean that you should and just because you have the ability does not mean that you should. Be an example to our students. Show them discernment. Show them careful consideration. VOTE NO on mandatory testing of any type.</p>

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Amanda Stannard	I strongly oppose mandatory testing for kids. The only thing it will do is create more needless disruption to in person learning. We should absolutely not be looking for reasons to keep kids out of school. My kids are SOOO happy to be back in class and would be devastated if their class was quarantined for an asymptotic case where person is no longer even contagious, or a false positive case. If you do approve this, parents should have ability to opt out and PCR tests should never be used because they are so sensitive they pick up positive cases up to 20 days after the person has stopped being contagious. Only rapid antigen tests should be used as they show whether someone is actively contagious.
Shaheen Sheik-Sadhal	<p>I ask that the Board consider mandating weekly testing for the unvaccinated. Periodic “baseline” testing is not helpful given Delta. As a parent of children too young to be vaccinated, my concern is how the students in school. While the kids are masked indoors, they are unmasked outside, including at the lunch tables while closely eating and socializing. Current CDC guidelines recommends offering weekly tests to unvaccinated student populations to reduce the risk to in-person education.</p> <p>At the elementary level, this could be easily implemented without taking away instructional minutes. At TOW, we have resumed our Thursday envelope tradition. The saliva PCR tests that the District provides can be sent in the envelopes. Parents could send them back Friday morning for reps from the testing company to collect.</p> <p>It would also be helpful to discreetly send test kits home with students to the extent they were exposed to Covid with a note from the Nurse as to what days to test given the updated protocols.</p> <p>I've recently tested my children as part of the District's testing drive. It was painless; they spat into a plastic tube. The whole process took 15 minutes. Results were back in less than 48 hours. Spending 15 minutes a week to help our children stay in school seems like a reasonable ask of our parents. To the extent the guidelines change and/or the children are able to get vaccinated, we can of course reconsider. Thank you.</p>
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NA	VOTE NO on mandatory testing of any type! Even the CDC declared it unjust (just last year)!!
Greg Carpenter	I'm completely against this. I can list many reasons that you will undoubtedly ignore. Please be a careful steward of our children. Performing a medical procedure (tests) on children is tantamount to torture. There is no valid reason to do so. Let parents know they should keep ill children at home - they do it all the time. Forcing this on kids that area already having troubles speaking, detecting facial queues and being social with one another is a huge mistake.
Josh	The positivity rate in Orange County is currently 0001%. Why is there a need to test all students with such low rates? It doesn't make sense.

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Action Item - Second Read and Approval of Board Policies in the 0000 Series

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