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**Soren W**

OUSD Parent : Yes

Agenda Item: Yes 7C Resolution No. 22-21-22 Oppose the Issue

As a parent of multiple children at OUSD it is beyond abhorrent that three members of the board would put forth Resolution 22-21-22 during the largest COVID surge we have seen!

Not only is Resolution 22-21-22 filled with lies but its sole purpose is to stop masking and vaccines for school children! Right now Orange County is seeing 5-10000 people test positive a day and hundreds of new hospital admissions. We also saw another young child die of COVID in the last week.

The resolution itself is just bonkers crazy but I will address a few of its items.

1. The vaccine "mandate" doesn't happen until it gets full FDA/CDC approval and there are always exceptions, for valid reasons, so their whole point is moot.
2. In no reality does the vaccine cause more harm than COVID. That is a crazy conspiracy pushed by the worst in our society.
3. Masking is not torture or tyranny. It is actually what has allowed our schools to stay open for so long! You can't get rid of masks AND keep schools open. Not without sacrificing teacher and student lives. But they don't seem to care about that.
4. The anti-mask, anti-vax minority does have choice. They can choose to keep their kids home and not endanger the vast majority of the rational, good families of OUSD.

Shame on Board Members John Ortega, Rick Ledesma and Angie Rumsey for bringing such an ignorant Resolution to this Board and wasting all our time.

Shame on them for spreading COVID lies and entertaining the most crazy, fringe parents at the expense of the vast majority of us.

Shame on them for being in the pocket of anti-Public School, anti-democracy grifters.

I urge the board to vote NO on this Resolution and to reject the crazy conspiracies of this anti-reality cult.

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**Michele H**

OUSD Parent : No

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Many grandparents are involved in child care for their school aged children as support for their working children (parents). It is important to keep Everyone in the community safe. Schools have required vaccines for decades. Covid vaccines should be required for attendance in public schools in order to keep everyone safe, including grandparents. Parents do have a choice. If you are anti-vax then don't send your child to public school. There are other options for these parents and students.

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**Laura U**

OUSD Parent : No

Agenda Item: Yes 7C Resolution No. 22-21-22 Support the Issue

Thank you to the four OUSD board members who have continued to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDPH. The strategies, safeguards, and practices put into place will reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 which will keep students and staff safe and physically present in school.

Your leadership is great appreciated during these unprecedented times.

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**Moffitt**

OUSD Parent: No

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I have nieces and Nephews in the OUSD there is no medical proof masks work for children in preventing any transmission of anything. Children do not wear them properly and touch them constantly! There is proof of lots of harmful effects from wearing them both mentally and physically

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**Jonathan M**

OUSD Parent: Yes

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I have two children at OUSD schools. I completely support the resolution. Thank you. Ignore the people who keep screaming "follow the science!" as if it's some kind of religious dogma.

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**Michelle W**

OUSD Parent: No

Agenda Item: Yes 7C Resolution No. 22-21-22

Good evening. My name is Michelle Weisenberg. I have lived in OUSD for 28 years, and all 3 of my children went through OUSD schools. I'd like to start off by thanking those members of the board who work tirelessly for the cause of equitable public education for ALL students residing in OUSD's boundaries, and who take the time to learn about everything that is involved in running a school district. It is because of you that our district has continued to be on the forefront of education in Orange County.

Unfortunately, not all board members are here for the right reasons and never have been. You consistently put self-interests, political aspirations, and even religious interests above the interests of the roughly 29,000 children you were elected to represent equally. Shame on you.

Tonight, these members of the board might try to pontificate once again on issues that irrelevant to OUSD business in order to make political points, but as stewards of OUSD's money and time it is irresponsible of them to spend another minute debating an issue that is not in the purview of OUSD's control. OUSD has no authority to rescind state laws regarding masks or vaccines, and continuing to bring this topic up every month is an outlandish waste of resources for a school district already strained by the pandemic. This is just political theater, but I suspect the board members involved already know that.

For the rest of the members of the public who are here to once again speak on the same topic, I'm sorry that outside groups have manipulated you to believe that continued disruption at the district level would make any kind of difference. Your argument is at the state level. You have been used by these groups that have anti-public education goals much larger than the mask or vaccine issue. It's a shame that they have preyed on gullible members of the public such as yourselves to do their dirty work for them. If you truly feel strongly on these issues, I suggest you call your state senators and assembly people.

Thank you.

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**Josh J**

OUSD Parent: Yes

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This proposal appears to present a compelling legal argument. The board bears responsibility for determining its validity and should not participate in a measure of dubious legality.