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The Honorable Kathleen Hochul
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

The Seaford School District is located on the South Shore of Nassau County and serves a population of 2,179 students. The Board of Education and I would like to share that last evening, residents within the Seaford School District participated in a community-organized event to protest COVID-19 vaccine potentially becoming mandatory for students. As part of what is being called “Operation Shoe Drop,” 165 pairs of shoes with notes attached were left at our district office to symbolize the children who would be walking away from public schools should the COVID-19 vaccine become mandatory.

Over the last two years, school districts have become the focal point for political expression; avenues for citizens to voice their request for political changes. There are families in our community who request that the COVID-19 vaccines do not become mandatory for admission to our schools. While we understand the meaning behind their protest, our district is a public-school system charged with following mandates from the New York State Education Department. Our intent is to share the concerns of some community members with those who set policy. Enclosed, please find the 96 notes left by residents of the Seaford Public Schools.

Our school district’s primary focus is to educate our students in a safe environment. We will continue to abide by the state regulations and appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Stacie Stark

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