

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
NOVEMBER 17, 2021 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Vernon Gebhardt, President; Greg Clark, Vice-President; Douglas Vigil, Board member; Ken Vogel, Board member; Janet Dyk, Board member; Troy Brown, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Associate Superintendent; Sean Morrill, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Greene, Terrell Martinez, Rachele Tyler, Shanna Hurtado, Yvette Menchaca, Lisa Bryant, Brandie Moore, Veronica Tova, SJCOE staff; Mark Medina-Wilson, Lorie Sims, Interpreters; Marlene Flau, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Board member Vogel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no additions to the agenda.

III. COMMENTS: Angela May, parent in San Joaquin County, commented on concerns regarding the public education system and district oversight.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. **Vaccine Mandates:** Ashley Herzick, Danelle Haggin, and Angela May commented on concerns regarding vaccine mandates.

Comments submitted electronically were read into the minutes verbatim:

Linda Johnston: Good afternoon SJCOE Board Members and Superintendent Brown, I would like to speak (via email) on agenda item #IV 1. Vaccine Mandates. Since Covid 19 started back on March 13, 2020, I have slowly watched as our once **FREE NATION** has been paralyzed with distorted facts as they relate to **COVID**. On March 13, 2020, I watched our staff basically stampede out of the office in fear for their lives. I looked at my boss and quoted "Heil Hitler" that is the first time in my 58 years of life where I watched our country embrace, what I believe to be, communist society. Everyone and I do mean Everyone gave up their **FREEDOM** for what they thought was going to be 3 weeks to flatten the curve, to give our country an opportunity to prevent our hospitals from being inundated with very sick citizens. My boss, said at that time, "Is that what you think?" I responded with "yes, who gives up their rights without question", and here we are today, more **FREEDOMS**, more **CIVIL LIBERTIES** continue to be slowly taken away. We need to start **STANDING UP** to the demands of Gavin Newsom! We need to start fighting back! We need to say **NO!** I realize that everyone is afraid to take a stand on the side of what is right, for fear of being sued, losing friends and family, losing their ability to support their family, and the **FREEDOM of SPEECH** is slowly being lost to the tyranny of this new society that wants everyone to not question them, they just want us to fall into step with their **COVID agenda**. I ask that this **Body of Educators** take a **STAND**, on the side of what is right. Our children are in class roughly 6-8 hours a day and they have to cover their beautiful

faces because some adults are afraid of their own mortality. It is time to say enough is enough, stop the **MANDATES**, no more masking, no **COVID Vaccine** for our most precious and vulnerable citizens, our future, our children. This vaccine, no matter the manufacturer is proving to be unsafe for many, young children are being subjected to a **GIANT MEDICAL EXPERIMENT** without **INFORMED CONSENT**. In today's world, many of us obtain our information from **SOCIAL MEDIA** and we all know how damaging **SOCIAL MEDIA** is to all of us. No matter the **SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM**, we are being fed information, some of it good, some of it bad, some of it in the middle; many that are feeding the "**NEWS**" if you will, are pushing their own **AGENDAS**. Why am I, a school employee, being asked to be subject to weekly testing or get **VACCINATED** in order to maintain employment? Why are the citizens that receive their income from **WELFARE** and **SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY** not being asked to get vaccinated or subject themselves to weekly testing to secure their **INCOME**? I am here to say, that if these **MANDATES** do not go away, **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will be a thing of the past, many parents will be homeschooling in order to protect their children from harm. Taiwan Suspends Second Round of Pfizer COVID Vaccines for Children Due to Heart Problems specifically myocarditis and pericarditis. This will be us if we do not **ACT NOW**, our children's health is at risk and we need you to take a **STAND** against Governor Newsoms **VACCINE AND MASK MANDATES** for **School Employees and Students**. Sincerely, Linda Johnston, Ripon, Ca

Kailee Mahoney: Hello Board of Trustees & Superintendent Troy Brown - I'm speaking on behalf of so many teachers and parents who are afraid to voice their concerns due to the harassment and coercion that is happening within this County. I have seen that the enrollment is down significantly in the County and subsequent school districts. The reason being that parents are fed up but also afraid to speak up due to a very aggressive group of teachers and parents that make it their mission to bully those who oppose mandates. You will soon be left with families who have no financial or personal option to either put their kids in private education or homeschool. These teachers believe that their ideological constructs supersede parents' core values and therefore shove them on students when we are sending our kids to public education in order to learn basic skills and gain knowledge. We need to leave family values at home and allow the parents to take it over, even if we may disagree with them. I am seeing a large exodus of teachers from all over the County. My mother-in-law (SUSD) & sister-in-law (Linden USD) are facing decisions of whether to get the shot or lose their jobs. I am not only concerned for our teachers, but also for the students who connect with them. These are incredible educators who love to teach kids and I know there are many of them in Lincoln Unified. In the recent Board docs, I see that there is a major need for staff and subs. I also have seen that you approved to lower the qualification level for a sub. What kind of education are these kids getting when teachers leave their positions? What do you plan on doing when teachers don't comply with testing requirements? What are you going to do when teachers walk off their jobs due to experimental injection mandates? I would hope that you would put your students and teachers ahead of accepting the large amounts of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, but I've also seen where the money has already been allocated. I see the millions of dollars that are being poured into this and I can't help but think about how all of this funding wouldn't be necessary if we stopped living in fear of a virus that has a 99.9993% survival rate for children. Or we start admitting that these leaky vaccines can still contract & spread COVID-19 (confirmed by the CDC). I've been made aware that there are threatening letters that point to the testing protocols being a "law" punishable by unpaid leave, imprisonment up to 6 months and/or fines up to \$1000. Is your Superintendent, Board, or anyone in this District even aware that the testing/quarantine protocols were admitted as "optional" by the CADPH in a public court hearing on 9/30? They are currently being sued and you all are still believing that following them is what's best for everyone. If you truly are concerned about health and safety, everyone would be tested. If this was truly about health, we wouldn't be assuming that everyone is sick. If you truly followed science, you would know that those (like myself) who have had COVID now have antibodies that supersede the effectiveness of the vaccine. School districts are not allowed to enforce the use of an EUA vaccine as you are not authorized medical providers. These mandates are coercion. There is no choice or accommodation. Make a stand or you will have hundreds of students and teachers EXIT THE SYSTEM. We have hundreds of parents as well as our County Board of Supervisors that would support you in following what

this district in Shasta County did by just saying NO. <https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Happy-Valley-Union-School-District-votes-to-not-comply-with-any-mandatory-vaccine-mandates-575514751.html> Again, we support you in fighting for parental decision-making and freedom of choice (this includes the right to wear a mask, taking a test or get a vaccine). We support the constitution. We have a team of lawyers that would gladly take your case should you stand against the state with refusing mandates. Please know that we are the silent majority and we are with you. Kailee Mahoney, Lincoln Unified School District

Brandon Wagner: Hello, My name is Brandon Wagner and I am currently a U.S. History teacher at Manteca Unified School District. Today I am urging the county to pass a resolution to oppose all unconstitutional edicts such as vaccine mandates and weekly testing for the unvaccinated that affect public schools in San Joaquin county. These mandates have ignored due process of law, as the excuse of a seemingly endless state of emergency continues to exist, even though San Joaquin county has seen a less than 0.3% death rate from Covid. The mandates not only violate the 1st Amendment, but also the 14th Amendments equal protection under the law clause, as some government agencies have been exempt from the mandates (such as the prison guards or politicians and their staff), but also when it comes to mandating testing for the unvaccinated. The mandated testing also does not follow the science, as fully vaccinated people can also contract and spread Covid. The CDC recently stated that they have no record of unvaccinated who naturally recovered from Covid, spreading Covid, yet they are still required to test. My wife also works as a teacher for Lincoln Unified, and at her school 4 teachers contracted Covid this year, all of whom were fully vaccinated. None of the teachers or staff that work at her school that had recovered from Covid last year contracted it, yet they are required to test weekly while the vaccinated who are spreading it do not. Members of the board and county Superintendent, I ask you to live by your oath to defend the Constitution, against the domestic enemies in Sacramento, and pass a resolution stating that San Joaquin county will not enforce these unconstitutional mandates. Please join the 19 other school districts and countries across California that have openly sent letters to Governor Gavin Newsome stating that they will not comply with these mandates. If we don't stand against these unconstitutional mandates, then we will soon wake up with no more rights at all. Thank you, Brandon Wagner
Taylor Scully: To whom it may concern: Myself, Taylor and my husband, Brandon, both would like to see a resolution opposing masks and vaccine mandates for Escalon, California. Thank you. Taylor & Brandon Scully

Amy Smith: I oppose the vaccine mandate. You have the right to control what happens to your own body and to make medical decisions for yourself. One in 9 vaccinated adolescents suffered a severe adverse event. Let's allow parents the choice to choose what is best for our kids and families. Thanks , Amy Smith

Frank and Aubrey Borba: Thank you board for listening to the community's concerns facing the health and safety of our children. My husband and I fully oppose mandatory mask and vaccination requirements for children. Let them breathe and let our children be FREE!! FREE of forced mandates, FREE of coercion, FREE to attend school safely and FREE of fear!! -Frank & Aubrey Borba

Sara DaSilva: Myself, along with my 8 year old daughter are opposing the vaccine mandate. It is not the governors position to tell us what to inject into OUR children, we do NOT coparent with him! It's our own personal choice, along with our children, if we decide to get this vaccine! There is no history with this vaccine so how can we inject our future, our children, with this! I refuse to possibly ruin my child's chance of having children in her future or have health issues caused due to this vaccine! There are 100% healthy young people who are now having heart related issues etc due to this vaccine! If the boards do not let us parents choose our child's future I will be pulling her out of the public school system!

Megan Engstrand: As a very concerned PARENT I am asking for you to draft a resolution opposing the COVID-19 mask and vaccine mandate. We, as parents, want to be able to decide what we feel is best for our kids. Thank you, Megan Engstrand

Angela Bonds: Good afternoon SJCOR BOARD MEMBERS, My name is Angela Bonds, I am a long time Escalon resident, wife and mother of 3. I would like to state that I oppose this vaccine and mask mandate and support FREEDOM OF CHOICE. I believe that every family should have the right to make medical decisions for their OWN families and not be forced to wear a mask or get a vaccine to be able to attend public schools. Since when did we decide to just give up our FREEDOMS, that our country fought so hard for??? Since when did we give up the parents choice to decide what is right for their children. Since when did we decide to let the government parent our children. Since when did we promote a shot as a vaccine??? This is not a vaccine. A vaccine prevents the disease and spread of a virus. This is a flu shot. Individuals that are vaccinated can still get and spread the virus. Angela Bonds

Leanne Freeseha: As a parent to a high schooler and a 4th grader I highly oppose mandatory vaccines and masks. If one chooses for their child or self to follow such regulations let that be their own choice. Sincerely, Leanne Freeseha

Jennifer Franzia: Dear San Joaquin County Office of Education Board, The CDC and the NIH have both been quoted as stating that Coronavirus is **no more deadly than the flu** in healthy children. Flu vaccines are voluntary. We also know that ***Covid vaccines aren't working*** like they had hoped, as Dr Fauci admitted today. A typical pediatric vaccine is tested for about 10 years before the FDA approves it, so they can determine the longterm side effect potential. **WHY would we force an ineffective, unproven drug on our youth when the outcome will not change? The Covid vaccine will not make children more safe, period.** Yes, *some vaccines* for lethal diseases are very necessary as the risk of disease is greater than the risk of the vaccine. This has NOT been the case with Covid...**the risk of Covid disease does NOT outweigh the risk of side effects or injury from these unknown vaccines.** We need to stand up and protect our children! We are asking that you, our elected officials, to please listen to your constituents and allow the Covid vaccines to be voluntary to our children. Thank you, Jennifer Franzia, mother of 3 children in Escalon, California

Nicole Cox: I have many concerns regarding the mask and vaccine mandates to all staff, teachers and students . Please take action and draft a resolution opposing mask and vaccine mandates. Thanks you. Nicole Cox RN CONCERNED PARENT & CITIZEN

Brittney Garcia: Good afternoon, My name is Brittney. I am a mother of two and the wife of a firefighter who has worked throughout this pandemic to serve our community. I am emailing today to ask that you take a stand against the vaccine mandate and draft a resolution in its opposition. Not only do I strongly believe that this experimental vaccine puts the health of my children at great risk, but this mandate also jeopardizes what our nation is built upon, and that is freedom. Where there is risk, there MUST be choice. The government's one-size-fits-all agenda has no place in the decision-making process of what is medically best for my family. Thank you for your time.

Analisa (Annie) Collins: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing this email to express my concern about the possible covid vaccine mandate on our children to attend public school. This mandate is unconstitutional and unethical. No child should have to be forcibly injected with an experimental drug to go to school. It is their right, as American children, to receive a free and public education. Denying this to them for a personal decision made by parents is radical and discriminatory. The notion that we are expected to comply to this mandate to be able to send our kids to school is extreme and outright tyrannical. I ask that you allow we the people, as parents, to solely be the decision makers for our children, especially when it comes to such a high risk and controversial topic such as a vaccine mandate for a drug that has absolutely no long-term scientific studies on anybody, let alone children. If this mandate takes effect, I will pull my children out of the California public school system, one way or another. I will not co-parent with the government, I call the shots when it comes to MY CHILDREN! Thank you for reading, Analisa (Annie) Collins

Deanne-Adele Sanchez: Please take action to stop this mandate. I am a teacher and a single mother of two. Please stand up for us and say no! Thank you, Registered Voter Deanne-Adele

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Annalisa (Annie) Collins: Please consider mine and MANY other parents' concerns about this tyrannical vaccine mandate. It is unjust, unethical, and discriminatory to refuse a public education to a child whose parents want what's best for their child's health. The vaccine has no long-term studies, therefore there is much risk involved in receiving it. If this mandate takes effect, my children and many others I know will not attend California public schools. Kindly, Annalisa (Annie) Collins

Fallon Nunes: To whom it may concern, I oppose Vaccine mandates. Medical decisions should be made privately between yourself and medical provider and or family. What happened to "my body my choice"? My child my choice!! Thank you and we look forward to continuing this adventure with you all. The fight back against this government tyranny has just begun.

Kelsie Van Rys: My name is Kelsie Van Rys, I am a local resident, mother, and teacher. My son will start Kindergarten next year. I oppose the vaccine mandate. Families need the freedom to choose what's best for them. The SJCOE website home page promises to strive to "create an environment in which every student, regardless of circumstances, has an opportunity for a quality education." Circumstances are different for every family, and a vaccine mandate ignores that fact. Furthermore, virtual learning options are not an acceptable alternative for a quality education. Any teacher who has taught through the last two years can tell you that. We knew it wasn't enough then, and we are seeing the negative repercussions now. The SJCOE website also mentions student accountability. I ask the board to honor its own accountability to the students of San Joaquin County, and draft a resolution opposing mask and vaccine mandates. Thank you, Kelsie Van Rys

Jim Fernandes: I would like it recorded that I oppose all mandates regarding masks and vaccines in our schools. The overwhelming data has shown that neither stop the spread of the disease and can actually be harmful. I feel we should choose individually what it best for us and our children. Jim Fernandes, father of 2 children in the Escalon Unified School District

Staci Fernandes: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you as a constituent and mother that opposes the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and the mask mandate in our schools. Healthy children are not dying from this virus. The vaccine is not preventing transmission of the Delta variant. The virus is in the air and passes through any surgical or cloth mask; making the masks worthless unless you are wearing an N95. The vaccine is causing myocarditis in healthy children. I could go on and on about all the research coming out that shows that lockdowns and masks are worthless, but you already know that. I am asking that you do an actual cost benefit analysis and make policy according to the costs to our children that greatly outweigh the benefits of any of this. Otherwise you are placing a future of health and mental problems on these kids. Do the right thing. Thank You, Staci Fernandes

Rachelle Fast: As a mother of 2 children in San Joaquin County schools and a teacher here for the past 18 years, I oppose vaccine and mask mandates. We don't know what this vaccine will do in the long run to developing bodies. We don't have the staff available to push people out because they choose not to be vaccinated. We don't know every family's reasoning for making this choice. I ask that you consider the large population of this county that want to decide what they believe is best for their family. I oppose vaccine and mask mandates. Rachelle Fast, Parent & Teacher

Amy Villines: Hello, My name is Amy Villines and on behalf of my two children at Van Allen Elementary school Kinsley and William Villines I write to you with great concern. I am requesting that you take action over the mask and vaccine mandates. They need to be terminated. My children's health are and will continue to be monitored by myself and my husband and their pediatrician. The kids pediatrician has told us there is no reason to keep masking nor do they need an experimental vaccine. A vaccine is meant to prevent the spread of a disease. That being said. The covid shot is not a vaccine but simply an experimental jab that I will not have my kids partake in. We know the stats. We know the effects that this is taking on all the children, parents and Americans nationwide. These mandates needs to be lifted before all our freedoms are at "Jeopardy". Thankyou, Amy Villines

John Hagen: I oppose the vaccine mandates as well as the mask mandates for all students and staff of San Joaquin county school districts. It should be a choice and not mandatory.

Victoria Briggs: I am writing today to show my children how to fight for what they believe in. I am a mother of 7, 6 of which are still in school. Although I empathize with all effected by the pandemic including SJCOE It is solely our responsibility as parents and educators to limit the impact it has on our children. In my home alone, I have watched my 4-year-old go from the most outgoing social little butterfly, to becoming an introvert and not wanting to leave the house. I've watched as my 6-year-old who has a speech impediment be overlooked due to being forced to wear a mask during her speech assessment. I've stood back and watched my 9-year-old fall further and further behind. I've had to watch as my teens miss out on Graduation, prom, sports and countless other life experiences. Growing up is hard alone without adding in the constraints of mask and forced vaccination. Kids are divided by so much do to pressure to fit in and conform without this added garbage. Depression is stealing are children from us, division is steeling our children from us, social media is steeling our children from us, enough is enough! Let's get back to the basics, let's forget the narrative of those that don't not share the same goals as we do "our children," their health, their happiness and their education. Let's stand together as a unified front and show our children that they are what matter most. Masks are not the answer forced vaccination is not the answer.

Elysia Reed: My name is Elysia Reed and I have two elementary aged children that attend Escalon Unified School District. I am writing this email to oppose the vaccine mandates. I believe it is my right to choose if and when I want to give the covid vaccine to my children. Please consider a resolution opposing the vaccine mandate. Thank you, Elysia Reed

Diana Trejo: Hello, My name is Diana Trejo and I have children attending school in this County. I am opposed to the covid-19 mandates for children and adults. It is an over reaching abuse of power to force a medical procedure on an unwilling person. This is a breach of our constitutional freedoms. There are no long term studies to know the effects of the covid 19 vaccine and I am unwilling to allow my children to receive the vaccine. If that means we unenroll from public school and homeschool, we will. If that means we move out of California, we will. I encourage you, our elected officials, to take a stand for our smallest citizens, and pass a resolution to protect the freedom of medical choice, and tell the State that San Joaquin County Schools WILL NOT COMPLY with the vaccine mandates. Thank you.

Julieann Martin: I oppose vaccine mandates as a parent with two children in the san Joaquin county schooling system. I believe vaccinations should not be mandated as it should be left to the parent and child to decide what is best for their situation. Forcing my children to be required to take a vaccination with little information that is out there is removing all freedoms as a parent for me to decide what is best for my child's health. Having a school board require the vaccine forces me to then utilize that same freedom to find alternative methods of education advancement for my children. I believe that SJCOE should make the decision to allow it to be left in the parents hands to decide what is best for their children. To have a school board make my child's health decisions for them shows me that they do NOT have my children's best interest at heart. Regards, Julieann Martin

Sara Yoro: Good morning, I am writing to express concerns and oppose the current mask mandates and possible vaccine mandates. I have a pre-school child attending Leroy Nicoles in Lodi Unified who has a severe sensory processing disorder and is speech delayed among other learning disorders. Teachers wearing masks hinder his ability to see and read lips, body language and emotion. I believe his teachers should wear face shields or nothing at all. Regarding the Covid Vaccine, children have 0.0058% chance of dying from this they are as low risk as possible and even the hospitalization rates are low. My children have already had Covid and it only resulted in a milk fever of 100 Degrees for less than 4 hours and it was done. These decisions need to be left up to the parents and their doctors as my son has allergies to what's in a lot of vaccines as well and you cannot put a one size fits on with this type of situation. Additionally, it was only tried on 2,200 children, that is not enough data to know if this is safe and we don't know what the long-term effects of the vaccine is. Also, at 5 years old with my

son's verbal and cognitive delays he cannot communicate with me if the vaccine has adverse effects, he will only have the ability to cry without us being able to properly assist him. If this is forced, we will have to transfer him and my daughter to a homeschool or private option. Sarah Yoro

Steffan Randle: Stop this insanity. Stop the "State of Emergency." We have over 780,000 residents in San Joaquin County. Over 1.5 million COVID tests taken. 1,800 deaths. Less than 0.25% of the population. ONE DEATH in the 17 and under group! Stop playing the Great Reset game. Steffan Randle

Jennifer Nessler: This is to notify you that I am against the vaccine mandate. I have 3 children in LUSD and if you follow the mandate I will be pulling my children out of school. I implore you to write a letter on behalf of LUSD to the governor stating that LUSD opposes the mandate and will NOT enforce this gross overreach. Please decide today that you ALL will NOT follow any vaccine mandate. FACT: Child COVID cases have dropped since 9/2/21 - BEFORE most kids were eligible for a vaccine. FACT: Of the 3000 vaccinated 5-11 year olds in the trial, 1518 were followed for 2 months. 1500 for just 2.4 weeks. Long-term adverse events of vaccine (and virus) are unknown. It was not until millions of doses were given to young males that myocarditis was seen. If COVID-19 is not an emergency for most children, short- & long-term adverse vaccine effects must NOT be more serious than the infection itself. For kids at risk for serious disease (obesity/diabetes, immunocompromised, serious lung, heart & neurologic disease), or living with family who are at risk, COVID may constitute an emergency. But for most kids, COVID is NOT an emergency. We, as parents, must be allowed to decide whether COVID is an emergency for OUR own kids & family. This is OUR decision to make and OURS alone.

Erika Martinez: This "mandate" is unconstitutional. We have a choice as humans to make our own decisions, this is not a choice, this is coercion and coercion is not compliance. Forcing somebody to do something is NOT compliance. COERCION IS NOT COMPLIANCE. A lot of us worked during the pandemic online and tried our best to keep the students on track. Now we are being told if we are not vaccinated (do you even know what is in the vaccine) then we need will not be allowed to work. This sounds like discrimination to me. Meanwhile, the people that are not vaccinated are spreading COVID to everybody because they have "rights." We do not live in the 20's anymore where some people did not have rights. It's 2021, we should all be treated with respect. Please look into VAERS and see how this vaccine is KILLING and injuring HEALTHY people of all ages AFTER they were vaccinated. They TRUSTED this vaccine and now they will never have a normal life. We are not test subjects. We are Americans that want to work and we want to help students with their education. So many students will not be going back to school if this mandate happens, and that is going to affect them and families. Please look at the vaccine with a different perspective. Imagine somebody telling you to do something or you will not be able to support your family. Think about it in that perspective and deeply think about how it affects your neighbor, your cousin, your friend, even your own family.

Hilary Van De Pol: To the San Joaquin County Office of Education, Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I oppose the mask and vaccine mandates. I would like you to take action and draft a resolution that opposes both the mask and vaccine mandates. I have 2 school aged girls that have suffered enough because of the effects of the pandemic. From dealing with the stresses of distance learning and social distancing during school to the fear of getting in trouble for not wearing their mask properly, all while in their preteen phase of life, my kids have gone through enough. Not to mention the learning loss and social anxieties that have developed and an over-the-top teacher duct taping a mask to a student's face because he wasn't wearing it properly, and who knows what other things they are dealing with that they haven't mentioned. My children have also already had covid, got sick and then got better and are now naturally immune. Children are naturally resilient but I fear their breaking point. We need to stand up for them, their future and their freedoms, and give them the best chance at being successful in life and give them every opportunity to better themselves and those around them. They were born in America, the land of the free. Let's keep it that way for them! Thank you for your time. Hilary Van de Pol

Bonnie Dixon: I am sending this email today in opposing the vaccine mandate for school. This should be up to parents if our children get this vaccine. This vaccine has had no long term studies done and children are not in grave danger from COVID. If the state mandates this experimental shot you will be forcing families to pull our kids from school. Please vote no mandate. Thanks you

Demetria Koesterer: Hello. I'm reaching out to express my concern on the vaccine mandate for our children. We don't enough about the long terms effects of this vaccine. The parents should have the choice to give this vaccine to our children. What if this has long term effects our girls reproductive organs. When they get older they can't have kids because we didn't take the time to find our more about the vaccine? How bad would you feel if you did that to your child? Please take time to consider all the options before you make this a mandate for going to school. Thank you, Demetria Koesterer, Mother of (2) girls one 8 & one 13.

Brenda Ramsey: Hello, I'm a concerned parent. I have 2 children in public schools in San Joaquin county. I'm asking that the San Joaquin County Office of Education offer Parent Choice for this new vaccine. Let parents decide for their own children if the health risks of the vaccine are worth any possible benefit against the virus. I'm not anti-vaccine but I am anti-mandate & know many other parents are as well. Please do not enforce this mandate as a requirement for in person learning. Our children have already suffered enough with not being in the classroom previously due to covid shut downs. My high schooler failed several classes last year due to virtual learning & this year he is getting straight A's & finally able to participate in Marching Band at school. My youngest son loved school up until March 2020. Then during virtual learning, he became depressed & started self harming. He's now doing better & is glad to be back on campus but keeps complaining of headaches from wearing a mask all day. Please consider how your choices affect the students with both vaccine & mask mandates. My children did not attend school on 10/18 & 11/16 in protest of this vaccine mandate along with many others around the state. I will pull my children out of San Joaquin county public schools if this Covid vaccine becomes mandatory & enforced for in person learning. Thank you for your time & consideration. Sincerely, Brenda Ramsey

Ryan Randle: Howdy, Please stop this lunacy; there is no state of emergency in our cities, county, or state. Forcing children to wear muzzles all day is disgusting. And our "leaders" saying they are doing this "for the children" is beyond sickening. All the "COVID data" is skewed as after February 15 2020, the county stopped collecting data on the common cold and flu; lumped everything into COVID-19. There is no information for deaths from the cold (coronavirus), influenza, or pneumonia on the San Joaquin County Public Health Services website. Sars-CoV-2 has never been isolated. Nor has any other virus. Other countries have had judge rule there is no proof of the virus, yet San Joaquin is ready to implement forced vaccines and tracking for a disease that does not exist. Stop using our kids as fodder for the New World Order agenda. Please look up Event 201, Agenda 2021, and Agenda 2030 from the World Economic Forum if you are ignorant of the global plans. We reject forced vaccines, masking, testing, and track. This is America, not yet some communist country. Ryan Randle

Ncasillas: Hello, I am a parent of three school aged children and oppose vaccine mandates. I am not anti-vaccines, I am anti-mandates. It should be the person's individual choice to vaccinate or not and making something mandatory is taking away their freedom to choose what best suits their family. I urge the Board of Supervisors to oppose the vaccine mandates. Thank you.

Maria Aguirre: Superintendent Brown and SJCOE Board Members, As a lifelong SJC resident and parent to for children being education under SJCOE, I urge the board to adopt a resolution not to enforce a vaccine mandate for our children. Not only does that data not support a MANDATE, but the mounting evidence of adverse events worldwide in children should be an alarming call to action to give parents sovereign over their children's well-being and medical decisions. Should this board opt to enforce a vaccine mandate for students, each and every one of you will be morally responsible for any harm, of any degree, that comes to any child in the county education system who was forced to take the vaccine in order to remain in in-person

learning. Review the data that has so many parents hesitating. Understand that even one severe adverse event or death is one too many. Give parents the right to discern and weigh risk/benefit for their children as we NOW KNOW THE VACCINE DOES NOT STOP OR SLOW THE SPREAD, rather it just reduces the risk of severity. THIS SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE A PARENT'S CHOICE as the science and data as provided by CDC and other public health agencies does not show reduction of transmission in any significance that would justify a mandate for children. Thank you, Maia Aguirre

Steve McGill: I am a Lincoln Unified School District employee of 29 years. I am asking that you stand for the Constitution of the United States and reject any demands that the State of California makes regarding COVID-19 mandates, including and especially the mandate that states that all employees must be "vaccinated" by a particular date in order to maintain employment and that all students must be "vaccinated" in order to attend. This and other related mandates smacks in the face of every American's inalienable rights. While there are some who will state that it is irresponsible to NOT be "vaccinated," their argument is scientifically weak, at best, and is negated by a citizen's rights and privileges that are clearly seen in our founding documents. Respectfully, Steve McGill

Melissa Ouimette: Hello, My name is Melissa Ouimette and I am in my 17th year as a Resource Specialist Teacher at George McParland Elementary School in Manteca Unified. My two daughters (ages 13 and 9) are students at George McParland. I REALLY hope you will be voting YES on the resolution to make the covid-19 vaccination OPTIONAL for students and staff. It is absolutely sickening to think I may have to make the choice between my job and my daughter's education in Manteca Unified and getting a vaccine that I do not believe in. If the vaccine becomes mandatory my daughters and I will be leaving the district and will NOT be attending any district that requires the vaccination and I know many other families and staff members who will be doing the same thing. It is VERY sad that many of us may have to consider making this decision. Please, please, please, have a heart and vote YES on the resolution to make the vaccination optional for students and staff.

Amie Mendes: Dear SJCOE Board Members: My name is Amie Mendes, I live at 1570 Terracina Circle in Manteca. My son, Nolan, is in 4th grade at McParland School. My daughter graduated in 2020 from East Union High School and is currently attending University of Nevada, Reno. I am writing to express my concern regarding the COVID-19 vaccine mandate in children. My entire family contracted COVID-19 in December 2020. My husband, my daughter and I all experienced mild symptoms - my 10 year old son, however, did not show a single symptom from COVID-19. Outside of being stuck at home for 2 weeks, he was absolutely his normal self. We have all been vaccinated for COVID-19, notwithstanding my son. I have a definite concern with vaccinating my 10 year old child, who had zero symptoms from this virus, with a vaccine which has not been studied for its long term effects in children. My husband and I 100% support a parents right to decide whether or not their child should be vaccinated for COVID-19. I realize that this virus can be deadly, and I would expect that those at risk for serious symptoms from COVID-19 would choose to vaccinate themselves, as did my parents, my grandparents and my husband and I (my daughter is 18 and made the decision on her own). Thank you for your time and continued support in serving our students in San Joaquin County. Best Regards, Amie & Joseph Mendes

Erika Martinez: My job is on the line as I refuse to get the COVID-19 vaccination. I have had family members pass away due to the vaccine and I refuse to be put into a coerced position in order to keep my job. We are already stressed enough as teachers with no subs and I hope you understand how this will affect the dynamics of our students if we medically discriminate against teachers.

Harvey Casillas: I do not agree with the proposed vaccine mandates for children and will not comply with such mandates. My children will be pulled from the district should the district implement such measures on children.

Heather Artiaga: Board Members, This letter is to express my opinion on the vaccine mandates

that are coming from the Governor's office. I am opposed to it! I have a daughter that will be starting high school next year and she WILL NOT be getting the vaccine. I understand that you have an obligation to follow rules from the governor, but not this one! You should be pushing back to the governor just as the parents in this school district are pushing against you. Isn't your primary concern of this board to be the children? This vaccine is not safe in my eyes. My child is NOT going to be the government's lab rat. The decision to give this vaccine to school aged children should be a decision by the parents...not the government. Getting this vaccine doesn't work like the vaccines required to start school. Those vaccines have had years of testing. Getting this vaccine doesn't make you immune from COVID. Remember when we were told that children aren't affected by the virus like adults? Where is that science now? This vaccine should be an option to parents not a mandate. There are far too many risks for my healthy daughter. If anything would ever come from getting this vaccine and make her sick or have health problems or not be able to conceive in the future, I wouldn't be able to live with the thought that I gave it to her. In the 1950's, Thalidomide was given to woman to treat morning sickness. Some children were born with deformed limbs and defective organs and no one knows how many miscarriages the drug caused. I don't want statistics like this to come out in the future of the crazy side effects of this vaccine and my daughter be one of them. Please tell the governor that you will not be mandating this vaccine just like the surrounding counties around you. If they can do it, I know LUSD can too! Remember, you are voted in by the parents you represent. This vaccine should be a choice not mandatory. I hope that you can find it in your heart to do the right thing. Heather Artiaga

Kacey Cheary: My name is Kacey Cheary. I am a concerned parent as well as a concerned employee of Escalon Unified. We are harming our students, children, and staff by allowing these mandates! Please do what is right and protect those that are counting on you!! Oppose mandates on masking and vaccinating our staff and students against covid 19. Thank you, Kacey Cheary

Jennifer Pearson: Greetings, My name is Jennifer Pearson. I am contacting you today regarding the upcoming meeting that will discuss mandated Covid vaccine. I am a parent of 2 young children that will be impacted by such a decision. I wanted to take this time and tell you I am against the mandated Covid vaccine. I myself was forced to take the vaccine to keep my job but in no way will I force my child to do the same. It is the future of every child we need to consider. This vaccine is way to new to know what the side effects will be in the future. With studies showing that children are less likely to contract or even be effected by Covid; the possibilities of side effects in the future scare me more. I fully understand if other parents want to have there children vaccinated but as a mother it is my job to think of my own child's future and well-being. Please leave this decision to the parents and know that throughout generations, parents have always fought to protect our children. Thank you, Jennifer Pearson.

Lydia Waters: Hello, My name is Lydia Waters; I am a current student at Ripon High School. I am in support of the current mandate to protect my fellow students. To my knowledge, all students want is for things to return to normal

Christine Viglienzone: I would like to ask you to create and pass a resolution to not comply with vaccine mandate as the risk from the vaccine and lack of long term side effects is not proven and as a parent I choose to not have my child be a trial. Governmental coercion is bullying, it takes us being "in it together" to fight this bully. Please be the voice and strength in numbers our students, parents and staff need in this by passing a resolution against Newsoms vaccine mandate Christine Viglienzone

Rachel Veuve: My name is Rachel Veuve. I currently have three of my children attending schools in the Manteca unified school district (grades 8, 10, 12). I'm very concerned about the covid vaccine. I will not be vaccinating my children. I have been watching the MUSD covid dashboard. In this district, with around 17,000 staff and students, the confirmed cases of covid have been quite low, lately in the low 20's. To me, that is not a high enough risk for them to be vaccinated. I believe parents should be able to choose whether they want this vaccine for their children. I have vaccinated my children with the required vaccines for school attendance so I

don't consider myself an antivaxxer, except when it comes to this one. I have reached out to the MUSD superintendents as well as the admins of my childrens school. I want my 8th grader to experience high school. I'll hate it for him if he will have to switch to a homeschooling program. I wanted my voice to be heard. I don't know if there are many parents not willing to vaccinate their kids with the covid vaccine, but I am one. Thank you, Rachel Veuve

Kaitlin Protz: Sjc office of education, I would like my voice to be heard as a parent of two children at Lockeford Elementary School. I am strongly against the vaccine mandate for children under the age of 18. I am opposed to vaccine mandates for ANY age, yet I have chosen to be vaccinated myself after many months of deliberation. I am not down playing Covid by any means, my son had it last July before vaccinations were available. I understand there can be complications, but for him there were none. So as a parent I feel it's my right to decide what risk I'm willing to take. That being said, after an incredibly difficult year and a half that my children have had to endure it should not come down to me making a choice that I do not feel safe with at this point in time. I am not comfortable with my 13 and 12-year-old receiving the vaccination at this time. I'm absolutely against there being a mandate telling us, as parents, that we have to do so. Please help us fight for our right that I believe we deserve. The right to choose, as parents, what WE feel is best for our OWN children. I'm truly frightened what will happen to all the children that will be pulled out of school if this mandate goes through. That's the risk I would ask you all to weigh as members of the board. Fighting for families to have the option to vaccinate, While still taking precautions OR agreeing with this gross over reach of political power and inevitably harming the education and safety of so many children that will be pulled out of your public school system. Thank you for your time, Kaitlin Protz

Tina and Robert Machado: Thank you for reading my email. I am a concerned grandparent in the Escalon Unified School District. My husband and I OPPOSE the MANDATES for masks and vaccines. Please LEAD our county. Take action and draft a resolution opposing these mandates. Thank you, Tina and Robert Machado

Jenny Morgan: Hello, My son is currently a first grader. He has been fully vaccinated for what is required. I feel very strongly about NOT giving my children this vaccine that they are trying to force upon us all now. If it is required that they receive this vaccine to attend school I will be pulling him out. It is a shame that our children are no longer allowed to be children. I don't believe that them wearing the masks are necessary either but we have complied with that this far. And maybe that's the problem. We've allowed this to happen, and now we can't come back from it. Thank you! Jenny Morgan

Anne Rogers: Dear Board Members, Regarding your agenda item of vaccine mandates for today's meeting, I would like to voice my concern that these so called vaccines will be mandated for California K-12 students once FDA approval is granted (and we all know it will be granted). Please take note, I will be pulling my son from public education should this go into effect. I am not alone in regards to this, as I and many of my friends and family plan on taking the same action. Our children are not to be experimented on by the dictates of government overreach. We are a democratic republic, and as such, it is the decision of the parents what medical intervention(s) will be taken. Children have a near zero chance of severe illness or death if they contract COVID-19, and they are not the super spreaders the media plays them out to be. Even the so-called Delta variant has little to no effect on our children. Medical tyranny does not belong in our schools. This illness is being chased, having the public test often, even when symptom free. This is ludicrous. We have never chased the flu, the common cold (aka corona virus) and we certainly don't need to be doing it now. You are part of the problem should you go along with the dictates from above. Please show strength and do not comply. If you don't stop the buck here, a large group of us will stop it with a mass exodus from your schools. Alternatives are already being looked at and the education you provide can be replaced. Thank you for your time regarding this most urgent matter. Sincerely,. Anne Rogers

Lena Teixeira: Dear board members, I am a mother of four boys that attend Manteca schools. My boys have been in the Manteca Unified school district since preschool and kindergarten.. my sons have been through a lot this year they lost their father to Covid in July. If the vaccine

mandates go through I will be left with no other choice but to change districts or homeschool! I will not vaccinate my sons! Please vote against vaccine mandates!! My sons do not need anymore change in their lives right now:(they love their schools. Thank you Lena

Aracely FSoria: Hello County Board, There are more of us out there than you realize who will NOT be putting our children thru this medical experiment. There is a movement in the process. Our kids would love to stay in school with their friends. It is far more important to keep our children healthy and safe. This shot they call a "vaccine" is still in medical trials. The fact that the schools are allowing so much government overreach on school campuses is disturbing. Life is not all about the money. Please remember that the world is watching. Data show excess mortality all around the world due to covid "shots". What changed? The injections they are calling "vaccines" were rolled out all around the world. More young people are dying from covid shots than old people Not only deaths but also serious injuries are on the rise from these injections. Things like heart attacks, strokes, blood clots, circulatory diseases and neurological issues, vaccine-induced First the school boards say they are following state guidelines. Then they change their tune to we are following San Joaquin County public health. Dr. Parks does not have the science to justify any of this. The virus itself has not be isolated. Ask her for the science on masking, faulty testing and Covid vaccines! We ask that you put fourth the effort to do the right thing. We are capable of making medical decisions for our families Thank you, Aracely

Ashley Herzick: Superintendent Brown and SJCOE Board Members, thank you for your transparency surrounding this issue by placing it on your agenda and allowing public comment. There are a few districts who have not addressed the illegal and overreaching mandates at all which include: Stockton, Lodi, and possibly Tracy. What are they waiting for? I am guessing more direction from the dictator in office, Newsom. I have worked in Lodi Unified School District for 4 years and love our communities within San Joaquin County. I support informed consent and choice for those who wish to take the vaccine. I believe in the Constitution and guaranteed civil liberties. By mandating a vaccine on which research is still being conducted, the districts are violating human rights. These mandates are not laws. The California Department of Public Health is not a law-making body; why are our districts, county and city leadership, and Unions making it so easy for the State to trample our rights? Each district that continues to enforce ALL mandates is **choosing** to adopt the government overreach. I urge the Board to represent We the People who do not want to be forced in to an experimental vaccine during the actual law-making process which will commence early next year. Stockton Unified Superintendent Ramirez has already sent correspondence stating that the testing option will most likely be removed. If this mandate is to become law, and the testing option is removed, this county and state will lose MANY students and teachers; these mandates have already been detrimental to our local small businesses and economy. There are many of us at risk of losing our jobs and our livelihood. I have accepted this reality for myself and my family and will do what I need to, when that time comes. I will not comply and I am willing to lose everything over these unconstitutional mandates, which is a feeling that NO EMPLOYEE or PARENT should have to experience; this is taking a huge toll on our already stressed educators' mental, emotional and physical health. Organize your districts, educate people and district officers about Constitutional Rights, and be our voices. We are not being heard in Stockton, Manteca, Lodi, or Tracy! Congratulations to Ripon and Escalon for having elected officials who represent The People! Respectfully, Ashley Herzick

Heather Cox: My name is Heather Cox. I am a mother of 6 children. 5 of my children are in the Escalon Unified School District and 1 is in the Ripon Unified district. I am writing this email because I strongly oppose the Vaccine Mandate. Children are not the ones at risk of severe symptoms, complications or death from Covid. They do not need a experimental shot that won't stop the transmission of covid. The only thing the covid 19 shot will do is maybe lessen the symptoms of a covid infection in the person who got it. Kids overall are doing very well managing this virus and either have mild symptoms or are asymptomatic, unless they have a compromised immune system. Therefore there is no need for a healthy child to get this shot. This is a personal decision that every family needs to weigh the pros and cons on and make the best decision suited for their families health, wellness and needs. Where there is risk there

must be Choice!!! Thank you

JessaLee Goehring: Good Morning, My name is JessaLee Goehring and my children are students in Lodi Unified School District. I am writing to let you know of my opposition to the vaccine mandate. As parents, it is our responsibility to do what is best for our children and their health. This mandate is morally corrupt. If this goes through, I will be removing both children from the school district and moving forward with homeschool. As a teacher and educator for the past 20 years, I am disappointed in how education has progressed. I am thankful I have my credential and capability to help my children and others in the community that are opposed as well. Furthermore, please know this is an educated decision. I appreciate scientific inquiry, however I have seen strong data suggesting my son and daughter could potentially be at risk for their future. I simply cannot have them be a part of data collection and analysis moving forward on the effectiveness of the new vaccine. I appreciate your understanding and support in listening to your stakeholders on the damage that will ensue if you enforce the vaccine mandate. Say no!! Stand up and do what is right. Thank you, JessaLee Goehring

Sara Miller: I strongly oppose the mask and vaccine mandates for our students, teachers and staff. Your county stands behind you on not enforcing these mandates. It is all about choice. OSHA just retracted their enforcement of mandates in the workplace and I hope San Joaquin County follows. Let's be great leaders for other counties in our state. Thank you and God Bless. Sincerely, Sarah Miller

Angie Archerda: My name is Angie Archerda and I reside in Manteca, Ca. I oppose the vaccine mandate for our children.

Stefanie Pilcher: Please say no to the vaccine mandate. It is too new and too unpredictable to the young lives receiving it. Children receiving the vaccine are more likely to die from the side effect of the vaccine than die from the actual virus of Covid 19. I feel like our government is playing Russian roulette with our kids lives. I will be pulling my two kids from LUSD and homeschool them if this becomes requirement to attend school. Please say no to the vaccine mandate. Thank you! Stefanie Pilcher

Audrey Lucido: Hi my name is Audrey. I am a step parent of a child in Lodi usd. He's a kindergartner. He is my heart and this vaccine is pulling at the strings of my heart and I'm sure many parents in San Joaquin county, as well as many other counties in the state. I myself have already lost a loved one after the first dose moderna. But it was a choice he made for surgery he needed but the surgery he was going to have wasn't life threatening. He never got to go. He is adult and he made a life taking decision to get a vaccine that's still in phase 3 trials for adults., these children are looking to their parents to make they're health decisions as they can not research and understand ingredients and science and adverse effects and the pros and cons. We have adults in classrooms putting fear into children over a illness that has a higher rate of survival than the normal flu. Specifically in children. It's already disheartening enough that parents have chosen to let their children be test subjects but to mandate it before we see the effect in truth is outright a infringement on our freedoms. And what a frightening time to trust our education system when they lay the freedoms of their students and educators down for slaughter. Slaughter of my body my choice. This isn't a normal "they have to get vaccines for school" shot. It's first off a newer technology mRNA, it hasn't been tested as long and as intensely as former vaccines. It also does not protect my chance, your chance or my children's chance of contracting covid or giving it. It may lower the symptoms but it still chances adverse reactions which may be fatal. Do you want that decision to follow the leader, to be the decision that could possibly harm those you work in honor of? Governor newsom implemented this before even his children thought of getting the vaccine themselves. Still have not even though they got covid. Maybe it's known about natural immunity that it's better. It is not your right to tell children and parents and educators in this county to chance their health when you are not in their shoes, you do not know what these people have been through to be fearful or unwilling to just roll up their sleeves. Please reach deep in your hearts and be strong for freedom of choice. Put the money where your mouth is and stand up. Be on the side that doesn't want to be responsible for a mandate of something in experimental stages, specially for children that could

do much harm if not right away, what about effects in a few years. And for you to keep money in the district you can't lose as many students that are planning to walk away from the public school system. I will be one of them. There is many of us. Please put this on the table for discussion. Come up with a resolution . Thank you.

Danny Trejo: Dear Board of Supervisors, My name is Danny Trejo and I have five-year old boy and a seven-year old boy who are attending the Dent Elementary School District. I have lived in San Joaquin County my entire life and I plan to continue to raise my children here in San Joaquin County into the future. I am writing this email to inform you that I am opposed to the covid-19 mandates for children and adults due to the following: The Covid 19 mandate is an overreaching abuse of power to force a medical procedure on an unwilling person. This is a breach of our constitutional freedoms. Without there being long-term studies to know the effects of the covid 19 vaccine, it is irresponsible of me to allow my children to receive the vaccine. If mandates are put in place, I will need to resign from my job to home school my kids. There are numerous cases around the nation where young men are having severe-side effects from the Covid vaccine. I encourage you, our elected officials, to rise up and take a stand for my family; and pass a resolution to protect the freedom of medical choice; and tell the State that San Joaquin County Schools WILL NOT COMPLY with the vaccine mandates. Thank You, Danny Trejo

Amy Gavaldon: To whom it may concern, I will keep this short. I oppose any vaccine mandate enforced on my children to attend school. If a vaccine mandate is enforced I am prepared to withdraw my four children from the school system and homeschool them. -Amy Gavaldon

Alison Casillas: My family and I are against any mandated vaccines due to personal and religious beliefs. My child will not comply and will be forced to leave the school district if so. There are many who oppose this and not only will these students be forced out of an in person education but also good teachers and other school staff members will be unemployed. This is not for the better welfare of anyone. I govern over my child's health, we should not have to choose between education vs. health requirements to attend school. Everyone has the right to an education and should have the right to choose what's best for their selves and their children. As a working citizen this is a violation of my rights as a taxpayer. If I am forced to "homeschool" my child due to forced vaccines, how will I continue to work full time and financially support my family? This poses a threat to my way of life to have to choose between supporting my family or to provide an education for my child. Please no mandated vaccines. Thank you, Alison Casillas

Yao Vang: I will love to join the meeting today but I can't. Please end this madness vaccine mandate. I have a 6yrs old and 5yrs old going to school. The vaccine will kill lot of kids out there.

Amanda Gaston: Hello, My name is Amanda Gaston, I am a mother to two boys, ages 7 & 9. My boys both attend Dent Elementary, in 4th & 1st grade. Over the past two years we have all endured so much anxiety, panic, suffering and overall uncertainty because of this pandemic. I'm the beginning I was completely for shutting down to flatten the spread of the virus, which turned into months of distance learning. My children suffered emotionally, mentally & academically because they could not be allowed to see their friends other than during their zoom meetings, they were isolated and left confused. Realistically trying to tell children their age why such a thing was happening was hard, so we went with it's for the safety of us and everyone around us. Once they were okay to go back to school, I was completely fine with them having to wear a mask as long as they were at school because I knew that my children needed that type of interaction with their peers. Since then I have been OK with the masking although I feel as though it is not necessary, as the numbers and children have been very low. I have decided to just contain my frustrations and let it be because my children and their mental health mean more to me than them having to wear a mask. The Covid numbers just don't add up to me, I do not see why we are pushing a vaccine with our children when they are nowhere near affected by this. As of today November 17, 2021 according to the California Department of

Public health the number of cases for children under the age of five years old is 123,700 cases. Which accumulate to 2.6% cases, there have been 11 deaths, that accumulates to 5.8% of the population being under five years old. Me as a mother I do not understand why they would push a vaccine for children under the age when they are so low. Now to move on to children 5-17 years old, we have had 581,728 cases which I average about 12.3% of the cases we have only had 27 deaths and it is about 16.7% of the population in California. This vaccine that was created is not known to have side effects yet, there has not been enough testing to know what the long-term effects are for my child. This vaccine was just created and I do not want to give my child something that is not been tested long-term enough to know what can happen to him. I am not by any means opposed to vaccines but making us force our children to get a vaccine for something that seems so small just does not make sense to me. The percentage of death is 0.00005% risk of death for my child if he contracted Covid based on the California public health websites number of 581,728 cases of kids 5-17. Under that circumstance, why would I give my child a vaccine if their chance of survival is over 99%. I think we all need to look at the overall picture, there should be absolutely no need to give our children something for I'd say a great survival rate. I hope and pray you take into consideration all our of opinions and listen to us when we say, it should our choice as parents. Our children should not be used as Guinea pigs for a vaccine that is given under the emergency order. I will be considering removing my children from public school and homeschooling if necessary. My child is under my protection and they should not be subject to an unneeded vaccine when the survival rate is almost 100%. This vaccine mandate violates my rights as a mother and my children's right to refuse treatment if we do not want. The state and the federal government are forcing our hands and wanting to play god in this scenario. Thank you for listening and god bless. Amanda

Marilyn Casillas: I would like to oppose any vaccine mandates that your office might be involved in.

Monica Bourne: Hello, I have two children enrolled in school. I will unfortunately have to pull my children out of school if the Covid shot is mandated. My husband and I work full time so I will have to quit my job. I appreciate you taking the time to read my email.

Elizabeth Montez: Please please please stop the mandate. It is unconstitutional. My children attend lodi unified schools and if the mandate is passed we will remove them from that school system. Sincerely, Elizabeth Montez

Erica Broughton: To whom it may concern, I am a mother of 6 children. I am writing this letter today in OPPOSITION of the vaccine mandate. First of all, Covid-19 is not a threat to our children. There have been multiple adverse reactions that have been reported and I don't think it is fair to use our children as an experiment. I have 6 children, 4 of them being school aged. This vaccine will devastate my children. Specifically my high school aged children. I'm sure you have seen that Lodi High waterpolo girls have won the title of section champions and have won their first game of the NorCal tournament.....my daughter is part of this team. This is her sophomore year and if the vaccine is mandated, she won't get to continue thriving and playing with her team for the rest of her high school career. Talk about killing a child's dreams. As a mother do you know how heartbreaking that would be for me to pull her out when sports are such a vital part of her well being right now? 2020 was hard on so many kids, including mine. Staying home without the peer interaction and especially the physical and mental benefits of high school sports was terrible. And to have to do that again would just kill me inside. Next, my daughter also has a seizure disorder. There haven't been tests done on this vaccine with her specific medication. How do we know that there won't be side effects? As a mother, when I decided to have children, I knew I would do everything I could to keep them safe. Forcing anything into a child's body has never been ok in any case, this is no different. Please, I'm begging you, do not allow our school district to force this vaccine. Please give it more time to make sure that we are doing what is best for our children. That when we mandate a vaccine it isn't for a virus that they have a better chance of surviving then they do of having a reaction to the vaccine. Please.....think about the children. Thank you so much for your time. Erica Broughton

Jessenia Morales: I work for the county, our county where our board of supervisors voted no against both mask and vaccine mandates. I urge the board of education members to do the same for our county schools. Calaveras county has already voted their right to defy the state mandate, compromised of ten schools. Ripon USD and several others have also joined the fight. Do right by the parents of our county! Do right by your students and staff. Ca is the one and only state attempting to require a vaccine mandate for children, that is absurd and unacceptable. As other countries are currently halting both pfizer and moderna for children and young adults. Do the proper unbiased research, please. You will cause more harm than good trying to enforce tyrannical overreach, and many will not comply. NO to mandates!!!

Jenny Miller: Good morning, I'm glad to see the vaccine mandate in schools on the agenda. This is such a pressing and important item to discuss. Vaccine mandates for covid in schools takes away the right of parents, students, and staff to decide what's right for them. It is also an unacceptable force upon those with religious beliefs or moral convictions. I keep hearing from various sources that we should accept the mandate because other vaccines are mandated to enter school, but it isn't the same. The testing and long-term data for those vaccines is immense and I believe they came with exemptions and choice. The covid vaccine, however, is so new that we don't know what the long-term effects are. What we do know is that there is a possibility of myocarditis and a few other "rare" conditions. But here's where I have a problem with the mandate: it should be a parent's choice to decide what is an acceptable risk to their child and mandating vaccination for covid takes away that choice. In addition, during board meetings we as parents were told that it was not okay to sign a waiver of liability for the schools to attend during the pandemic because it was (as the attorney stated, paraphrasing here) not okay to trade education for a waiver. But that is exactly what's happening here. Students are being forced to choose public school education or vaccination. Teachers and staff are being forced to choose between vaccination or their livelihood. This is unacceptable. For children and adults alike, the risk of covid does not necessitate the vaccine. The risk/benefit ratio is not a balanced scale and for many parents (and teachers and staff), it is not a necessary prevention or treatment for covid and it's strains. But even if it was a huge risk of death (which it isn't; it's 1% chance or less for the general population), it should be the parent's/teacher's/staff's decision and they shouldn't be coerced, intimidated, or threatened for not choosing it. Block the mandate. Resolve to say no to the vaccine mandate and get rid of the mask mandate while you're on it. Medical freedom for all. Thank you, Jenny Miller, Lodi

Elizabeth Cardenas: Our children attend morada middle school. If these mandates are passed we will remove them from this school and home school ourselves. These mandates are unconstituational and should not be enforced.

Brenna Casillas: I do not agree with mandates, my child will not comply, and will be pulled out of the district, if vaccines are mandated. Thanks

Ashley Negron: Dear Members of the Board, I support medical freedom. I support informed consent for medical procedures. I do not support vaccine testing or mandates, ESPECIALLY if it's in order to keep your job. I do not consent to testing or any Covid-19 vaccine for my minor children. If our districts decide to enforce these mandates, I will pull my children. This, like all medical decisions, should be our choice. This vaccine is still under EUA, therefore it should NOT be added to our children's already long list of immunizations. This illness has proven to be similar to the common cold. I've attached one, of many documents, stating why I choose to decline the vaccine for my family. Please take us into account when making your decisions. I am not alone with the way I feel. We have shown that to you by participating in walk outs, as well as maskless walk ins, protests in front of districts, and these emails. If we have not been loud enough, we wouldn't have been deemed 'domestic terrorists' for attending our school boards and expressing our first amendment right. Thank you for your time.

Erica Broughton: I bet this board to oppose the vaccine mandates.

Paula Shroyer: I am extremely opposed to the vaccine mandate for children ages 5-11. It is the right of parents to protect their children and make health care decisions for them, not the

government. The risk of side effects from a vaccine that has not been completely approved by the FDA and has not had enough time spent testing it is far too great to risk the life of a child.
Paula Shroyer

Cori Daley: Our LUSD family with 3 children is strongly opposed to vaccine mandates and refuse to vaccinate our children. Covid 19 does not pose a significant risk to school-age children. Please do not ask us to choose between a public school education and risking possible significant physical harm to our kids through the vaccine. Thank you, The Daley's

Jennifer Machado: I pray that you hear the voices of many parents against the mandates . We appose and will pull our children, we stand for medical freedom ! Many studies have shown natural immunity in s enough . No to mandates!

Jeff Groom: Hello, I am writing to express my concern with the 'vaccine mandate' proposed by Governor Newsom. In the FDA panel meeting which recommended vaccines for the 5-11 age group, the data cited 94 deaths in that age group over a nearly two year period. This number includes children with serious comorbidities. From that data, it is estimated that as few as 0-10 otherwise healthy children in that age group have died as a result of SARS-CoV-2. Additionally, it has been known and quoted by health officials several times since the pandemic began that children simply are not efficient vectors for the transmission of this virus, and when they are infected they generally suffer much milder illness than some of the more vulnerable population. Vaccines should be safe and effective if we are going to tell the public that they are safe and effective, and there simply isn't enough long term data (any) to determine whether that's the case for our kids. If a parent wants to vaccinate their child because they've determined with their doctor that it's the best decision, then that should be supported. Likewise, if a family and their doctor have determined it's not in the child's best interest, they shouldn't be deprived of in person learning because of that. Thank you for your time. Jeff Groom

Sarah Babitzke: Goodmorning, I have two students within the LUSD. One at Millswood and one at Lodi High. Both will be attending Lodi High school next year. I strongly oppose the mask and vaccine mandates and intend on pulling my children from public school should the vaccine be required for them to attend school. I believe in freedom of choice. My kids love their schools, love attending school each day with their teachers and peers. It breaks my heart to think that they may not be able to attend each day because we refuse the vaccine. I will do anything in my power to keep them in school but refuse to vaccinate my kids. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to help us implement our freedom to choose. Their father is a Sgt Major in the Marine Corp and has fought for our beautiful country and for our freedoms. We need to stand tall together and not be forced to comply with mandates that we do not believe in. Thank you for your time. Best, Sarah Babitzke

Katrina Evans: Hello- As a mom of two young boys in San Joaquin County I urge you to vote no on the vaccine mandates being proposed by governor Newsom's office. If this goes through I will be forced to keep my children home. Please help us fight. There's not been enough studies and testing done to make this vaccine mandatory for our school children. Thank you, Katrina Evans

Rick Newman: I'm writing this in objection to mask and testing mandates. Covid is more of a threat to Childeren than the flu. No healthy child has died from covid. 8000 childeren a year die from falling accidents per cdc and yet we don't require childeren to dress like football players or wear head hats. My childeren will not be vaccinated for a virus that they have already acquired immunity to.

Danielle Doble: To whom it may concern, As both a parent and a teacher in San Joaquin County, I urge you to stand against enforcing the COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Health decisions are, and should remain, deeply personal. To enforce such mandates is unconstitutional, and as an entity of higher learning, we should be unquestionably upholding constitutional rights. If vaccine mandates are enforced, I will be one less teacher within the county and I will remove my children from the public school system. Thank you for hearing my

concerns, Danielle Doble

Kaela Burke: I just wanted to send a short note with a couple issues I have with Covid vaccines being mandated. The health of my children is up to me, as their parent, to secure. The government has no right to tell me that I MUST get my kids vaccinated for a virus that has very little likelihood of permanently or significantly damaging their health. The odds that my kids will come down with a severe case of Covid that results in hospitalization is just too low to not consider the risks of the vaccine. I have 3 children. My oldest is at Millswood and has severe allergies, for which she carries an epi pen. My son is in 6th grade at Lakewood has a history of heart issues. These two give me pause when it comes to reports of vaccine side effects. In the end, I will most likely be getting them vaccinated, but I'd like to have the final say about when and how I do so. This decision should be in the hands of the parents. Thank you, Kaela Burke

Jeff Huang: Hello, While I believe in the importance of vaccinations, the choice should still be left up to each individual parent and not be handed down by government decree. Our children should NOT be used as guinea pigs because "statistically" the vaccine is "safe". There is still negative and harmful side effects from the vaccine(s) in adults with fully developed immune systems. Sadly, there are even cases where perfectly healthy children die from the vaccination. There are protocols in place (at school and at home) that are working and still keeping our children safe. Thanks, Jeff Huang

Nicole Marquez: I have a child in rolled is SJC county and I have deep concerns about vaccine mandates. It does not make any sense to vaccinate children with the Covid 19 vaccine when the vaccine doesn't outweigh the risk for most of them. Myocarditis and other known complications are not worth it for me. You should not force this upon students, it is a decision that should be made as a family not by anyone else. Children have died from heart issues due to this vaccine. I'm not risking my child's life to make someone else comfortable. If this is mandated he will not be attending public school. Let families make their own choices and don't punish children to follow the narrative. The vaccine trials are not even over until next year, there is not enough safety data to prove to me this is worth the risk, not to mention vaccinated people still get Covid 19. Thank you, Nicole Marquez

Megan Prichard: As a mom of two young boys in San Joaquin County I urge you to vote no on Newsom's mandate's for kids ages 5 to 11. If this goes into law I will be forced to homeschool. Please help us as the vaccine is still in clinical trials and all the children getting it right now are in a experiment. For this reason this should be a choice and not a mandate. Please help fight for what is right. Sincerely Megan Prichard

Kerry: Please read and watch videos. NOT right to force vaccinations and no one wants to co-parent with the government. Let parents decide. These children are not test subjects. Thank you for hearing parents on this matter. Let parents decide. <https://thenewamerican.com/school-district-votes-unanimously-to-defy-states-vaccine-mandate/>
[https://www.instagram.com/tv/CV2Bgl0t8pX/?utm_medium=copy link](https://www.instagram.com/tv/CV2Bgl0t8pX/?utm_medium=copy_link)

Pahola Madrid: **Please stop the mandate. Do not force our kids and staffs to get vaccinated.** The vaccine is not safe. It doesn't have enough trials to consider it safe. We loved our kids and staffs please stop the mandate. **The schools will be losing kids and employees if this mandate pass. STOP THE MANDATE PLEASE !!!**

Unknown: I am very opposed to vaccine mandates and any mandates for that matter. This is taking away my freedom of liberty and choice. My body, my freedom, my choice. We should not be pushing this propaganda on our children. If people are afraid, then they should stay home and we should not be forcing these mandates. This has not even been approved, and it is only for emergency use so, there is not enough research to know the long-term effects. I am highly against it.

Jennifer Mackey: Dear Board Members, It has come to my attention that vaccine mandates may be discussed at today's board meeting. I would like to make my voice heard as a parent

of two students in the Lodi unified school district. I will remove both of my children to protect them from an experimental vaccine being forced on them by adults they should be able to trust with their bodily autonomy. Covid rarely has harmful affects on children and my children have already had it. Please do not put all of our children at risk to placate hard left hysteria. Please use facts and actual evidence and science to do the right thing. A loving and concerned parent and community member, Mrs. Jennifer Mackey

Jennifer Mackey: I have two children who attend a school in the Lodi Unified School District, and I will have to remove them from school if they mandate the vaccine.

Angela Westenhaver: To whom it may concern, No mandates on our kids. No vaccination clinics on campus. No passports. You will be given many facts on this. You can choose to listen or see the withdrawal of our kids from our districts. We the people have seen enough. We the governed do not consent. We will not comply with forced experimenting on our children. Stop this now, do not let this continued further. Thank you for your time. SUSD Parent Angela Westenhaver

Emily: "This mandate should not be happening. There are people being censored on the VAERS website and all of the information that is not pro vax is being censored. This isn't right. This is tyranny and not fair to the kids. My niece has had seizures from a vaccine. This Is not good"

Jennifer Skarles: Hello, I have heard there is a meeting today discussing the vaccine mandate. To whom it may concern, my family with 4 children opposes it. We do not feel safe vaccinating our children against covid. They have all already had the virus, including our infant, and had very mild symptoms with a full recovery. It was more mild than any other virus or cold they have had. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, J.S.

Dianna Cantu: To whom this may concern I know that there is a big board meeting going on today at noon you probably won't get this email by then but I hope it helps I am begging you from the bottom of my heart not to make this Covid vaccination and mandate for our children please let us be parents and have the choice I am not an anti-VAX her but I feel like this needs more time for me to get it for my children I however cannot homeschool them nor would they want me to homeschool them they love going to school every day they are very involved love their teachers and their friends and would be devastated if we had to pull them

Candi Allen: Good morning, Please be advised, if COVID vaccines are mandates for students, I will remove all three of my children from school. Concerned parent, Candi Allen

Marcella Ortega: SJ County Board Members, I do not agree with the mandates for rvaccines for children or grandchildren ...There is not enough data to support the safety for the health of our children. asking to consider what you are doing with these mandates as they are taking our fundamental rights to choose what's best for our bodies and our families. respectfully. Marcella Ortega.

Fontessa Hinnant: Are you following these guidelines or your own?

Cassandra Hill: To whom it may concern: I am an employee at Manteca Unified School District who opposes vaccine and mask mandates for the following reasons: It would be a violation of my 1st Amendment Rights. The governor issued mandate or a law to impose vaccines without allowing for religious, personal or medical exemptions should be deemed unconstitutional. I recovered from a severe case of Covid-19 last year and believe strongly in natural immunity. There are studies emerging proving natural immunity is superior over the vaccine in protection against the new Delta Variant. I believe in vaccines that have been proven to be safe and effective for children. The Polio vaccine has been in use for 69 years, Pneumococcal-41 years, Smallpox-200+ years. The child mortality rate ranging from 10-30% for these diseases warrants the use of these vaccines. The mortality rate for all ages of Covid-19 is 1.62% with a child mortality rate of 0.0001%. The mandate is not taking into consideration the people who have

medical issues preventing them from taking the vaccine. This will and already has in some areas of California prevented these people from being able to enjoy freedoms we as Americans are accustomed to. Please protect our rights by not upholding any vaccine mandate or laws that could jeopardize our health and careers. Sincerely, Cassandra Hill

Kristen Grimaldo: Dear Mr. Brown and SJCOE Board, I am a high school math teacher in MUSD. I fear that I will be losing my job soon due to the vaccine mandates for teachers and students. In 2009 my daughter passed suddenly due to Viral Myocarditis. We learned of the cause of her sudden death after her autopsy. She was a healthy 14 year old. Viral Myocarditis is an adverse reaction to Viruses, Covid and the Vaccine. I do not want to be forced into taking a vaccine that could kill me due to adverse reactions. There have not been enough research to prove that there is not a genetic predisposition to Myo. My daughter died by cardiac arrest, 3 months after her flu-like symptoms. She was at Kaiser ER, vomiting and they thought she had a stomach flu. She complained that her stomach hurt, but kids often confuse heart pain with stomach pain. She did not understand her symptoms and the Doctors did not recognize heart failure. She was only 14 years old, she was my only child and I was a single mom. I was devastated. This is my 20th year of teaching math and I am preparing to lose my livelihood. I have taught 6th grade math through Geometry. There are known studies of the links of the Vaccine to Myocarditis. The Mandates ignore health risks and sacrifices some for the protection of others. I am now married, have two young sons (6 and 10) and I am under stress. My job is being threatened and my children's health is being put in jeopardy. What would you do to protect the lives of your children? I have already buried one daughter. This vaccine is not safe for everyone. There is no guarantee of an exemption. My husband's job is also being threatened due to the vaccine mandate. We are your law abiding, tax paying, and contributing members of society. I am a first generation graduate from University with a BA and MA. We are being ignored and discriminated against. Who will protect those that are at risk for adverse reactions? We just want to work and educate our children? I am sorry for my tone. I am very fearful of the targeting of the unvaccinated. May God bless us all. Kristen Grimaldo, Ripon, CA

Shawna Martens: Good Afternoon, my name is Shawna Martens and I have four children who attend schools in Lodi Unified School District. (Lodi High & Lockeford) I am sad that I have had to write SO many emails lately trying so hard to fight and be a voice for these kids! Children's rights and needs have taken a back seat during the past 18 months. Let's not make forced vaccination of children a mandate, which as you are very aware is unconstitutional and illegal under federal law. If these vaccines worked children would not be wearing masks a year later. If a parent wants to vaccinate their child, fabulous... go ahead and do what you think is best for your child. I will be doing what's best for my children. I will not be vaccinating my children but I will sit back, (just like they did years ago) giving the vaccines more time to be studied, looked over, and figuring out what short/long term effects they have on children. I definitely do not want to be forced to vaccinate my 4 children and in 10-15 years they end up with an illness that was caused by the Covid vaccines. As a parent I know if my child ended up with any illness in their lifetime I would always wonder if it was caused by me, because I vaccinated them so they could go to school, learn from their teacher, have a normal school day and interact with friends. If I am made to mandate my kids, they will also be pulled from and homeschooled along with hundreds of others from their schools. Please don't make them sit at home and learn off of a computer and not be able to interact with friends. That will do way more harm to these kids than Covid would ever do! Please put the kids first and not what you're "told" to do! I am really hoping you will think of what's best for our students and their families. Thank you!

Jessica Silva: Hi my name is Jessica Silva. I am a mom of two daughters that attend MUSD schools. I am asking that you vote yes on the resolution calling for state officials to recommend and not require the covid-19 vaccination for students and staff. I would like the freedom to make that choice for my children when I feel the vaccine has been proven safe and effective. At this time I feel my healthy children are able to fight the virus if contracted. We love our school and our teachers and if the vaccine is mandated I will have no choice but to un-enroll my kids from MUSD. I pray that you find it in your hearts to allow parents the freedom to make this decision for their children. Please do not mandate the covid-19 vaccine. Please let us parents make our

own decisions for our children. Sincerely, JESSICA SILVA

2. Williams Settlement Annual Report: Superintendent Brown presented the findings from the mandated Williams Settlement visits and reviews of Decile 1 – 3 schools in San Joaquin County reporting that each school district governing board also receives this information and reviews it at their individual governing board meetings. Assistant Superintendent Jane Steinkamp reported the list of schools has been the same since 2012 and no major deficiencies were found. The state is still in the process of developing a new mechanism to evaluate schools which fall into the lowest deciles and anticipates a new list be available in January 2022 which will be updated in the 2022 – 2023 school year with a three-year cycle thereafter. Inspections and in person visitations resumed now that visitors are allowed back on campus after restrictions last year due to the pandemic.
3. Educator Effectiveness Grant: Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson reported there are additional state funds available for professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff that interact with students, through the Educator Effectiveness Grant to be expended over the current fiscal year and subsequent four fiscal years. County Operated Schools and Programs (COSP) Division Director Melanie Greene provided an overview of the Educator Effectiveness Grant plan for COSP noting, if approved, funds would be spent on coaching and mentoring new teachers and administrators, providing social emotional services, trauma informed care, and restorative practices, English learners, ethnic studies training for staff. Special Education Programs Division Director Monica Vallerga provided an overview of the plan for Special Education to also, if approved, fund coaching and mentoring for teachers, specifically for the visually impaired focused on orientation and mobility and speech and language pathologists. Other areas include funding for mental health services and social emotional needs for students, as well as professional development for early childhood education staff to provide infants and toddlers with Low Incidence services.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

4. Minutes: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved the minutes from the October 20, 2021, meeting as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Clark, Vigil, Vogel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
5. 2021 – 2022 School Plans for Student Achievement: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Doug Vigil, the Board approved the School Plans for student Achievement for the San Joaquin County Community schools, San Joaquin County Court schools, and San Joaquin County Special Education schools as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Clark, Vigil, Vogel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
6. Resolution #21-22-09 – Certification Resolution for Exception to the 180-day Wait Period: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Ken Vogel, the Board approved this resolution as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Clark, Vigil, Vogel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VI. CLOSED SESSION: Action taken in Closed Session will be reported in Open Session.

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #11-21-22

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.):

7. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #11-21-22: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Janet Dyk, the Board granted the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Lincoln Unified School District and ordered that student #11-21-22 shall be permitted to attend school in the Lincoln Unified School District instead of the school district of residence, Lodi Unified School District.

AYES: Gebhardt, Clark, Vigil, Vogel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held December 15, 2021, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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