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**Subject:** share your rationale for the vaccine mandate

**CAUTION:** External Message

I am a parent of three children in SD68. Help me to understand your vaccine mandate for staff.

You (Charlene) said: "It is vitally important, especially with the current Omicron variant, that we take the necessary step to protect our students and staff. We did not take this decision lightly and it follows a careful review of considerations..."

Since you claim you "did not take this decision lightly," you won't object to sharing your exhaustive reasoning for the decision.

I expect it to include a comprehensive evaluation of all the possible risks, all the known costs as well as the potential benefits. Additionally, I expect any statements about vaccine benefits to be clearly backed up, specifically in relation to the Omicron variant. Any speculative criteria needs to be indicated.

And of course, your evaluation will demonstrate how this policy benefits students.

By providing this information, you will be upholding the [SD68 values](#) of accountability, honesty, integrity and transparency.

Graeme Rouse

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