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Subject: FW: Vaccine mandate
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Subject: Re: Vaccine mandate

CAUTION: External Message

I am writing this email in furtherance to the attached email my wife sent to you last evening in respect of the Covid-19 vaccine mandates for district staff, who are teaching two of our granddaughters, who are SD68 students.

I implore you to please look at the bigger picture of all of the ramifications of such mandates and the impact that such mandates and other related restrictions have and are continuing to have on Canadian citizens and, in particular, our children. There has and continues to be a loss of childhood innocence as we continue to fill our children and population, in general, with fear and divisiveness that we may, in fact, never, as a society, recover from.

No Canadian can ignore how politicized the entire Covid debate has become - fear can and is driving very bad behavior on many fronts, including those charged with decision-making that has ripple effects through our society at all levels. Is this really who we are or want to be?

Canada used to be a country of free choice, yet fear and lack of consistent, unfiltered information in respect of the mRNA vaccines and a willingness by the general public to get properly informed has driven bad behavior by people on all sides of the vaccine debate. Many Canadians have been unfairly labeled as "anti-vaxxers" because they have had concerns about the currently available Covid vaccines. There is no absolutely definitive correct answer to the C-19 vaccines debate; rather, there are only different views that each of us has the right to hold based on our own (evolving) research. These are unprecedented times and circumstances which I strongly believe should be addressed with greater tolerance and respect by all Canadians.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with an Emergency Doctor in the community in which I live and he made the following statement, which I ask you to consider. He stated "I don't know when we moved to wanting to live in a risk-free society; life by its very nature has risks." I ask that you please consider the risks associated with how the Canadian society that we all felt great pride in and treasured has been allowed to, in a very short period of time, be converted to a society that allows overt bullying that tramples all over the rights of our fellow citizens. There are many examples in

history that reveal the long term implications of such actions. I, respectfully, submit to you that Canadian society is currently on a very slippery slope that will see the freedoms and the kind and gentle society that we have always prided ourselves in having created to be very much at risk. What will be the next "event" that justifies us stomping on our fellow citizens' rights? Indeed, what kind of example are we setting for the young minds of our SD68 students? You have the responsibility of being the "gatekeepers" - please consider that responsibility very carefully.

Thank you for taking the time to read and really consider the content of this email.

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 7:47 PM karen.pettit <> wrote:

I am a grandparent to 2 students in your district. The new mandates you are considering are so disappointing. If you follow the real science, not the censored science that the media is reporting. This is no longer a pandemic. Vaccines are not doing what they said they would. This virus is being transmitted by the vaccinated. So why are you mandating now.

Please let our children live the life they deserve, they have been emotionally effected and will be for years. Put your time and energy into helping everyone get back to a normal life. Stop thinking mandates are the answer. Move on.

Concerned grand mother.

Sent from my Galaxy

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Regards,

Rick

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Richard Pettit

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