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To the school trustees of SD 68,

I first want to send my thanks for your commitment to the education of students and the well being of teachers and for trying to navigate these rough waters these past two years.

As an educator, I have some concerns and questions regarding your recent letter that informs educators of an up and coming health survey. This survey does not include the option of "prefer not to disclose". By not including this option in your survey, the validity in your survey is undermined. In all other surveys that are conducted by a professional body, the option to "not disclose" is present and therefore gives those surveys validity. Privacy, which you emphasise is important and upheld in this process, is actually an individual's right to refuse to disclose personal health information. By not offering that option and respecting it, you are violating the privacy of those participating in the survey. If an individual does not answer your survey, the decision to assume they are not vaccinated is not at all accurate and does not provide data that can justify your decision to force them to test or go on a leave without pay.

I would also like to point out that other districts in this province are offering their educators rapid tests to be used when they experience symptoms, these are to be used when an individual is of the awareness that they may be sick and so can test and stay home accordingly. By forcing teachers to go get a weekly test when they are completely healthy does not make sense and is clearly an act of wearing down an individual and causing more stress on an already busy profession.

Lastly, I would like to know why you are justifying this process of trying to find out who is and who is not vaccinated. What data do you have that would support this decision when government has said we are to treat this as a common cold. Never in history have people been required to get vaccinated or forced to weekly testing due to a common cold.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing for you,

Jeff

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