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Subject: Harmful Mask and Vaccine Policies

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To the Nanaimo School Board Trustees,

I am writing to you today after two very long years of remaining (semi) quiet. The harm I am seeing with children, teens and adults is astronomical and I absolutely believe that it shouldn't be happening at all.

I reached my breaking point after two things happened last week. One was seeing the absolute hypocrisy at the Superbowl that had over 70,000 people attending. The elitist class (i.e. celebrities) were hugging, shaking hands, sitting and standing right next to each other without masks. I also saw a large, packed crowd full of people, including children, right next to each other without a mask in site. The crowd may have been vaccinated but, as we all know by now, that makes absolutely no difference in the transmission of COVID. Seeing this, and knowing that those same children were going to school the next day (along with millions of others) having to wear masks, is blatant hypocrisy. This is disgusting on so many levels.

The second thing that occurred last week is getting a text from my 13-year-old daughter in high school. Her substitute English teacher called her out in front of the entire class and told her to 'go to the office and get a mask that works'. My daughter has already had a difficult year (being unvaccinated) by being harassed daily by both students and teachers. She has been segregated from school activities because of her status and is often bulled for it. She has a mask that abides by the rules as it covers both her nose and mouth. My daughter did leave the class and get a school supplied mask because she felt so humiliated (yet again). I called the school and told them that my daughter is going to put her own mask back on and that the teacher needs to be reprimanded for her unprofessional bullying towards a student. No teacher has the right to bully and harass any student for any reason. My daughter is wearing her own mask again, but this teacher won't go near her because of her own misguided fears. This teacher is harassing my daughter every chance she gets – the lack of professionalism is beyond me.

There are no studies to date that show that masks work as intended, or that they have a positive effect on our kids. Vaccines aren't currently making anyone safer because there is no difference between vaccinated or unvaccinated people in catching or transmitting COVID. Despite a preponderance of evidence and studies, the school board, BCTF and Minister of Education is stubbornly ignoring the facts and mandating masks.

To date there are 150 studies that all say the same thing about masks, they do not work against viruses. There are also number of studies that show that, not only are masks inefficient, but they cause real harm to our children, especially to our younger children. More than 150 Comparative Studies and Articles on Mask Ineffectiveness and Harms * Brownstone Institute

Both the CDC and the WHO have recently come out and said that masks do not work and some premieres have also recently come out and admitted that they do not work. It's time to stop this harm to our children because this is affecting our kids in a multitude of negative ways:

- We are teaching our kids that our own mental health is much less important than making masked up, triple vaccinated adults feel safe.
- We are teaching our kids that even the minute risk of catching COVID is not worth taking (which is

typically no different than a common cold to most kids)

- We are teaching them that it doesn't matter that they have much higher anxiety and depression than ever before
- We are teaching the younger kids, such as kindergartners, that it's not important to see facial expressions in schools
- We are teaching them to never question authority, or to do their own research or to think critically. They must submit to the will of the government, no matter how preposterous they might be.
- We are teaching them that thinking for yourselves, or doing research is highly overrated and not necessary and all decisions must be based on fear, no matter how irrational.

Despite several other provinces and countries dropping vaccine mandates, BC is stubbornly refusing to drop them and even implementing additional mandates <u>B.C. expands health-care vaccine</u> <u>mandate to include doctors, dentists and other regulated professionals | CBC News</u>

This makes no sense as it is widely known and accepted that vaccine effectiveness wanes with time and ultimately, protection from catching and transmitting COVID in vaccinated individuals is the same as unvaccinated. Spain's First Study on Omicron Finds Vaccinated People Spread COVID at Same Rate as Unvaccinated - Foundation for Economic Education (fee.org)

Despite a preponderance of studies as well as countries around the world recognizing natural immunity, the BC PHO is stubbornly refusing to recognize it. <u>Germany Treats Natural Immunity the Same as Vaccination | National Review</u>

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7104e1.htm

There is a preponderance of evidence that vaccine efficiency weans greatly after 6 months for double vaxxed, and 4 months for the third booster shot. So, over time, vaccinated people are just as likely to get catch COVID and spread it as people who are unvaccinated. Therefore, there is zero reason to exclude people who are unvaccinated in our society.

Never in the history of mankind has discrimination / segregation of a minority group turned out well. We are in this position right now. The education system is constantly running campaigns against racism and inclusion (which are noble causes) however we are in a real time situation right now where we have a minority group of people being actively discriminated against due to masks, forcing teachers and volunteers to be vaccinated.

I implore school board to take a leadership position on this issue for the sake of our children and for our society at large. The discrimination and segregation of the unvaccinated minority goes well beyond school, it is prevalent in our society and actively encouraged by our political leaders (Trudeau calls unvaccinated Canadians 'racists,' 'misogynists' in unhinged interview - LifeSite (lifesitenews.com)).

I am imploring all school trustees, the BCTF, and the BC Minister of Education to stop ignoring obvious facts and that what you all are doing with regards to mask requirements is wrong and harming our children and our society.

Humanity's existence on this planet is full of examples of legal discrimination and segregation. History has never looked favorably on these examples. We could have used fear and an overabundance of caution as an excuse earlier in this pandemic but with most of the world (and Canada) moving on, we can no longer use those excuses. Be on the right side of history.

I would very much like to know your rational behind your decisions, and "just following orders" is not acceptable.

Sincerely,

Amber & Andrew Walker

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