

Supporting Parental Rights for the Health, Safety, and Future of Sacramento Children

WHEREAS, since the election in 2020, politicians in Washington and Sacramento have subjected Californians to a wider variety of controls over what otherwise would be personal decisions, including health and education choices, reactions to racial division, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared SARS- CoV-2 (“COVID-19”) a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency as a result of the pandemic, and that declaration still exists to this day, resulting in hundreds of Executive Orders, many unrelated to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County Public Schools were required to temporarily cease in-person instruction for their students as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as mandated by the State of California and the Governor’s Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, in order to resume attendance for the school year of 2021-2022, all students were required to wear masks to attend in person instruction, as mandated by the State of California and the Governor’s Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has issued numerous and rapidly changing guidelines related to requirements for in-person attendance applicable to all public schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021 the Governor, by Executive Order, issued a vaccination mandate for all K-12 school staff; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2021 the Governor, by Executive Order, issued a vaccination mandate upon FDA approval for each age group for all students attending in person learning in public or private schools; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Grand Jury issued a directive with findings that all staff and children attending in person public schools (K-12) and school events should be vaccinated, giving school districts 90 days to respond and develop an implementation plan; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines and regulations issued by the California Department of Public Health do not consider local infection rates for K-12-age children, transmission rates, the impact of natural immunity on the spread of COVID, or any other local conditions related to the spread of COVID-19;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento County Republican Party (SCRП) calls for a return to local control related to COVID-19 guidelines as proposed by county public health officials and locally elected officials, including school boards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SCRП respects the rights of parents and taxpayers to voice their opinions in public meetings of elected officials, and encourages civil engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SCRП believes public officials should respect a parent's right to determine ~~the health and the educational needs of their children~~ *how their children shall be educated, including their choice of attending a charter school, or homeschooling; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SCRП believes all health decisions regarding minors should be in the hands of parents or legal guardians, ~~remain an individual's choice,~~ including the right to medical privacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the SCRП believes parents have the right to identify and opt out of age-inappropriate curriculum on any topic that conflicts with their personal beliefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the SCRП recognizes the importance of in-person, on campus learning to the educational, emotional, and physical wellbeing of students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SCRП will provide resources to parents and taxpayers to encourage and facilitate civil and effective engagement with elected officials on parental rights, education, and health issues, including discouraging overreach by any National, State or local governmental authority.

To be considered by the Sacramento County Republican Party Central Committee on Oct. 20th