



# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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From:                Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees

Subject:             October 1, 2021 Proposal for COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Schools

The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) serves approximately 3,500 students in prekindergarten through eighth grade. It employs over 500 staff members that operate a school readiness center, five elementary schools, and one middle school.

The GJUESD has implemented the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California since reopening for full in-person instruction on August 19, 2021. Following these guidelines, GJUESD has experienced a downward trend of positive COVID-19 cases and with students and staff in quarantine. We continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff by following this guidance.

The Governor's October 1, 2021 announcement of a mandatory vaccine requirement for all students and staff has created unrest and controversy in our communities and school systems like no other. Parents, staff, and community members have expressed concern regarding the lack of parental and personal choice with this proposed mandate.

In opposition to this vaccine mandate, GJUESD had 34% of our students and 15% of our staff absent from school on Monday, October 18, 2021. By instituting a state-wide mandate of this fashion, families in GJUESD will be forced to make a personal decision that could include pulling their children from public education. Such a state mandate will increase the declining

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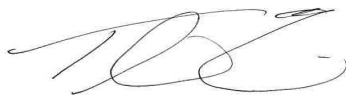
enrollment we have in GJUESD and many similar districts in California. State-wide, enrollment in K-12 public schools declined by almost 3% in 2020-21 and the California Department of Finance projects enrollment will decrease 11.4% by 2031.

The governing board of the GJUESD requests that the governor and legislature uphold the constitutionally guaranteed right to provide informed consent before proceeding with any medical procedure. The state should allow for parents, students, and staff to have a choice in the matter by recommending and not requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for students and staff of K-12 Local Education Agencies. The current weekly testing or voluntary vaccination system is working well in GJUESD. If the vaccine is mandatory, GJUESD requests the ability to honor religious, medical, and personal belief exemptions.

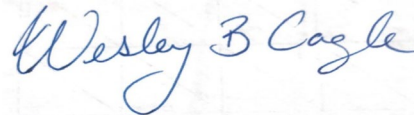
In conclusion, we respectfully request that you listen to the voices of parents requesting informed consent as you make decisions based on this proposal to mandate vaccines for all students and staff in K-12 schools.

Sincerely,

Galt Joint Union Elementary School Board of Trustees



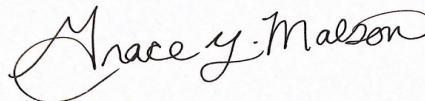
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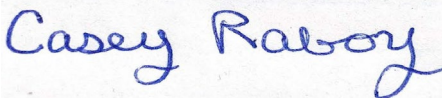
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