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BOARD OF EDUCATION VACCINE MANDATE DECISION

After careful consideration, the School District 91 Board of Education has decided not to proceed with the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for all employees at this time.

This announcement comes after a Special In-Camera meeting on January 24, 2022. The decision follows careful consideration of numerous sources, including an employee survey, legal information, the K-12 Sector Vaccination Guidelines and the January 17th Public Health Order on employee disclosure.

Board Chair Dave Christie commented that "Trustees received considerable feedback and advice on this matter and the Board appreciated the many comments it received. It is clear that people, for and against the mandate, are very passionate in their viewpoints."

Christie further stated;

"The Board would like to thank the 79% of staff who completed the staff survey and senior leadership for gathering and presenting the survey results, provincial data, and other relevant information in this process. The key drivers in the decision-making process were the health and safety of the employees and students, along with our ability to provide educational services. When Trustees analyzed all the information, it was evident a mandate would adversely impact the ability of the school district to continue to provide consistent bussing, support services, and classroom instruction."

Despite not implementing a mandate, the Board of Education is unanimous in its support for vaccinations as a safe and effective way to reduce the risks associated with COVID. Vaccinations are the best protection from severe illness and hospitalization.

The Board of Education reserves the right to revisit the vaccine mandate at a later date.

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