
Flagler County Schools Covid-19 Protocols and Illegal Deprivation of Public School Education

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Good Morning Superintendent Mittelstadt,

Attached in the PDF and below you will find a letter in regards to Flagler County Schools Covid-19 Protocols. Thank you!

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RE: Flagler County Schools Covid-19 Protocols and Illegal Deprivation of Public School Education

Dear Superintendent Mittelstadt and School Board Members:

My office has been receiving alarming reports of healthy-asymptomatic students at Indian Trails Middle School being deprived of their right to a public school education, in-classroom learning, and being subjected to mandatory quarantine rules. This school is operating without a plan of curriculum, under a two-tiered class of students: vaccinated and unvaccinated.

At Indian Trails Middle School unvaccinated students who have been asserted to be in "close contact" with a COVID positive person are subjected to a mandatory quarantine. Students are being cruelly held in isolation in the quarantine room with other students until they are retrieved by their parents. Unvaccinated students are being discriminatorily advised by the school resource officer that they are not permitted back on campus without a negative COVID test.

Unvaccinated students are being banned from school and sent home without any plan for their education. Fully vaccinated students are not subject to isolation or mandatory quarantine when they have been exposed to a COVID positive person. Your Board of Education has created an illegal distinction between two classes of students. It is apparent there are two classes of students in the Flagler County School System, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. The vaccinated students are not subjected to testing or quarantine when exposed to someone that is COVID positive; while the unvaccinated students are subjected to mandatory quarantine. Unvaccinated students are missing valuable class time based solely on allegations that they have been exposed to COVID.

Per **Executive Order 21-81** (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccination Passports), Florida seeks to ensure that every Floridian who desires a COVID-19 vaccine can obtain one, but such vaccines will not be mandated; and no COVID-19 vaccine is required by law; individual vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate. COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy. Requiring vaccine passports for taking part in everyday life will create two classes of citizens based on vaccination.

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Executive Order 21-175 states that "a right to normal education is imperative to the growth and development of our children. Florida's Department of education ordered schools to be open for in-person instruction for five days per week to ensure the continued well-being of students and families; studies have shown that children are at a low risk of contracting a serious illness due to COVID-19 and do not play a significant role in the spread of the virus". **Article IX** of the Florida Constitution guarantees that education is a fundamental right in this state.

By sending perfectly healthy, but unvaccinated, children home for indeterminate amounts of time without a plan of curriculum you are violating their fundamental right to education. This is a systematic issue that is impacting many families across Flagler County Schools. Do the right thing for our students and change this policy immediately. Governor DeSantis is aware of this issue and if you fail to take action you are opening up your school district to severe legal and legislative repercussions.

Respectfully Yours,



Representative Anthony Sabatini