

MEDIA STATEMENT: ANTI-VACCINATION SHOE DEMONSTRATION

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NORCO – As a public school district we understand current vaccination mandates have sparked concern among some parents and employees, and we remain sensitive to all sides of this discussion. While Board members themselves may support the idea of a person’s choice to vaccinate or not, as a public institution under current laws, the District is obligated to follow the orders issued by the California Department of Public Health.

Members of a governing board have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the school district and not to put at risk the overall well-being of the entity. Failure to comply would deem the district negligent.

With respect to the shoes and letters displayed in front of the District Office this morning, we have received the letters and they will be reviewed by our Board. As a school district, we remain committed to providing the best educational opportunities for our students in a safe and supportive environment. We empathize with families and staff on both sides of this sensitive topic and will not waver from delivering a quality education to all students.

Additionally, we are aware many families have questions regarding the timing of when these vaccination mandates will take place. Last week, after the FDA’s emergency approval of the vaccine, the CDC authorized vaccinations for the age group of 5-11 years. We do not expect to hear of the implementation of this vaccination mandate for students and/or staff until July of next year, [per the Governor’s release](#).

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ABOUT CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Corona-Norco Unified School District is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles in western Riverside County. CNUSD consists of thirty-one elementary schools, eight intermediate/middle schools, five comprehensive high schools, a middle college high school and three alternative schools. The district serves over 53,000 students in the diverse communities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale. CNUSD is the largest school district in Riverside County and the ninth largest district in California.