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To: Governor Newsom
From: Rim of the World Unified School District Board of Education
Date: October 21, 2021
Re: COVID Vaccination

The Rim of the World Unified School District (ROWUSD) is concerned about the recent announcement regarding the intended vaccination mandates. The recent announcement that all students eligible for vaccination and all school district staff members must be vaccinated, without a testing option, will negatively impact our district.

ROWUSD has struggled with declining enrollment and has lost over half of our students since 1999, resulting in the closing of three school campuses. Currently, we are facing staffing shortages in both certificated and classified classification. The current vaccination mandate for employees allows for weekly testing instead of vaccination.

ROWUSD is asking for you to consider that this option remains for employees and be allowed for students in the future. Our community of employees and parents want to have more options. Not giving districts these options will result in a further decline of student enrollment and loss of employees. If the vaccination mandate remains without a testing option, we are asking that our ADA be held harmless for any decline in enrollment due to this announcement/pending mandate.

It is critical that students and employees have the opportunity to remain safely on campus for 5-days-a-week of in-person instruction while being safe, so giving choice in this matter would allow that to happen. Please consider this option for not only ROWUSD, but also for all Californians.

Sincerely,

The Rim of the World Unified School Board

Board Member	Signature
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