

Re: Board Comment 12/13/21

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Gayleen Gomez <ggomez@galt.k12.ca.us> To: Superintendent Office <superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us> Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 8:01 AM

Good evening,

As a member of the Galt community an employee of this school district, and a registered voter, I support health and safety measures put in place in order to protect students, staff and their families. This includes indoor masking requirements among unvaccinated populations and vaccine mandates as determined necessary by health officials.

I do not support additional local control being given to our Board of Trustees. I find it utterly ridiculous that we are debating following health and safety precautions. It's time to stop this nonsense and for the leaders of this district to step up and say we are going to follow health and safety guidelines to keep students, staff, and families safe period. This is not about being popular. This is about keeping those you were put here to serve safe based on the facts put before you by the leaders of the scientific community. Let those who have a problem with science, the minority, move on.

I would also like to respond to the fact that my comment is in the form of an email verses speaking in-person to this board. I would like to kindly remind you that we here in Sacramento County are under an order from the Health Officer of Sacramento County, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, to wear face coverings in indoor public settings. This most recent order has been in place since July 29, 2021, yet this governing body does not enforce this order in this public, indoor setting. Therefore I will not, nor will many of the other parents, staff members, or constituents of this body attend these meetings in-person. Doing so would only put ourselves, our families, our students and our coworkers at risk. I work with 100s of young, unvaccinated people weekly. I certainly will NOT put them, or their families, at risk by attending such an event in-person without said county orders being adhered to as long as it is recommended by health experts to be doing so.

Thank you for your time,

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"We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be?" - Marianne Williamson

From: **Amy Mangili** <<u>amangili@galt.k12.ca.us</u>> Date: Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 6:36 PM Subject: Board meeting 12/13 To: <<u>superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us</u>>

Good evening,

I would like to address three things...

 I have been watching the board meetings, and sadly, unable to attend because safety guidelines issued by the state are not being followed, This makes attending a board meeting, unsafe. If the mask mandate issued by the state had been enforced at the first board meeting that allowed for in person public comment, we wouldn't be in this predicament. If board members had refused to continue the board meeting with unmasked community members, this would not be a topic of conversation months later.

2. To the community members who are threatening to pull their kids from the district and put them in school elsewhere, do it. We can get through this without your ADA. We have weathered worse storms than this.

3. Now I am learning that I don't get a voice through this platform either? You took away Zoom as a platform for my words to be expressed. Then you took away the option of having my voice heard in person by not enforcing safety mandates requiring masks to be worn indoors. Now, I am learning you are taking away the opportunity to have my words read by others to the community, and instead will just be providing them to the board. This seems pretty one sided to me. This doesn't seem like a board who is following laws and policies and striving to make decisions for our city schools while putting their own personal beliefs and agena aside. This is a board with an agenda that is acting as though anyone with beliefs or opinions who follows science should be canceled.

Sincerely,

Amy Mangili Valley Oaks