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Hello Cuddeback Families,

Recently, Governor Newsom announced a proposed COVID-19 vaccination mandate for all school-aged children in California that would be included with the other required vaccinations our students already get. Understandably, this has led to many questions and much concern from parents about what this mandate means for their children. I will provide information and try to alleviate concerns that I can, but it is still very early in this proposed mandate process and it is still unknown how this will play out over the next several months.

What we know about the Governor’s vaccine mandate:

- Proposed COVID vaccine mandate for grade spans K-6 and grades 7-12.
- Mandate applies to all students, whether in public or private schools.
- Mandate must have FDA full approval for vaccine for each grade span (not emergency authorization as is currently) before it takes effect.
- Mandate takes effect on the July 1 or January 1 after FDA full approval for each grade span.
- Earliest anticipated start would be July 1, 2022 for grades 7-12 and January 1, 2023 for grades K-6.
- Mandate is enacted as a regulation, not legislation (law approved by state assembly) so it must include exemptions for religious, medical, and personal belief.

Whether a regulation or legislation, schools do not have the authority to disregard or not follow such a mandate. The school district, Board of Trustees, and even school employees can be held legally liable for intentionally not following mandates. The Cuddeback Union School District is required and will continue to abide by any mandate enacted by regulation or legislation as we have in the many years past.

I will provide more information on the COVID vaccine mandate as it develops in the coming months. Know that we are making every effort to keep our students and staff safe while providing the best education possible for your children. Please feel free to contact me at Cuddeback School if you want more information or discussion on this or any topic.

As concerned parents, you can make your voice heard regardless of your stance on this mandate by contacting your local and state representatives. Their contact information is included below.

Respectfully,

Blaine Sigler  
Superintendent/Principal  
Cuddeback USD



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