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Dear George Sziraki & Roger Stock

On November 18, 2021 Placer Country Office of Education (PCOE) sent a letter to Governor Newsom regarding COVID-19 vaccine mandate and safety for K-12 schools, which you signed. I was made aware of this letter a day after it was sent, never actually receiving a copy personally I read it on the Placer Union High School District's website. I am a parent of two children in Placer County, one is in 10th grade at Del Oro in Loomis, one is in 6th grade at Sierra Elementary in Rocklin. In this letter it was stated that many families throughout Placer County have expressed concerns over the mask mandate, and the introduction of the vaccination mandate. PCOE stated they have received hundreds of emails and have heard many hours of public comment from concerned parents. PCOE is concerned that parents will withdraw their children from public school if the mask mandate continues, and especially if a vaccine mandate is implemented without exemptions for medical and personal beliefs. What wasn't said in this letter is the many, possibility majority, of families who believe in the science behind masks and the science behind the life saving vaccine. Many of us feel the loud minority have taken over the board meetings, some of us afraid to show up with people like the Proud Boys coming to shout their anti-science and white national ideologies, and this loud minority writing angry emails and pulling their kids from schools to attend protests. I admit to being at fault for being quiet, part of a silent majority when I should have stood up and said something. When I read this letter, that you both signed, I was angry that it did NOT speak for me or my family, or many of the families I know, and many of the teachers I have gotten to know over the years. So now is the time for me to finally take a stand and let my voice be heard, to speak loud enough to be heard over the loud minority. As of 2021 the requirements for students to go to school they must receive the following vaccines: Tdap, Polio, MMR, HepB, & Varicella. Parents are not protesting these vaccines, why would Covid19 mRNA vaccine be any different? Covid19 has been a devastating global pandemic that now has a highly effective vaccine, a vaccine (mRNA) that has decades of research behind it and over a year of use that has proven it safe and effective. I feel that it should be a required vaccine for staff and students. I, with many behind me, stand with science and the Covid19 vaccine mandate.

I will no longer be silent.

Sincerely,  
Elise Winter

