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Board of Trustees, SA-NYC
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95 Pine Street, 6th Floor
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Dear Board of Trustees, SA-NYC:

We, now nearly 1,100 parents and guardians of Success Academy (“SA”) Elementary School scholars¹ who have signed the enclosed petition², submit this letter renewing the call for individuals who are SA officials to:

1. let families make their own decisions about covid 19 vaccine without pressure, interference, punishment, incentive, discrimination or influence of any kind by individuals who are SA officials or SA subordinates; and
2. withdraw any covid 19 vaccine mandates as they are withdrawn by the state and not to implement any new medical mandates that are not necessitated by state requirements.

The essential reasons for these demands are as stated in the previous letter: that individuals who are SA officials lack the competence to make medical judgments for individual students; and second, those individuals have enforced their medical judgments with discriminatory measures that have caused severe and lasting emotional harm.

This follow up letter is sent to provide additional names and signatures of SA ES parents who disagree with the school’s policies regarding covid 19 vaccine. These signatures and those already submitted likely represent the tip of a far larger

¹ From SA Bedstuy1 and 2, SA Bronx 1 through 3, SA Ft. Greene, SA Harlem 1 through 5, SA Bensonhurst, SA Jamaica, SA Hell’s Kitchen, SA Hudson Yards, SA Union Square, SA Upper West, SA Washington Heights, SA Williamsburg, SA Crown Heights, SA Flatbush, SA Prospect Heights, SA Bushwick, SA Bergen Beach, and SA Cobble Hill.

² On March 2, 2022, the first batch of over 650 signatures were submitted. The enclosed supplemental batch contains over 400 new parent and guardian signatures.

iceberg. Even though they might not cause SA officials to improve their covid 19 vaccine policies, it is important that they know they are opposed.

This letter also identifies recent statements by SA officials that are beyond their competence to make and yet are statements on which some SA families likely rely. For example, on April 1, 2022, SA officials sent SA families an email where the word “immunity” is prominently featured in all capital, multicolored letters. It is misleading to cause SA families to believe that SA officials know covid 19 vaccine confers immunity. Likewise, the email attributes high vaccine rates among students as one of two causes contributing to network schools remaining open. SA officials should stop making claims such as these to SA families. They are opinions of lay people on subjects beyond their competence and that conflict with the testimony of qualified medical experts and undisputed medical data.

Furthermore, SA individuals in positions of authority continue to promote covid 19 vaccine by offering or advertising prizes like free t-shirts, \$100 gift cards and tickets to basketball games. Incentives to participate in emergency use authorized products are prohibited, as are disincentives not to participate. Also, SA’s promotions of Pfizer’s pharmaceutical do not provide SA families with information about known side effects, either minor or serious. On the contrary, the April 1, 2022 email, like many others before and after it, states that the covid 19 vaccine “has been proven to be safe” While most covid 19 vaccine recipients present no immediate clinical injury, categorically claiming covid 19 vaccine is safe omits important information concerning the safety and risk of the product.³ SA officials should altogether forebear from making statements concerning the necessity, efficacy or safety of covid 19 vaccine, but if they make them, they should be balanced with information about known risks.

This letter is not a formal complaint pursuant to Section 2855(4) of the NYS Charter Schools Act. However, because this Board is the body to which such a complaint would be brought, it should be more fully aware of the substantial and growing opposition to individuals who are SA officials mandating or promoting medical procedures.

³ The Centers for Disease Control recognizes that “[s]ince April 2021, increased cases of myocarditis and pericarditis have been reported in the United States after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna), particularly in adolescents and young adults.” <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/myocarditis.html>