

Subject: Re: Question regarding FIRST rating slides
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 14:41:32 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTN_LzYa2cBun3oVXe=bJShTKJ5Y==2WQnuNxnyJs9GAg@mail.gmail.com>
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John, Can you do me a favor and send to the board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org acct and ask the superintendent that question. He receives those emails as well and would benefit from being alerted to this in advance so the slide can be fixed.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 11:12 AM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Capt Weston,

I first want to thank you for your support for the school district and our families. I am hoping you can shed some light on something in the FIRST report I found odd. On slide 15 discussing Indicator 11 there is a ratio of Long Term Liabilities vs Total Assets. The ratio indicates 6.4%; however, calculating the ratio given the numbers provided is 64%. This is a very large error showing that the school district has borrowed past what is considered financially responsible. Am I reading this wrong? If this is the case, will you please bring this up at tomorrow's meeting to discuss with the board. Please continue to shed light on the financial irresponsibility of RRISD.

Regards,
John Keagy
Taxpayer and Parent RRISD

Subject: Thank you from Trustee Weston Re: Meeting to File a Report
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2021 17:53:12 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSia_DasMxhRCQeY4tKrW9hJP9GnTLk7HNGvdDrHOKS6Q@mail.gmail.com>
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive, even if I don't respond with a personal response.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
US Air Force Veteran
Wife and Mother
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Open Records Request | Video Surveillance Footage
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2021 23:40:13 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "Dr. Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>
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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 2021 13:09:20 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: david_faltys@roundrockisd.org, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Garrett.Black@tea.texas.gov, jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, "ONeil, Tyler" <tyler.oneil@fox.com>
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Ms. Feller,

I greatly appreciate your reply and I hope this means that TEA advised that you and the board DO opt for transparency with parents and the public first thing Monday morning when staff returns to work. I will be looking at the agenda for this letter Monday morning. It's not the public's fault that a meeting agenda was posted during a holiday break, and the public should not be the ones to pay the price of inadequate information and transparency going into a board meeting due to staff being unavailable. Additionally, the Superintendent of a school district is in a Director level position, and as such, this is not a personnel matter that should be obstructed from public view. Parents and taxpayers have every right to know about any concerns brought forward about OUR children's Superintendent by OUR district's TEA monitor. Lastly, I ask you, Dr. Faltys, to please share YOUR letter with the public today. This is OUR school district, funded with OUR money, educating OUR kids. If you have something to say about OUR Superintendent, you *also* need to say it to US. Please and thank you.

April

On Fri, Dec 31, 2021 at 12:32 PM Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms. Brinson

(I have blind copied the remaining trustees on this email so they do not "reply all" and inadvertently violate TOMA but so they are also aware of my response to you.)

I have zero desires to be anything less than 100% transparent.

As I am sure you are well aware, the district is closed and has been since Dec 17. I had one staff member come into the office yesterday morning, for less than one hour, on her vacation time and without pay, to post for the meeting.

At the time the meeting was posted, I had received three different sets of advice from three separate lawyers about posting this letter. As a result, I spent several hours on the phone throughout the day trying to unravel the legal responsibility the district has with regards to personnel issues. Failure to do this could have potentially been a costly mistake for the district. It wasn't until late yesterday afternoon that I received clarification from TEA.

Due to the fact that no staff are in the office, there is no one available until Monday, January 3rd, to attach anything to the agenda. (This is not a function the Board is able to do themselves.)

Thank you for your patience during this transition in leadership from Amy to me, especially since I only had about 18 hours as Board President before the district closed for winter break.

Regards
Amber Feller

On Fri, Dec 31, 2021 at 12:10 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello again Dr. Faltys, & RRISD Board of Trustees,

As a parent in RRISD I'm reaching out to you again in advance of Monday's school board meeting called specifically regarding a letter mentioned in the meeting agenda, which was sent by Dr. Faltys, our TEA monitor, to our school board. Parents and taxpayers of RRISD thought that a new era of transparency was at least part of the reason for our district receiving a TEA monitor? Is transparency *still* not the objective in RRISD? If transparency *is* the objective, why would our school board be obviously hiding a letter regarding OUR children's Superintendent when we as parents, along with our children, are ultimately the biggest stakeholders in this school district? Is there something to hide from parents and taxpayers in this letter? If not, why are you hiding it particularly when it's the subject of the meeting agenda? If so, doesn't a commitment to transparency mean you must *not* hide it? Please publish *this* letter publicly, as you have other letters from TEA regarding our school district and monitor, and demonstrate your commitment to transparency regardless of the contents of the letter. Transparency in open government applies *regardless of whether*, and *especially when*, the information transpired is *not* favorable to the institution, does it not?

Thank you,
April

On Thu, Dec 30, 2021 at 12:36 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon Dr. Faltys,

I'm a parent in Round Rock ISD and I read the meeting agenda for Monday. It references a letter from you to our school board. Is that letter public? If so, will you please send it to me for review? If it's not, will you please explain to me why it is not public considering the serious nature of the allegations against our Superintendent who is in a Director level position leading a school district charged with the education of *our* children?

Thank you,
April --

Amber Feller, President
Round Rock ISD School Board
Trustee- Place 3

Subject: Re: Mental/emotional health concern
Date: Thu, 4 Nov 2021 14:46:44 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jennifer Stork <jennifer_stork@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-x8OmnDFGk3GN5cdzTbV=OY2PFpOkNwuFvTqnHBURfgDQ@mail.gmail.com>
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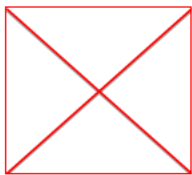
Thank you very much. I don't really know, honestly, other than to say that I think he has been negatively impacted by mask wearing, both himself wearing one last year by force and others wearing masks all around him in school for such an extended period of time. I'm starting to see concretely that there really is psychological damage from the disconnect of other humans' faces. I'm thinking that additional contributing factors are probably the confusing messaging coming from school this year telling him that "masks are required" "RRISD has a mask mandate," yet he knows no one actually has to follow that rule and that the Governor says it's illegal to even say that, and he's seeing his school leaders behave illegally and dishonestly-- pretty understandable that all these contradictions could cause psychological damage to kids as well, when I think about it. He and his friends were yelled at several times last year by adults about "social distancing," in addition to masks, with one teacher in particular telling him an extremely manipulative scare tactic story to try to guilt and bully him into compliance with something that isn't at all observed anywhere other than at school so he knew the story was pure manipulation, and I'm thinking that it all ties together here with what he's experiencing now. I feel like I need guidance from a child psychologist to really even grasp what all has transpired over the past 3 school years, how it's impacted his mental/emotional/psychological health, and how to move forward positively. I appreciate your reply.

On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 1:59 PM Jennifer Stork <jennifer_stork@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Mrs. Brinson,
Thank you for your email. If there is anything specific I can do in CARE class to help [REDACTED] feel more comfortable in my room please let me know. I would appreciate the specific feedback. I do enjoy having him in class.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Stork
8th grade ELA teacher
Ridgeview Middle School

Jennifer_Stork@RoundRockisd.org
[Team Stork's Webpage](#)



On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 10:24 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Hart (& Ms. Grosso),

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-dw

On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 9:13 AM Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning, Trustee Weston.

I responded to Mr. Clark this morning, informing him once again that the Open Records Division and not the Round Rock Police Department or any other individual in RRISD is the appropriate department to speak to about any open records requests for information, including his previous request. I cc'd the Open Records Department on my email response since Mr. Clark sent the email to several individuals but did not include the Open Records Department.

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Jeffrey Yarbrough

On Jan 3, 2022, at 8:52 AM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez and Chief Yarbrough,

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On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 6:51 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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What is the status of my request?

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Date: Mon, 3 Jan 2022 12:51:15 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Ricci <[REDACTED]>
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Dr. Azaiez and Chief Yarbrough,

I am following up on my request for the video footage of the woman being assaulted at the 10/21/21 board meeting in bldg 100, outside of the hallway of the board room, as well as the footage of that same man harrassing me outside the bldg 100 entrance.

What is the status of my request?

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 08:59:31 PM CST, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez, Chief Yarbrough,
I'm confused, do you plan to follow up with the citizens who are expecting to have their open records request for footage fulfilled with the information you provided to the board last week? Mr Clark says he has not heard back from you.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 5:40 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustee Weston,

No one has followed up with me about the missing/unavailable video footage.

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 03:01:32 PM CST, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Mr Clark,

Last week Dr Azaiez sent the board an update about the requested video of that night made by you and others. I asked him and /or Chief Yarbrough to have his staff follow up with you and the other requestors of the tape. Has that not happened?

Danielle Weston

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RRISD Leaders,

It has been over a week since I requested this group's assistance in gaining understanding as to why the video surveillance of assault and harassment incidents during the 10/21/21 board meeting seem to be missing. This is a matter of public safety and missing evidence of a crime committed inside of Round Rock High School.

I have included Chief Yarbrough in hopes that maybe he can explain the missing video surveillance footage that we asked him to preserve, and that Chief Marquez assured us would be preserved.

I am hoping that the response we received from the Open Records team is in error, and that this group of leaders will work with us on this matter. If not, we will revisit our approach in shedding light on what happened to this video footage.

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Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2021 19:53:09 -0600
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Jeffrey Yarbrough <Jeffrey_Yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Open Records <open_records@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Ricci <[REDACTED]> Christie Slape <[REDACTED]>
Cc: jim_williby2@roundrockisd.org, Christie Slape <[REDACTED]> Ricci <[REDACTED]>
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Leaders,

Ricci Neslon has brought to my attention that the open records team has stated that video she has requested for the assault incident on 10/22 does not exist.

Below is an email that I sent Chief Yarbrough on 10/25 informing him of the incident, and asking him to ensure the video evidence was preserved.

If video evidence of this assault was not preserved as requested, we either have gross negligence or willful misconduct. Either way, we have a very big problem that requires an immediate investigation and accountability.

If the video evidence exists, please provide it to Ms. Nelson as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Dustin Clark

On Oct 26, 2021, at 3:57 PM, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you sir

On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 03:37:33 PM CDT, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,
Officer Adaruth Garcia and/or Officer Luis Marquez at Round Rock HS will be reaching out to you. They will assist with the initial investigation into your concerns.
Respectfully,

Jeffrey Yarbrough

On Oct 25, 2021, at 10:52 PM, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Mr. Yarbrough and Mr. Williby,

Jennifer Dieterle, Ricci Nelson, Christie Slape and I would like to make an appt with you to file a police report of assault. We are all free Wednesday, 10/27 after 2:30pm.

During the first closed session break of the 10/21/21 board meeting, I witnessed a man aggressively grab Jennifer Dieterle by both shoulders and move her aside as he barreled through the hallway to get to his friend on the other side. The friend's name is Jenn Brown (see attached pic).

When the second closed session began, my wife and I were leaving the building with our friend Christie Slape, and this same man approached us in the parking lot and got very confrontational with me as though he was trying to intimidate me. When we didn't back down, he shouted some expletives and then walked quickly to his car, got in, and drove off. He was driving a black Lexus, but we didn't think to get the license plate.

We have been trying to identify the man's name, but have been unsuccessful. **We believe the hallway that leads to the board room has cameras, and would like the video evidence of the assault to be preserved from that night.**

We also believe this may be the same man that Ricci Nelson has recently raised concerns about to you. His name might be Jack Chiles or a man named Jason Schklar. Also, attached are pictures of the man in question as he was sitting in the board room. In the picture, a woman is sitting next to him, and her name is Lindsey Ledyard (pic attached) she can likely identify the name of the man. She spoke during public comments, but he did not. I've also included social media posts that show the hostile nature of Mr. Schklar towards RRISD parents who do not wear masks.

Please let me know if you can meet with us at 2:30pm on Wednesday 10/27/21.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

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<Schklar and Chiles Conversation.jpg>

<Schklar Hostile Comments Towards District Parents.jpg>

<10-21 Pics.pdf>

Subject: Dr. Azaiez's criminal charges hidden from parents & public view
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2021 08:57:20 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Garrett.Black@tea.texas.gov, jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov, david.faltys@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov
Cc: Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, comm3@wilco.org, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, dhobbs@wilco.org, citycouncil@roundrocktexas.gov, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, rangers@dps.texas.gov
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Good morning Dr. Faltys, Mr. Cottrill, Mr. Black & Mr. Morath,

I'm a mother in Round Rock ISD who has become well acquainted with Principal [REDACTED] over the past several months. Shortly after I met with Dr. Azaiez on July 14 at the RRISD district office regarding specific educational concerns of mine, I happened to meet [REDACTED] and have maintained close contact with her. I went into the July 14 meeting fully intending to give Dr. Azaiez a chance to prove himself worthy of the position of Superintendent of RRISD. At this point, to say that I'm utterly appalled that this man is still in charge of CHILDREN and a school district is quite the understatement.

We parents know that his high-powered celebrity attorney has successfully cut a special deal with Travis County Sheriff's Office and prosecutors to hide his charges from the public, and it's disgusting. None of us would receive this type of special treatment, why is that? None of us have access to limitless taxpayer resources and an exorbitant taxpayer-funded salary to afford this caliber of specialized attorney who can negotiate special backroom deals to seal records from the public, that's why.

If any one of us parents, teachers, or regular citizens were charged with a crime, it would be made PUBLIC, yet Dr. Azaiez gets to be privately whisked in and out with pre-arranged bond, and all records sealed from public view. And we all know that his trial will be pushed out as far as it possibly can be so that he remains in his position and the corrupt school board can proclaim "innocent until proven guilty" if anything at all, and shoot down anyone who questions the situation as a "conspiracy theorist not based in fact." Do you understand how filthy this situation is? Do you understand that every person in education who *could* hold him accountable and protect children & parents from this abuser, but chooses instead to tow the line of cover in silence is ultimately an accomplice to his crimes? You at the TEA are accomplices if you allow this man to continue in a position of power over children and families, and for that you will deserve condemnation and criminal charges yourselves.

I intend to speak on this subject during this evening's public comment period unless you can reply to me with a good and honest reason why I shouldn't.

Thank you,
April

Subject: Re: Mental/emotional health concern
Date: Thu, 11 Nov 2021 17:49:51 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov
Cc: Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org
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Mr. Paxton,

Would you agree with Rideview Middle School Principal, Mr. Walz, that accurately identifying his direct reports in a photograph is best performed by district level ORR, rather than by him, as the direct reports' supervisor? Or is that a dishonest ploy to distract and delay, and will likely result in me filing an AG appeal decision in your office, for not being provided with my simple request of *accurately* identifying all of the Ridgeview MS teachers photographed maskless at the party? Also, when I met with Mr. Walz this afternoon, he stated to me that he has no control over what his direct reports do on his campus. Would you describe that as a factual statement? Do school principals have authority over the behavior of their direct reports on campus? Would it be a principal's place to question why his direct reports claim to be terrified for their lives in front of students and ONLY while on school campuses, traumatizing children, but carry on with no fear for their lives once they step off of campus to attend parties?

Thank you,
April

On Nov 11, 2021, at 3:45 PM, Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms. Brinson,

You will need to go through open records for this type of request.

Thank you,

Heath Walz

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 8:14 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening Mr. Walz,

My son just brought me this photo he saw on Instagram. He says these are all teachers at his school at a party this past weekend. He is asking me, "**Mom, why do they all (except for one) wear masks at school, but not at parties?**" We (you and I) WILL be getting answers for my child. In fact, these teachers will each be answering my child directly and individually to his face, each and every one of them, each in a formal grievance hearing explaining to him why they wear masks at school, but not at parties. Tomorrow, I shall be filing 25 Level 1 Complaints against each of the teachers/administrators pictured, minus the ones my child says wears masks at NEITHER school nor at parties, which is Ms. Davis. I'm not including Dr. Mutscher since he no longer works at RMS. Additionally, I need for you to assist me in correctly identifying each teacher by name so that there are no errors in my Level 1 Complaint filings. Also, if you contend that there are others pictured here besides Ms. Davis, who wear masks at NEITHER school nor at parties, please bring that to my attention so that I can confirm with my child. Will you be able to assist me with compiling my list, accurately identifying these teachers, via

email, or will I need to personally come into your office tomorrow so we can compile the list together in person?
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Thank you,
April Brinson

On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 4:08 PM Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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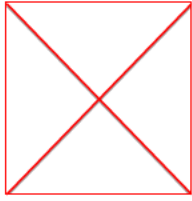
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On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 9:34 AM Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hi Ms. Brinson,

Thank you so much for reaching out. Ms. Hart will be getting in touch with you about different resources.

Amy Grosso, PhD
Director of Behavioral Health Services
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"Anything that is human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary. The people we trust with that important talk can help us know that we are not alone." -Mr. Rogers

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On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 10:24 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Hart (& Ms. Grosso),

Thank you for this morning's PAWS awards ceremony! It was fabulous to see these outstanding 8th graders recognized! I know [REDACTED] feels proud of himself for earning a PAWS Award in math class. :)

I do want to mention a comment that [REDACTED] made to me in passing that has me concerned for his mental and emotional/psychological health. I can tell that some sort of psychological struggle is occurring within his memory and cognitive & emotional processing of events surrounding masks after what he said.

We were talking about a very positive memory of his 4th grade teacher (having nothing to do with masks or anything at all related to covid-- the memory happened 4 years ago) as we were driving past Forest Creek Elementary. He then told me that he knows his teachers in elementary school didn't wear masks, and neither did the students, but he cannot remember them or visualize them without masks. He said he knows in his head that they couldn't have worn masks, but he can only remember them as wearing masks. He cannot remember what their faces look like and he feels sure they wore masks even though he knows logically that can't be true.

I'd like to discuss this disconnect in his memory vs reality with a child psychologist at Bluebonnet Trails to get their take on how we can help him piece together these memories to better match reality. Something is going on here that isn't healthy, or normal for him, that his memory is adamantly telling him that masks were worn in school prior to covid existing. I'm wondering about PTSD possibly? Please have a child psychologist from the RRISD Student Mental Health Centers program contact me, thank you.

Also, he's mentioned a couple of times that he frequently gets feelings of anxiety and stress that he's "forgetting something." This isn't normal for him. He says he can't remember what he's forgetting in the moment, then he realizes that he's forgetting his mask (because he doesn't wear a mask and doesn't want to), but he feels involuntary anxiety that he's supposed to be wearing a mask while at school. Then he realizes that he does not need to be wearing a mask and talks himself off that ledge and he's good. Until it happens again.

Clearly the emotions surrounding masks in school have created some mental/emotional/psychological health and trauma issues and I'd like to address these issues and not put this off.

Thank you,
April Brinson

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DeAnne Hart
8th Grade School Counselor
Ridgeview Middle School
[RMS Counselor Website](#)

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Subject: Re: Reports of a gang rape or sexual assault involving 8 males & 1 female occurring in a CRHS restroom
Date: Thu, 11 Nov 2021 18:38:42 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, James Hall <James_Hall@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <Julie_Haney@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org, jim_williby2@roundrockisd.org, police@roundrockisd.org, rangers@dps.texas.gov
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The contents of this email are deeply disturbing. Did eight boys perform a sex act on a female student in the bathroom at CRHS? Consensual or not, if this is true, I believe our board needs clarity on this situation.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 5:33 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

What post on Facebook? What are you talking about? I get it that the boy who walked into the restroom and witnessed the rape doesn't want to talk about it or give statements to law enforcement or administration after he told his mom what he saw and she and others reported it. I also understand that those involved are either not identified, or are not interested in talking to law enforcement either, and no victim is coming forward. That doesn't change the facts about what happened. You should be seeking to find out exactly what happened, how it happened, why it happened, while completely protecting the witness's privacy and gathering as much information as you possibly can from him so as to LEARN how to PROTECT the rest of the student body from this occurring again. And EVEN IF it turns out that this girl was being "fingered" in the restroom consensually by these 8 boys, THAT is still completely unacceptable on a school campus and needs to be investigated. Just because no one wants to talk now, doesn't mean it didn't happen, and you're absolved of your responsibilities.

Do NOT ever, and I mean EVER, accost my daughter like that and then not provide ME and HER with a full and complete accounting of events of precisely what led up to such an inappropriate action.

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 4:13 PM Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms. Brinson,

Thank you for your email.

We have investigated the matter directly involving the student and the parent that made the post on FB.

It was found to be untrue. You'll see that the FB post is no longer there.

Your daughter's incident is unrelated to the FB post you encountered.

School will be in contact with you to discuss your child privately.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 2:34 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Also, ever since I was elected in Nov 2020, I have repeatedly asked about fiscal spending on the RRISD police force. Even in the Jun 2021 board meeting (prior to Dr Azaiez' arrival) I asked and was assured by the acting superintendent that the board would receive a full accounting of the entire police force budget, spending, future plans, future spending, etc. It's now been 4 mos since I was assured about this so my expectation is that that will also be included in the Oct board meeting for the board and community to see and for the board to ask questions and share feedback.

Regards,
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You're dealing with the fallout of a sub/guest educator availability crisis **BECAUSE YOU CREATED a hostile, mask-bullying work environment** where very few are willing to work. I know this to be fact based upon many numerous conversations with subs I personally know that are currently opting NOT to sub, as well as many numerous social media posts from teachers/subs asking if anyone knows a school that is mask freedom friendly with a healthy, rights-respecting work environment. They're coming up short in RRISD in regards to their inquiry.

Now you want the VICTIMS in the situation, parents/students, to Bandaid "solve" the self-inflicted problem that YOU CREATED? How 'bout NO.

Gift cards and teacher appreciation are lovely any day of the year, however, please explain to me HOW a gift card solves the PROBLEM here, that YOU have run off your subs?! People are simply unwilling to work in an environment where their air holes will be smothered all day and if they object, they'll be treated like trash. Can you blame them for declining to work in this hostile environment?

Until you decide to **WELCOME** your subs back to campuses and **respect** your employees' bodily rights and autonomy, I recommend that *ALL district-level ADMINISTRATORS who do NOT have active restraining orders for violence against them*, get their derrieres into the classroom to cover for these exhausted teachers. How 'bout THAT?

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 2:29 PM JIAE KIM-BATRA <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Raider Community,

This is Ms. Kim, Proud Principal at CRHS.

I'm humbly coming to the community to ask for some help and support.

There's a significant shortage of Guest Educator teachers this school year.

Our teachers are constantly giving up their conference/planning periods to provide coverage to classes where there is no guest educator assigned.

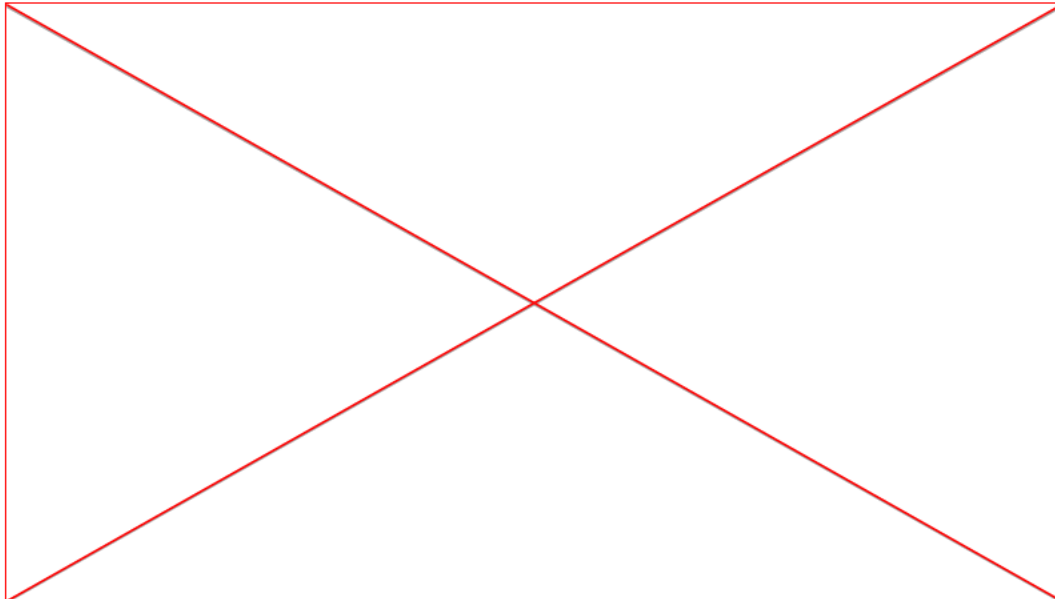
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For consistency purposes, we ask **no more or less than the exact amount, \$25.00** for each gift card turned in.

Gift cards can be dropped off at the front office during school hours (8:20am-4:30pm)



Thank you so much for your support and partnership.

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My daughter, XXXXXXXX, says that she was crying because a boy named XXXXXXXX has been saying disparaging things about her and a friend told her what he said about her. She says she went to the restroom to collect herself and stop crying so as not to embarrass herself crying in front of her classmates. She was in a bathroom stall with another girl (who is a friend that was consoling her) for privacy from others in the restroom while crying and trying to collect herself before giving a presentation in her AP Spanish class, which she did complete and gave the presentation. She says she was then accused of "making out" with this girl, who was consoling her while crying and sent to your office. 🤔 What?! She says the teacher was at no point in the stall and therefore would have nothing factual to base her accusation, it's a pure figment of her imagination.

If this is going to be taken beyond the ridiculous events of today, I need to know, please, thank you. She told me she may be getting a "referral" because this teacher, I guess, thinks she's homosexual and having sexual rendezvous in the restroom?

Do I have this right?

Thank you,
XXXXXXX

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Subject: (LACK OF) Veterans Day Program
Date: Thu, 11 Nov 2021 07:20:00 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "cc: Amy Grosso" <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "bcc: Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
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Mr. Walz,

THIS EMAIL is DISGUSTING. You should be ashamed of yourself for sending our children and Veterans an EMAIL for "Veteran's Day on a screen" rather than hosting our annual Ridgeview MS Veteran's Day Program where our children personally SEE Veterans, HEAR from Veterans, SPEAK with Veterans, and actually **LEARN** about the significance of their service. An EMAIL is DISRESPECTFUL AND YOU SHOULD HANG YOUR HEAD IN SHAME TODAY. I'm appalled by your lack of leadership. Other RRISD schools ARE hosting their annual Veteran's Day Programs. Despicable. My children's grandfather is a Navy LCDR Veteran and he's disgusted by this email, as he hoped to attend a Veteran's Day Program with his grandson today at RMS.

April Brinson

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 7:01 AM Ridgeview Middle School <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hello Panthers and Happy Veterans Day!

The Veterans Day committee has put together a virtual [program](#) to honor members of our Panther family who have served in the armed forces. We have included a link that has all of the pieces of the program along with an amazing amount of information about Veterans Day as well.

Below is the order of the ceremony. We recommend opening the links in this order, but it is separated so that you may choose to go in the order you prefer.

Order of Ceremony

1. Standing Flag--choir performance
2. America the Beautiful poem-band performance
3. Different seals--Armed Forces Medley band performance
4. Card--Orchestra
5. Virtual Wall of Honor--slideshow of veterans and students

Feel free to forward this link to family and friends to let them know how much they are appreciated by the Ridgeview community!

Thank you again to all veterans and active military members!

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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Please Read: Policing and Safety Concerns at Board Meetings
Date: Fri, 19 Nov 2021 11:54:57 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, [REDACTED]
Cc: Christie Slape <[REDACTED]>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Ricci <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTAErkkGWJtOJYBOT1NYmedcTAyruzEfbdnNOry0U0Q@mail.gmail.com>
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Mr Clark, I am shocked and appalled that this happened on our watch. We now have a minority member of our community who has been assaulted and now is too afraid to attend board meetings. I am speechless.

Dr Azaiez,

Please advise the entire board on what is being done to address this including addressing this with the victim. Do you need board action to handle this? We have violence in our board meeting. What is being done?

Danielle Weston

On Fri, Nov 19, 2021 at 11:48 AM 'Dustin Clark' via board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Board of Trustees, Dr. Azaiez,

I want to make you aware of a concerning safety issue at a board meeting that I don't believe has been properly addressed by RRISD PD. I am hoping that either the BoT or Dr. Azaiez can look into this matter further, determine who the perpetrator was, and issue a restraining order on him.

On Monday October 25th, I contacted Chief Yarbrough via email about an assault and a harassment incident that occurred at the 10/21/21 board meeting, both committed by the same man. While the board was in the first closed session, and we were asked to wait outside the boardroom, this man grabbed an Asian woman by both of her shoulders and pushed her aside in the hallway as he walked by. After moving her aside, he continued on and stopped and spoke with a woman named Jenn Brown. Later that night, he sat with a woman named Lindsey Ledyard. We do not know the name of the man, but Jenn Brown attends almost every board meeting. I have attached a picture from the board meeting camera of the man in question.

Later that night, as I was leaving the meeting with my wife and Christie Slape, this same man confronted us on the stairs leading out of bldg100 and proceeded to verbally harass me and berate me for the public comments I made during the meeting. I have thick skin, and have no issue defending myself if needed, but this was very concerning given the earlier physical altercation. Both of these incidents occurred in view of RRISD security cameras, and the perpetrator's vehicle and license plate should be in view of the outdoor camera.

On October 26th, I received a response from Chief Yarbrough to schedule a meeting with Officer Luis Marquez.

On October 29th, I met with Officer Luis Marquez, along with the Christie Slape, Ricci Nelson, and the victim. During this meeting, the victim gave her statement, but was reluctant to press charges and seek a restraining order because she feared that this man would stalk her at her home. The victim stated to Officer Marquez that she will no longer come to the school board meetings because she is fearful of what this man might do. Christie Slape and I also gave a statement.

I was not given a police report number initially, but I followed up with Officer Marquez, and he provided it to me. I also asked him for a copy of the police report, but he said I would need to go through Open Records to get a copy. I submitted a request to Open Records on 11/3/21, and have still not received a copy, well past the 10 business days required by law. This is very concerning given that I am aware of dozens of people who are experiencing the same issue with the RRISD Open Records department.

I request an RRISD restraining order be given to this man for the assault, and that the BoT look into the issues plaguing the RRISD Open Records dept.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Today's Called Board Meeting
Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2021 06:10:45 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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Good morning,

The Board has opted to not list any action items on the agenda for today's Called Board Meeting, which ultimately means that the public will not have a chance to provide comment on the employment and performance of Superintendent Azaiez. Therefore, I would like to submit my concerns via email instead, in the hopes that these issues will be properly and exhaustively addressed during closed session.

Considering the grandiose nature of Dr. Azaiez's unprecedented contract (providing him up to nearly \$400,000 in annual compensation, in addition to \$10,000 for a moving stipend, \$8400 annually for an automobile stipend, and a cell phone allowance each month) in the context of a great revenue loss and tax rate increase for the community, it is worthwhile to scrutinize whether he has failed to live up to the terms of this agreement.

Even before the contract was signed, there were a number of issues brought forth to the Board, such as his alleged use of police in Donna ISD to prevent a vocal citizen from participating in the democratic process. Alas, the Board opted (5-2) to move forward with hiring Dr. Azaiez in a less than transparent way, despite the lack of vetting and dearth of interviews with other viable and qualified candidates. This does not even take into account that, as a candidate, Dr. Azaiez was provided a hotel room during his interview, at the taxpayers' expense and allegedly used that hotel room to have an extramarital rendezvous.

Almost immediately after he took on the position of Superintendent, more red flags began to emerge. In the interest of brevity, I will provide a concise timeline of troubling events:

[REDACTED]

July 23, 2021 - Community member Jeremy Story writes an email to the board, informing them of the allegations, asking that they investigate the incident fully; his requests are denied or ignored by all but two Trustees

August 6, 2021 - Board members issue a press release denying knowledge of allegations

August 12, 2021 - Mr. Story again writes the board with concerns, urging immediate action on the allegations

August 16, 2021 - Mr. Story is restrained and removed from a board meeting for expressing safety concerns related to Dr. Azaiez

August 19, 2021 - Board and Dr. Azaiez sign agreement to follow TEA disciplinary/oversight process

September 2021 - COVID-related TOMA restrictions lifted

September 4, 2021 - Mr. Story submits a formal grievance to Legal Services over his removal from the 8/16 meeting, but he is redirected by district police to go to outside law enforcement

September 9, 2021 - David Carmichael, Staff Investigator with Texas Education Agency, sends letter to Dr. Azaiez to inform him that the State Board for Educator Certification has received information that "could potentially impact [his] Texas educator certificate" and that TEA Educator Investigations Division

has "opened a case file to review and investigate this information". [REDACTED]
September 14, 2021 - Dr. Azaiez unilaterally and without notice ignores TOMA requirements and restricts seating for the board meeting to no more than eighteen "socially distanced" chairs, instructs district police officers to bar parents from entering the meeting room, parents and children are threatened with removal by force for sitting in chairs that are not approved by Administration (Dr. Azaiez) or sitting on the floor, Dustin Clark is ultimately removed by district police for speaking out against a potentially illegal tax rate increase discussion/vote
September 15-16, 2021 - numerous parents report TOMA violations and illegal use of district police to various law enforcement entities, including Williamson County Sheriffs Department, Round Rock Police Department, and Williamson County Attorney's Office
September 17, 2021 - Williamson County Sheriffs execute district police arrest warrants for Mr. Story and Mr. Clark, apprehending them at their homes on a Friday evening, they must spend the night in jail

[REDACTED]
Additionally, there have been attempts to silence two dissenting Trustees by way of overreaching censures. There have also been concerns raised about Dr. Azaiez's principal address, which is contractually required to be within the district, yet his voter registration and drivers license list an address in Weslaco and his family resides in Cypress. Recently, he recommended that the board adopt draconian policies which would put police officers under his direct supervision to enforce school policies like dress code.

[REDACTED]
Please approach today's session through a lens of logic, fiscal responsibility, and the safety and security of our students and staff."

Thank you,
April Brinson

Subject: Thank you from Trustee Weston Re: THANK YOU!!!!
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2021 09:49:32 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQDy85CWHkN6Q3o_OkxbOeCD6338jeP0Ou4wpw4mV4QCQ@mail.gmail.com>
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive, even if I don't respond with a personal response.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
US Air Force Veteran
Wife and Mother
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Mental/emotional health concern
Date: Fri, 5 Nov 2021 14:24:59 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-zmNKkmWsOg3Lh5f+219J80k2XyKF1YNTzynrq1L0bBZw@mail.gmail.com>
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Hi Dr. Grosso,

I appreciate your reply. After reading a little bit about PTSD signs and symptoms, I'm concerned that I may be right, but of course I'd like to discuss my observations with a licensed child psychologist.

I look forward to Ms. Hart's reply.

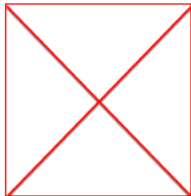
Thank you,
April

On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 9:34 AM Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hi Ms. Brinson,

Thank you so much for reaching out. Ms. Hart will be getting in touch with you about different resources.

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"Anything that is human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary. The people we trust with that important talk can help us know that we are not alone." -Mr. Rogers

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On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 10:24 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Hart (& Ms. Grosso),

Thank you for this morning's PAWS awards ceremony! It was fabulous to see these outstanding 8th graders recognized! I know [REDACTED] feels proud of himself for earning a PAWS Award in math class. :)

I do want to mention a comment that [REDACTED] made to me in passing that has me concerned for his mental and emotional/psychological health. I can tell that some sort of psychological struggle is occurring within his memory and cognitive & emotional processing of events surrounding masks after what he said.

We were talking about a very positive memory of his 4th grade teacher (having nothing to do with masks or anything at all related to covid-- the memory happened 4 years ago) as we were driving past Forest Creek Elementary. He then told me that he knows his teachers in elementary school didn't wear masks, and neither did the students, but he cannot remember them or visualize them without masks. He said he knows in his head that they couldn't have worn masks, but he can only remember them as wearing masks. He cannot remember what their faces look like and he feels sure they wore masks even though he knows logically that can't be true.

I'd like to discuss this disconnect in his memory vs reality with a child psychologist at Bluebonnet Trails to get their take on how we can help him piece together these memories to better match reality. Something is going on here that isn't healthy, or normal for him, that his memory is adamantly telling him that masks were worn in school prior to covid existing. I'm wondering about PTSD possibly? Please have a child psychologist from the RRISD Student Mental Health Centers program contact me, thank you.

Also, he's mentioned a couple of times that he frequently gets feelings of anxiety and stress that he's "forgetting something." This isn't normal for him. He says he can't remember what he's forgetting in the moment, then he realizes that he's forgetting his mask (because he doesn't wear a mask and doesn't want to), but he feels involuntary anxiety that he's supposed to be wearing a mask while at school. Then he realizes that he does not need to be wearing a mask and talks himself off that ledge and he's good. Until it happens again.

Clearly the emotions surrounding masks in school have created some mental/emotional/psychological health and trauma issues and I'd like to address these issues and not put this off.

Thank you,
April Brinson

Subject: Re: Reports of a gang rape or sexual assault involving 8 males & 1 female occurring in a CRHS restroom
Date: Thu, 11 Nov 2021 18:58:29 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, James Hall <James_Hall@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <Julie_Haney@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org, jim_williby2@roundrockisd.org, police@roundrockisd.org, rangers@dps.texas.gov, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you, Trustee Weston, for being the FIRST person from RRISD to express care whatsoever about this incident at CRHS. Parents deserve transparency about exactly what types of sexual encounters are happening in the CRHS restrooms, and from my understanding also in other hidden locations in the school as well. Clearly SOMETHING was being looked for or in some way suspected when my daughter was randomly accused without evidence of being engaged in a sexual encounter while in the restroom. Whether it was related to this incident or not, CRHS and RRISD has an obligation to exhaustively investigate what this boy witnessed. Ms. Kim is NOT being forthcoming about what she knows and what was reported.

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 6:38 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

The contents of this email are deeply disturbing.

Did eight boys perform a sex act on a female student in the bathroom at CRHS? Consensual or not, if this is true, I believe our board needs clarity on this situation.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 5:33 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

What post on Facebook? What are you talking about? I get it that the boy who walked into the restroom and witnessed the rape doesn't want to talk about it or give statements to law enforcement or administration after he told his mom what he saw and she and others reported it. I also understand that those involved are either not identified, or are not interested in talking to law enforcement either, and no victim is coming forward. That doesn't change the facts about what happened. You should be seeking to find out exactly what happened, how it happened, why it happened, while completely protecting the witness's privacy and gathering as much information as you possibly can from him so as to LEARN how to PROTECT the rest of the student body from this occurring again. And EVEN IF it turns out that this girl was being "fingered" in the restroom consensually by these 8 boys, THAT is still completely unacceptable on a school campus and needs to be investigated. Just because no one wants to talk now, doesn't mean it didn't happen, and you're absolved of your responsibilities.

Do NOT ever, and I mean EVER, accost my daughter like that and then not provide ME and HER with a full and complete accounting of events of precisely what led up to such an inappropriate action.

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 4:13 PM Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms. Brinson,

Thank you for your email.

We have investigated the matter directly involving the student and the parent that made the post on FB.

It was found to be untrue. You'll see that the FB post is no longer there.

Your daughter's incident is unrelated to the FB post you encountered.

School will be in contact with you to discuss your child privately.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 2:34 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ms. Kim,

Since yesterday, I've been trying to reconcile in my mind HOW we got from **Point A** (*my daughter crying in a restroom stall because of an ex-friend emotionally abusing her at school*) to seemingly unrelated **Point B** (*my daughter randomly and absurdly accused by an AP, without ANY evidence, of a homosexual rendezvous in the girls' restroom with a female friend who was consoling her while crying, and then both girls sent to the office for a referral*). But then no actual disciplinary referral follow through is happening apparently, and no explanation provided to account for this odd accusation and accostment of my daughter in the restroom by a school administrator? Like seriously?? HOW did we get here? This has made little to no sense to me since I was first informed of the bizarre situation yesterday.

I have now encountered information that I suspect may be the missing piece to this nonsensical puzzle. As a parent, I have a *RIGHT* to know whether the information I have encountered is true or false. I do *not* have a right to know the identity of the individuals involved, however, I most assuredly have a right to know whether a **gang rape/sexual assault/or some type of sexual encounter took place recently in a CRHS restroom involving 8 boys and 1 girl**. Did this happen, yes or no? From multiple sources *who would know*, I'm being told, YES, this DID HAPPEN.

This involves MY child's safety and I expect an answer to my question IMMEDIATELY. My question: Did a sexual assault of some sort very recently take place in a CRHS restroom, which then prompted a heightened administrator response to monitoring the goings-on in the restroom? Is THIS how MY daughter became inadvertently involved in this strange situation in the first place? Bottom line, did a rape or sexual assault recently occur in a CRHS restroom, *yes or no*?

If I don't receive a prompt reply to this message, or my questions above are ignored, I shall be dialing 911 to file a report, and assuming that there is imminent danger at CRHS. Please reply immediately with a full accounting of the FACTS minus the names of the specific individuals whose privacy rights are protected. YOU drug MY child into this situation, TELL ME WHY, and WHAT is actually going on.

Thank you,
April Brinson

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 10:55 AM XXXXXXXX wrote:

Excellent, you and Ms. Haney and ALL Administrators at CRHS will also need to remain cognizant of the

fact that you have an emotionally abused and damaged child, XXXXXXXX, on your campus who is emotionally abusing others. *You are aware of this fact because I'm informing you of it now on Thursday, November 11 at 11:55am.* It's unacceptable, and you and I, and others at CRHS, will be in further communications about this matter as needed. My hope is that the abuse ENDS today, done. If it continues, however, I will be scheduling a parent/administrator/counselor conference to further plan a course of specific action to protect my child from abuse, as my child shall not be abused at her school any longer. The abuse shall end today. Thank you, XXXXXXXX

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 10:37 AM James Hall <James_Hall@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning,

As I stated yesterday to your daughter, I will turn over her statement to her assistant principal, Julie Haney. At this time no referral has been written.

Respectfully,

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 6:01 PM XXXXXXXX wrote:

Upon further discussion with XXXXXXXX, I have to say that I'm quite uninterested in the absurd and downright wacky accusation by this teacher, however, I *am* concerned about this boy, XXXXXXXX. I know that at some point XXXXXXXX was good friends with him, completely platonic. I've heard bits and pieces over time about his troubled family life, mainly that his dad walked out on his family and literally abandoned them. He occasionally waltzes back into town and tries to do "fatherly" things, but always on his terms. I'm sharing this with you to give context to the situation when I say that XXXXXXXX is emotionally abusive to other kids. I have no doubt that he's doing what has been done to him because it's what he knows. Often abuse victims abuse others, that's the cycle of abuse. Anyway, I've been hearing about the abuse toward XXXXXXXX from XXXXXXXX for a while now, and I'm about done with it, and I think XXXXXXXX is too. She's tried many times to reconcile his friendship and it sounds as though he repeatedly violates her trust and her attempts to forgive him and give him another chance to be a friend. At this point, XXXXXXXX and I both agree that it's time to 100% BLOCK him from EVERY aspect of her life. XXXXXXXX comes from a healthy, abuse-free home and has had tremendous difficulty processing and understanding his bi-polar like behavior. I have told XXXXXXXX that he is emotionally ABUSIVE and she needs to NOT be friends with him AT ALL from this point forward. Done. She agrees. Anyway, as an AP, your concern here should be THIS situation, and WHY my daughter was crying in the first place, not some bizarro figment of some teacher's perverted imagination. Thank you.

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 4:51 PM XXXXXXXX wrote:

Hi Mr. Hall,

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If this is going to be taken beyond the ridiculous events of today, I need to know, please, thank you. She told me she may be getting a "referral" because this teacher, I guess, thinks she's homosexual and having sexual rendezvous in the restroom?

Do I have this right?

Thank you,
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Subject: CRHS students reporting that campus will be "shot up at 2pm today"
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2021 13:00:38 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <julie_haney@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov
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My daughter is telling me that a widespread rumor across the CRHS campus is that the school is going to be shot up at 2pm today. She shall be getting into her vehicle and leaving campus immediately. Should you have any questions, you may contact ME. This will NOT be an unexcused absence. She's fleeing for her own safety at the explicit direction of her parent.

April Brinson

Subject: Fwd: Response Needed: Message from President Weir
Date: Fri, 29 Oct 2021 13:39:48 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> Michelle Evans <[REDACTED]> Matt
and Tiffany Buss <[REDACTED]> Matt Buss <[REDACTED]>
Orlando Salinas <[REDACTED]> Renate Sims
<[REDACTED]> David Schmidt <[REDACTED]> Marshall S
<[REDACTED]> Denise Ray <[REDACTED]> April Brinson
<[REDACTED]> Jennifer Flok White <[REDACTED]>
Stephanie Hughes <[REDACTED]> L Duarte <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSuAZBOqjV5o9EAebOJeSPnzaiE8d9J8HTmyVN0aj5UaQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 2731f579df26c75b26491368d180d4ab

FYI only. Please don't respond.

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 1:35 PM
Subject: Re: Response Needed: Message from President Weir
To: Patty Aguilera <patty_aguilera@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>

This is my list of requested agenda items. My agenda requests and special meeting requests have been routinely denied and severely delayed for months. Meanwhile, agenda items requested by other trustees make the cut over and over. And requests for special meetings from other trustees are granted including three meetings on masks...Mask Wars Part 1, 2 and 3 as well as a "Facilities Workshop" that has been scheduled for 4 Nov 2021.

Special Meeting Requests:

Requested on 28 Aug 2021 - Student Mental Health Initiatives/Suicide Awareness and Prevention (requested by Bone and Weston)
Requested on 4 Oct 2021 - Meeting to discuss employment of the superintendent based on numerous concerns (Weir told me via e-mail this meeting will happen on 10 Nov 2021 but it has not been posted)

Agenda Item Requests:

1. Requested since Dec 2020 and repeatedly thereafter - Police Force spending and budget
2. Requested on 1 Apr 2021 - Acknowledge November as Parents Rights in Education Month (consent agenda is fine)
3. Requested on 3 Sep 2021 - Parents in schools (could just let parents back and schools and not have a need for this to be on agenda)
4. Requested on 12 Sep 2021 - The ballooning budget deficit and plan to address it
5. Requested for months (and appeared on 8 Jun 2021 and 14 Sep 2021 agendas) - BE Local review, amended to be lawful and consistent with TASB BE Local. No changes have been made
6. Requested on 12 Oct 2021 - NSBA letter and TASB response and alternatives to TASB (requested by Bone and Weston)
7. Requested on 21 Oct 2021 - Guest Educator shortage and pay rate
8. Requested on 23 Oct 2021 - Stop limiting public speakers to 1 min, change back to 2 or 3 min. (could just do this and not have a need for this to be on agenda)
9. Requested on 23 Oct 2021 - Standing Agenda Item for informational purposes only on the total amount of \$ spent in the previous month on legal fees
10. Requested on 26 Oct 2021 - [REDACTED] Handbook Update
I am now adding an 11th item:
11. Requested on 29 Oct 2021 - Briefing to the trustees on all property and land owned by RRISD and

the status of each property (in use, for sale, empty, just land with no facilities, etc). This is basic information all trustees should have.

I have not requested an agenda item on "bathroom safety". Trustee Bone and I asked Dr Azaiez (in a 22 Oct 2021 em-mail) about the public comments in the 21 Oct 2021 board meeting which asserted that a male entered the female restroom in a RRISD high school. I do not know if this assertion is true. I asked if there is a policy about this.

I have not requested an agenda item about "Out of Darkness, Book Review Process". Due to assertions made in public comments ("Out of Darkness" is in RRISD libraries and contains pornography and pedphelia) in the 21 Oct 2021 board meeting (which I do not know to be true or false), I sent this inquiry to Dr Azaiez via e-mail on 24 Oct 2021: "Can you please brief the entire board on the current status of this book in our libraries?"

I have not requested an agenda item about "Covid matrix/Wilco versus APH". I have sent many questions about why RRISD is relying on an outdated color code chart (created in Aug 2020) by the troubled WCCHD for forced masking while APH, and every single other school district in Williamson County has acknowledged they we not in phase "Red", except for RRISD. Allow me to clarify my agenda item request here and we will call this number 12: **An explanation to our stakeholders for why RRISD stands alone in insisting we are in Stage "Red"**.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 9:26 AM Patty Aguilera <patty_aguilera@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

I wanted to give you all a quick update on agenda items for meetings scheduled for November and ask for some feedback, through Patty, on remaining agenda items.

Currently I have 3 agenda item requests from Trustee Xiao, 3 from Trustee Vessa, 2 from Trustee Harrison, 12 from Trustee Weston, and the requests from Trustee Bone made at the last meeting. In addition, we already had budget, dress code, mental health, and student outcome goals for November. The administration needs to bring District of Innovation information, facilities, and legal policy updates to the Board as well. Another suggestion came from Dr. McMahon to have TEA Region 13 come in and do training on TOMA, Public Information, and Robert's Rules. This could be done prior to a meeting. I'm not sure how long it will take.

Here is my proposed schedule for addressing agenda items in November. It is very full, but it covers most of the requests for agenda items. I am not including all the dates for mediations and other issues scheduled before Thanksgiving as well.

1. November 4 - Facilities, legal policy updates first reading

2. November 6 - LSG student outcome goals all day.

3. November 18 - regular meeting proposed agenda

1. District of Innovation, public hearing
2. Student mental health update
3. Budget Update
 - Deficit
 - Guest ed/sped asst pay
 - HB 4545 grant
 - Other
4. Virtual update

- Teachers/students
 - Back to campus
 - Spring
5. Student Outcomes
 6. Dress Code update
 7. Legal Issue Updates if necessary

Other items requested that are not on the above list:

(Missed from earlier meeting)

- BE Local
 - Board Operating Procedures
- (JX)

- Teacher/staff morale
- (CV)

- Reading Academy Stipend
 - Teacher Incentive Allotment
- (DW)

- Covid matrix/Wilco versus APH
- Parent Visits
- Out of Darkness, Book Review Process
- Public Speaking Time (BE Local or vote at each meeting)
- Legal Fees
- NSBA Letter
- Bathroom Safety
- Update

I'm asking for feedback, **through Patty**, on which agenda items that the Board feels need to be discussed in a meeting and which could be addressed in a Board update from the administration. If we need to discuss all these items we will need to schedule at least 2 additional meetings after Thanksgiving and before the December Regular Meeting.

Respectfully,
Amy Weir

Please reply to Patty only.

Sincerely,
Patty Aguilera, Executive Assistant Assigned to the Board of Trustees
Superintendent's Office
Round Rock ISD
1311 Round Rock Ave.
Round Rock, TX 78681
512-464-5065 phone
512-464-5055 fax

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Clarification: Agenda Item D1 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES
Date: Wed, 3 Nov 2021 15:57:01 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ+ysB2vriximNechT3xY-C+Sp5fW9PhbgXgjX9x2=7SQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b25fe1102f881f38234642bb648b8d12

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I will definitely bring this up tomorrow night. Please let me know if you see other concerns in the policy changes.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 8:56 AM 'Dustin Clark' via board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Azaiez,

I was hoping someone could help clarify the proposed change being made to RRISD policy GKA(local)-A. [https://go.boarddocs.com/tx/rrisd/Board.nsf/files/C8CJLF4C4B94/\\$file/D1.GKA\(LOCAL\).pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/tx/rrisd/Board.nsf/files/C8CJLF4C4B94/$file/D1.GKA(LOCAL).pdf)

It appears the proposed change would set a district policy that would prohibit, "video or audio recording of a District employee or volunteer without the knowledge and consent of the employee or volunteer. The District prohibits video or audio recording of a student except by the student's parent or in accordance with Education Code 26.009."

The requirement for consent from those being recorded appears to run contrary to what I understand to be Texas law as stated below:

1. Texas is a one-party consent state, and under Texas law, you have the right to record a conversation as long as at least one party is aware of and consents to the recording, and that the one-party giving consent can be the person doing the recording.
2. A public conversation is not subject to the same legal standards in Texas. Under the state's data privacy laws, one-party consent is only required if the parties have a reasonable expectation that their conversation is private. As an example, imagine that two people are having a conversation in public, in a hallway or maybe at a school board meeting. There is no reasonable expectation of privacy in this situation. As such, their oral communication is not protected by Texas law. The public conversation could likely be lawfully recorded without the permission of either of the parties.

Can you please clarify this ahead of tomorrow's board meeting?

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: RRISD official Facebook page is now blocking the public from commenting on many numerous public posts.
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 13:11:10 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRy_MmdeAjjF7z9h6J6sxmPaQV=Bm4=_DtErQmq+DEKYQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 36edd485c7a7c483b8c0622149f0ca2a

Thanks for bringing this to our attention. Please keep us updated on what you hear back from the administration.

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 11:58 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

It also appears that many posts have comments selectively deleted because the post initially shows that it has comments, but when one clicks the comments to read, there are no comments there.

Here's one example of a post blocking comments, which is obviously yet *another* First Amendment infringement by RRISD under the guise of "community standards." No one of significance is "threatening," "spamming," posting "misinformation," etc, and even if someone was overstepping *their* First Amendment rights, that's not justification for RRISD to disregard the First Amendment. This commenter below is correct, RRISD (a public, government, taxpayer-funded institution) is seeking again to limit free speech of opinions they don't wish to hear.

Subject: Question regarding FIRST rating slides
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 11:12:18 -0600
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7Tm9+-foayHb8_oaHP76vRr+gpmi1ZH=VS+=XQnD_eL28g@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a97bda01890ab317e4da2e26aeb13455

Hi Capt Weston,

I first want to thank you for your support for the school district and our families. I am hoping you can shed some light on something in the FIRST report I found odd. On slide 15 discussing Indicator 11 there is a ratio of Long Term Liabilities vs Total Assets. The ratio indicates 6.4%; however, calculating the ratio given the numbers provided is 64%. This is a very large error showing that the school district has borrowed past what is considered financially responsible. Am I reading this wrong? If this is the case, will you please bring this up at tomorrow's meeting to discuss with the board. Please continue to shed light on the financial irresponsibility of RRISD.

Regards,
John Keagy
Taxpayer and Parent RRISD

Subject: Fw: Open Records Request | Video Surveillance Footage
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2021 14:22:47 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Christie Slape <[REDACTED]>, Ricci <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <1997887836.3419899.1638454967069@mail.yahoo.com>
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Board of Trustees,

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Based on the Open Records Team's response, and the response from Officer Marquez, I have some questions I would like to have answered.

- 1) Why is there no responsive information [stored video] regarding our request?
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Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

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To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 04:21:03 PM CST

Subject: Re: Open Records Request | Video Surveillance Footage

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Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 15:06:04 -0600
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TmHKYDhLGEufSvbmhM-=6Hc_3H1E7K_E33QJXD_xXtELQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Dr Azaiez, Please advise the entire board and Mr Clark on this. He is talking about safety here and the silence is deafening. I am extremely concerned. Mr Clark has not heard back from RRISD PD on this. The board had not heard from the RRISD PD on this.

We need answers. Safety is paramount.

Danielle Weston

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Subject: Staffing reassignments
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2021 16:48:49 -0600
From: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, "Dr. Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "Matt c.f.o, lce" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <7207165C-74BC-4310-B5FA-7029EA6FB735@yahoo.com>
MD5: a50d8fbfd0ac084c93555049fb99c022

Trustees & Mr. Azaiez,

I am writing again in regards to Mr.Hutton's reassignment to another campus due to virtual learning ending. Mr. Hutton is a 3 grade teacher at Gattis elementary. You may have read in my last email, the students cried when they were told Mr. Hutton would not be returning after Christmas break. This year has been the most normal school year these kids have had since their kindergarten year. This policy is flawed and needs to be amended at the next school board meeting for student/ teacher relationships such as this. The teacher told me he would love to stay, Ms. Griggs the principal told me she would love for him to stay. I believe this can be accomplished, policy has been amended and changed in short notice before. You can do this for our teachers and students.

This situation was not discussed at the virtual learning town hall. In-person learners should not be needlessly impacted in this way. Please fix this.

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. FIRST report for Dec 16 meeting
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 15:40:24 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: John Keagy <[REDACTED]> Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Dennis Covington <dennis_covington@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQN4MAFg8kNGs_ORiX8D3AFvQ6w7=J_apqzWzO5q3HXyA@mail.gmail.com>
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Mr Keagy, Thank you for bringing this to the attention of the board and administration. I have copied Dr Azaiez and Mr Covington, our CFO, so that they can respond to you and if necessary, correct the slide you mention in your e-mail in advance of our meeting tomorrow night.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 3:06 PM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Subject: Thank you from Trustee Weston Re: CRHS students reporting that campus will be "shot up at 2pm today"
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2021 11:00:51 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT4R7qwqZxS0VyRT--9z8iTHOqQ8jRemS7GRbq67i90Dw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 7dc63c6f12bbb765a02008c09990eda1

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive, even if I don't respond with a personal response.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
US Air Force Veteran
Wife and Mother
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Staffing Update for the Spring-Mr. Hutton's Class
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2021 15:59:52 -0600
From: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
To: Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "Dr. Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Cynthia Griggs Griggs <Cynthia_griggs@roundrockisd.org>, brianna_juarez@roundrockisd.org
Cc: "Matt c.f.o, lce" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <8411C5C4-5D6B-4AB8-8FA8-3629005AD7D3@yahoo.com>
MD5: c9d885c7cbe12a2ffabd0c20040c8b77

My 9 year old son just informed me that when the principal and the assistant principal came in to tell the students Mr. Hutton was leaving that almost the whole classroom started crying. Good Job!

His,

Leslie Winters

On Dec 10, 2021, at 3:47 PM, Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon,

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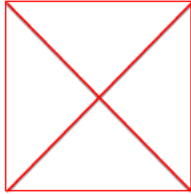
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512-428-2002



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Cc: "Matt c.f.o, lce" <[REDACTED]>
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I have included Chief Yarbrough in hopes that maybe he can explain the missing video surveillance footage that we asked him to preserve, and that Chief Marquez assured us would be preserved.

I am hoping that the response we received from the Open Records team is in error, and that this group of leaders will work with us on this matter. If not, we will revisit our approach in shedding light on what happened to this video footage.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

On Thursday, December 2, 2021, 08:22:47 AM CST, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Board of Trustees,

We have a significant breakdown in security, safety, and evidence chain of custody that needs to be addressed immediately. I made a similar request for the video surveillance footage of the assault and harassment incident that occurred 10/21 board meeting, and the open records team has informed me that it does not exist (see below). I have seen the cameras in that hallway, and at the entrance of bldg 100, so they do exist.

I asked Chief Yarbrough on 10/25 to be sure the video evidence was preserved. When we met with Officer Marquez on 10/29 to make this report, we asked about the length of time that video surveillance is stored. I audio recorded our entire conversation with Officer Marquez (with his knowledge), and below is some of the transcript in regards to preserving video surveillance of a reported crime.

Officer Marquez was asked the following:

Ricci Nelson: "By filling this out [the police report], will it ensure that you preserve any video that you have?"

Officer Luis Marquez: "Oh, yeah. Yes ma'am. We have to attach whatever video there is [to the report]. We would download that video and preserve it and add that to our evidence cloud, and it's attached to the case and class C offenses will usually stay on for, I believe, about, since it's an assault, about two years."

Based on the Open Records Team's response, and the response from Officer Marquez, I have some questions I would like to have answered.

- 1) Why is there no responsive information [stored video] regarding our request?
- 2) Are the specified cameras operational?
- 3) If the cameras are operational, did Chief Yarbrough/RRISD PD not preserve the video evidence of the crime as requested?
- 4) If the cameras are not operational, why not and how long have they not been operational?
- 5) Was the video overwritten?
- 6) What is the RRISD video surveillance storage policy?

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To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 04:21:03 PM CST
Subject: Re: Open Records Request | Video Surveillance Footage

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Sincerely,

Open Records & Legal Services Department

open_records@roundrockisd.org

Round Rock ISD

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[Round Rock, TX 78681](#)

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Date: Tue, 12 Oct 2021 17:33:16 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Michelle Evans <[REDACTED]> Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> Matt
and Tiffany Buss <[REDACTED]> Matt Buss <[REDACTED]> April
Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Just FYI. Please don't respond.

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 5:32 PM
Subject: Re: Agenda Item for 10/21
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>

I second this as an agenda item for the 21 Oct board meeting. It wasn't that long ago that I was a parent attending school board meetings. I am not a domestic terrorist. I am a veteran, wife and mother. The NSBA letter is offensive and disgusting.

I wrote a letter to TASB today asking for a rebuttal to the NSBA letter that goes much further than what TASB has said. I want to see something from TASB along the lines of what came out of Florida. If TASB does not do this, I will be ending my membership with TASB. Our community would like to know where our trustees stand on this preposterous talk of "parents are domestic terrorists in school board meetings" from the NSBA. Please put Trustee Bone's request on the agenda.

Danielle Weston

Subject: Re: Thank you for an awesome RMS Band Lock-in!
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2021 09:54:22 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Andres Pena <andres_pena@roundrockisd.org>, Ashley Rhea <ashley_rhea@roundrockisd.org>, Matthew Morey <matthew_morey@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>
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I'm glad too, however, these should NOT be "challenging times." The nonsense is 100% political theater and it needs to STOP NOW. Leave OUR children the HELL OUT OF the adult political drama. **Our RMS Band Directors are awesome, agreed!** Let's hope our new Principal has a spine and keeps up the **student & education focused priorities**. Thanks, April

On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 1:19 PM Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

April,

Glad it went so well. I'm happy to know that the band directors created an opportunity to enjoy life during these challenging times!

On Fri, Sep 24, 2021 at 8:46 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Thank you RMS Band Directors for tonight's Band Lock-in! It was a blast! So nice seeing kids being kids and enjoying life. 😊 And I was fortunate to witness that because PARENTS were WELCOMED into RMS to volunteer & participate in the fun as they should be! Thanks so much for all you do, you're deeply appreciated.

April Brinson

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Questions, comments, or concerns?

Regards,

Kenneth Williams, Jr.

Assistant Principal

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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Re: Please Read: Policing and Safety Concerns at Board Meetings
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2021 17:08:00 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, "Cottrill, Jeffrey" <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>
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Dr Azaiez,

Mr Clark has sent multiple e-mails asking for help on this. Please advise on the status of his request for help to the entire board.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 2:02 PM 'Dustin Clark' via board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hello district leaders,

I am following up again on my below request. Can someone please let me know what is being done about this situation, and when I might receive a copy of the police report I made on 10/29?

Regards,

Dustin Clark

On Monday, November 29, 2021, 09:29:39 AM CST, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

BoT, Chief Yarbrough and Dr. Azaiez,

I know district staff was off last week, but I wanted to follow up on what is being done to address the situation that occurred on 10/21/21. I am also requesting that the security footage from these hallway and parking lot incidents be preserved.

If RRISD and RRISD PD do not plan to take any further action, I would like to request that the security footage be provided to me so that I can make a police report with Wilco Sheriff's Dept or RR PD to pursue a restraining order on this gentlemen.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

On Friday, November 19, 2021, 11:48:23 AM CST, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Board of Trustees, Dr. Azaiez,

I want to make you aware of a concerning safety issue at a board meeting that I don't believe has been properly addressed by RRISD PD. I am hoping that either the BoT or Dr. Azaiez can look into this matter further, determine who the perpetrator was, and issue a restraining order on him.

On Monday October 25th, I contacted Chief Yarbrough via email about an assault and a harassment incident that occurred at the 10/21/21 board meeting, both committed by the same man. While the board was in the first closed session, and we were asked to wait outside the boardroom, this man grabbed an Asian woman by both of her shoulders and pushed her aside in the hallway as he walked by. After moving her aside, he continued on and stopped and spoke with a woman named Jenn Brown. Later that night, he sat with a woman named Lindsey Ledyard. We do not know the name of the man, but Jenn Brown attends almost every board meeting. I have attached a picture from the board meeting camera of the man in question.

Later that night, as I was leaving the meeting with my wife and Christie Slape, this same man confronted us on the stairs leading out of bldg100 and proceeded to verbally harass me and berate me for the public comments I made during the meeting. I have thick skin, and have no issue defending myself if needed, but this was very concerning given the earlier physical altercation. Both of these incidents occurred in view of RRISD security cameras, and the perpetrator's vehicle and license plate should be in view of the outdoor camera.

On October 26th, I received a response from Chief Yarbrough to schedule a meeting with Officer Luis Marquez.

On October 29th, I met with Officer Luis Marquez, along with the Christie Slape, Ricci Nelson, and the victim. During this meeting, the victim gave her statement, but was reluctant to press charges and seek a restraining order because she feared that this man would stalk her at her home. The victim stated to Officer Marquez that she will no longer come to the school board meetings because she is fearful of what this man might do. Christie Slape and I also gave a statement.

I was not given a police report number initially, but I followed up with Officer Marquez, and he provided it to me. I also asked him for a copy of the police report, but he said I would need to go through Open Records to get a copy. I submitted a request to Open Records on 11/3/21, and have still not received a copy, well past the 10 business days required by law. This is very concerning given that I am aware of dozens of people who are experiencing the same issue with the RRISD Open Records department.

I request an RRISD restraining order be given to this man for the assault, and that the BoT look into the issues plaguing the RRISD Open Records dept.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Thank you for taking a stand against RRISD & LISD
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 09:55:26 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, comm3@wilco.org, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org
Cc: dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, mya_mercer@roundrockisd.org, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, Zac Oldham <zac_oldham@roundrockisd.org>, citycouncil@roundrocktexas.gov
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Good morning Judge Gravell & Wilco Commissioners Court,

I want to express our family's deep gratitude to Williamson County for finally taking a stand against the out of control RRISD school board. We weren't involved much at the district level until August 2020 when it became crystal clear that parents' rights and students' best interests are *not* a priority in RRISD. I could tell you story after story. Our [REDACTED] daughter is currently taking her AP Calculus midterm exam and is so utterly unprepared purely due to so much missed coursework in AP Pre-Calculus and AP Algebra 2 due to poor quality virtual school on a screen during the previous two school years. It's devastating, and it was ALL preventable. The disrespect for parental and child rights on so many levels in RRISD is appalling. I implore each of you to be in attendance tomorrow evening at the RRHS Lecture Hall for the monthly school board meeting. For a long & difficult time, we've had the impression publicly that you see yourselves as wholly disconnected from an integral part of our community, our county's largest school district. I'm glad to see you finally take a stand where you are able and demonstrate conviction and backbone for the children and parents of Williamson County.

I hope to see you tomorrow evening, and again, thank you, stand strong.

April Brinson

Subject: Letter referenced in meeting agenda
Date: Fri, 31 Dec 2021 12:10:33 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: david_faltys@roundrockisd.org, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>
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Hello again Dr. Faltys, & RRISD Board of Trustees,

As a parent in RRISD I'm reaching out to you again in advance of Monday's school board meeting called specifically regarding a letter mentioned in the meeting agenda, which was sent by Dr. Faltys, our TEA monitor, to our school board. Parents and taxpayers of RRISD thought that a new era of transparency was at least part of the reason for our district receiving a TEA monitor? Is transparency *still* not the objective in RRISD? If transparency *is* the objective, why would our school board be obviously hiding a letter regarding OUR children's Superintendent when we as parents, along with our children, are ultimately the biggest stakeholders in this school district? Is there something to hide from parents and taxpayers in this letter? If not, why are you hiding it particularly when it's the subject of the meeting agenda? If so, doesn't a commitment to transparency mean you must *not* hide it? Please publish *this* letter publicly, as you have other letters from TEA regarding our school district and monitor, and demonstrate your commitment to transparency regardless of the contents of the letter. Transparency in open government applies *regardless of whether*, and *especially when*, the information transpired is *not* favorable to the institution, does it not?

Thank you,
April

On Thu, Dec 30, 2021 at 12:36 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon Dr. Faltys,

I'm a parent in Round Rock ISD and I read the meeting agenda for Monday. It references a letter from you to our school board. Is that letter public? If so, will you please send it to me for review? If it's not, will you please explain to me why it is not public considering the serious nature of the allegations against our Superintendent who is in a Director level position leading a school district charged with the education of *our* children?

Thank you,
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Date: Mon, 3 Jan 2022 15:33:38 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Open Records <open_records@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
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I spoke with Dr. Azaiez in person at the 12/16/21 board meeting, and he said to contact him and that he would be sure that the video footage I have requested is provided to me.

Why all the stalling and resistance to provide this video footage? Not providing an explanation leads me to believe that something is being hidden. If that is not the case, I am sure someone can simply explain what I need to do to get this footage.

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

On Monday, January 3, 2022, 09:13:19 AM CST, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning, Trustee Weston.

I responded to Mr. Clark this morning, informing him once again that the Open Records Division and not the Round Rock Police Department or any other individual in RRISD is the appropriate department to speak to about any open records requests for information, including his previous request. I cc'd the Open Records Department on my email response since Mr. Clark sent the email to several individuals but did not include the Open Records Department.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Yarbrough

On Jan 3, 2022, at 8:52 AM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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As I said via email to you weeks ago, you sent us detailed info on this in a board update. Have you called Mr Clark and the other requesters of the video to explain what you explained to the board?

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 6:51 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2021 12:55:25 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org
Cc: Stacey Kensinger <stacey_kensinger@roundrockisd.org>, Jennifer Stork <Jennifer_Stork@roundrockisd.org>, Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Jonte' Buhl <Jonte_Buhl@roundrockisd.org>, cale_o'neal@roundrockisd.org, Karen Davis <Karen_Davis@roundrockisd.org>, Sandi Flores@roundrockisd.org, Christopher Tong <Christopher_Tong@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Pfluger <lisa_pfluger@roundrockisd.org>, Julia Smith <julia_smith@roundrockisd.org>, sena_lim@roundrockisd.org, Sherri Hughes <Sherri_Hughes@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Moeckel <natalie_moeckel@roundrockisd.org>, Holly Griffin <Holly_Griffin@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Ivy <Lisa_Ivy@roundrockisd.org>, Jose Jimenez-Rivera <jose_jimenez-rivera@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <julie_haney@roundrockisd.org>, Brian Banks <brian_banks@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Samuel Jones <samuel_jones@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, darrel_overton@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <159C300B-C62F-44CA-BD96-BB7F2CDB6575@gmail.com>
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A parent friend just informed me that CRHS Principal just announced over the loudspeaker that students will shortly be forcibly masked regardless of their parents' consent and to "not argue." I'm about to dial 911 for a criminal emergency at the school. Please let me know IMMEDIATELY whether this is incorrect information.

On Sep 2, 2021, at 9:01 AM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you very much for your reply, Mr. Williams. I'm glad to hear that RMS is not participating in this highly inappropriate and unethical "assignment." This "assignment" should be completely BANNED EVERYWHERE in EVERY school. It's appalling and disrespectful of child and parental rights.

We plan to call *your* attention to each and every incident brought to *our* attention where parental and child rights are violated since this is a major issue of late in public schools, of which we will NOT tolerate. Again, our children NEVER have consent to be questioned about OR "taught" about their or others':

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- | Race (theirs or others, particularly in the context of race shaming)
- | Socioeconomic Status (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS outside the possible context of applying for financial assistance in some way, of which you would be proactively notified so no need to violate families' privacy with inappropriate probing)
- | Disabilities (outside the specific context of receiving consented to SpEd/504 services)
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Political beliefs (theirs or others, particularly in the context of beliefs/values shaming)

Medical decisions or history (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS, period, end of story)

Thank you very much for your respect of our children's God-given and Constitutional rights, as well as our consent/non consent granted to RRISD,

April & Justin Brinson

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:45 AM Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning April,

I just want to let you know that RMS is not using this activity in our 8th grade ELA classes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a nice day.

On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 8:16 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning,

I need to bring to your attention a RRISD 8th grade ELA assignment sent to me by a friend whose child attends Walsh MS and is circulating online. I've received confirmation that this highly inappropriate "assignment" is being used in many RRISD middle schools. My son, [REDACTED] was absent Mon & Tue so I'm not sure yet whether it was assigned in his ELA class. I'm writing to remind all RRISD teachers/admin/staff that under no circumstance do our children have consent to discuss (let alone be pumped for a grade) personal/private/confidential medical/personal/political/religious or ANY of the information being solicited in the attached assignment. Should you ever feel an inclination to violate our children's consent, please freeze and dial me (April) immediately at [REDACTED] as ALL private data collection or discussion of this nature regarding our children shall go through us as parents per our consent/non consent granted.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

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On Aug 17, 2021, at 8:27 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening Teachers of our children, [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson,

We're so excited for the new school year and greatly appreciate you teaching our children, thank you!! We're looking forward to an academically productive and all around positive school year! Please reach out anytime!

In light of events over the past year and a half, we'd like to make clear our expectations as parents. Our family does *not* wear masks. Our children do *not* have parental consent to wear masks anywhere, including at school. If you're seeing our child(ren) wearing a mask at school, that's a result of either bullying, coercion, or some type of manipulation or unhealthy social pressure that is occurring at school, and is unacceptable. If you see one of our children wearing a mask, we need for you to remind them that they do not have parental consent to wear face coverings and kindly ask them to remove it. If this is an issue whatsoever, please immediately call me (April) at [REDACTED] If we find out that our children are wearing masks at school, we will be reporting EO GA-38 violations for citation with the Attorney General's Office, as well as taking legal action ourselves, so let's just prevent that in the first

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Thank you for all your efforts as teachers!! It's going to be a fabulous school year!

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Questions, comments, or concerns?

Regards,

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough <jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>
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Dr Azaiez and Chief Yarbrough, As I said via email to you weeks ago, you sent us detailed into on this in a board update. Have you called Mr Clark and the other requesters of the video to explain what you explained to the board?

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 6:51 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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What is the status of my request?

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Dr Azaiez, Chief Yarbrough,
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Danielle Weston

On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 5:40 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustee Weston,

No one has followed up with me about the missing/unavailable video footage.

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On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 03:01:32 PM CST, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2021 11:07:41 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: ridgeview_cafeteria@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org> <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Re: BOARD MEETING/CALL TO CENSURE
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2021 09:22:55 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTaPz75Y9ip+8kH5B6RGAXqz3gU8_VPqyw_7Vs20sGz6Q@mail.gmail.com>
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TY Tracy.

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 8:42 AM Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing to express my absolute disgust regarding the attempt to censure Trustees' Bone and Weston. These trustees have worked diligently to defend the rights of the community and showed that commitment to the public by standing up for the right to allow the community into the board meeting last week. This is a personal attack and I have already filed a complaint with the attorney general's office and contacted KVUE to give correct facts regarding last week's board meeting. How dare you try to attack the character of these board members when the other 5 of you and the superintendent are breaking the law with the mask mandate in place? Governor Abbott's mandate is very clear and the board has disregarded this law from the beginning. The district made a statement last week in an email that it would follow the law of the land, but has not removed the mask mandate. The public had every right to attend the meeting in person last week, but the planned agenda of raising taxes while no one was inside was absolute evil. Do not mask the intent with social distancing, as there have been many more in attendance at other board meetings. Are you not aware that the State of Texas is open? We go to restaurants, ball games, DISTRICT sponsored football games and events, church, etc. with NO attendance limits! DO NOT tell me that 18 people can attend a board meeting in person, but we, as a community are able to gather and watch RRHS play football or volleyball on a Friday night. Remove the attempted censure of Bone and Weston from the agenda tomorrow evening and focus on the matter at hand, FOLLOWING THE LAW OF TEXAS AND REMOVING THE MASK MANDATE.



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Subject: Re: SHAC
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2021 21:14:34 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Patty Aguilera <patty_aguilera@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSzD8UW1fOto7gmwchaESTwVHhFF68GQxkUV6WujCX-JA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 41fdaa934bce7cce35005869fba468e9

Hi Jessica, My next appointment will be made in May 2022. If you aren't appointed by another trustee by then, I plan to appoint you.

Patty, can you please send her the link on how to sign up online to add her name to the list to be considered?

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 8:40 PM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello and thank you for serving on our board! Please let me know if there are any openings on the Student Health Advisory Committee. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Thank you for an awesome RMS Band Lock-in!
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2021 20:46:01 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: andres_pena@roundrockisd.org, ashley_rhea@roundrockisd.org,
matthew_morey@roundrockisd.org
Cc: heath_walz@roundrockisd.org, nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org,
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Thank you RMS Band Directors for tonight's Band Lock-in! It was a blast! So nice seeing kids being kids and enjoying life. 😊 And I was fortunate to witness that because PARENTS were WELCOMED into RMS to volunteer & participate in the fun as they should be! Thanks so much for all you do, you're deeply appreciated.

April Brinson

Subject: Re: Agenda for Oct meeting
Date: Thu, 14 Oct 2021 14:15:39 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TnBKBxeDnOAh4EZTSZHvNANbkBbb59U4_4YSPHYZuMkNw@mail.gmail.com>
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Please note I have a new email address - [REDACTED] Regards,
John Keagy

On Sat, Oct 9, 2021 at 11:28 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

FYI only. No need to reply.

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Sat, Oct 9, 2021 at 11:19 AM
Subject: Agenda for Oct meeting
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>

Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez,

Trustee Bone and I have expressed concern about the growth in the budget deficit in emails to you after the first week or two of the new school year once enrollment data started flowing to us. We requested a special meeting to learn the administration's plan for addressing the ballooning budget deficit. Dr Azaiez said he would present that info to the board in the Oct board meeting. I look forward to seeing that on this month's agenda.

Also, ever since I was elected in Nov 2020, I have repeatedly asked about fiscal spending on the RRISD police force. Even in the Jun 2021 board meeting (prior to Dr Azaiez' arrival) I asked and was assured by the acting superintendent that the board would receive a full accounting of the entire police force budget, spending, future plans, future spending, etc. It's now been 4 mos since I was assured about this so my expectation is that that will also be included in the Oct board meeting for the board and community to see and for the board to ask questions and share feedback.

Regards,
Danielle Weston

Subject: Removal of clothing for search of students w/o warrant or parental consent in RRISD
Date: Mon, 18 Oct 2021 09:58:34 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <julie_haney@roundrockisd.org>, Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Good morning,

A parent friend whose child attends McNeil HS informed me that her child was told by the AP to lift up their shirt and pull out their waistband while in the restroom. Apparently this was a search for vaping or drug paraphernalia. No search warrant had been obtained and no parental consent was granted prior to this search.

I'm writing to assert **my** parental rights regarding this type of search or instruction of my children to remove clothing. RRISD does **not** have my parental consent to remove or instruct to remove my children's clothing or touch or search my children's bodies (**or minds**) EVER without my explicit written consent and without me physically present.

Should any RRISD employee or assign ever desire to search my children's bodies or minds, I MUST be contacted first, given the opportunity to be present and given the opportunity to consent or not consent to such a search.

Thank you,
April Brinson

Subject: Fwd: 16 Sep Agenda Item Request (Board room seating set up for the public)
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 09:41:07 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Denise Ray <[REDACTED]> Michelle Evans <[REDACTED]> Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> David Schmidt <[REDACTED]> Marshall S <[REDACTED]> April Brinson <[REDACTED]> Orlando Salinas <[REDACTED]> Rob Lelm <[REDACTED]> Stacey Lesieur <[REDACTED]> Jennifer Flok White <[REDACTED]> Stephanie Hughes <[REDACTED]>
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FYI. Please don't respond. You may forward and share as desired.

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 9:36 AM
Subject: Re: 16 Sep Agenda Item Request (Board room seating set up for the public)
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>

As seen on this thread, on 28 Aug 2021 I made the following agenda item request:

Discussion and Possible Action:

Seating logistics for members of the public in RRISD board meetings including but not limited to the number of seats made available to the public in the boardroom.

It's now 20 Oct 2021 (two months later) and the item has yet to appear on an agenda. I understand Pres Weir is planning a called board meeting for 10 Nov 2021. Please add this agenda item request to that agenda.

Your alternative is to return the room to full capacity.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 5:04 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Pres Weir,

Back in the spring, Trustee Mary Bone retained her own attorney who is familiar with education law in Texas to review RRISD's board practices regarding meeting agendas. You can find that letter in your email from 7 May 2021 and I have attached it here as well.

Please do not go down a road of prohibiting a trustee from placing an item on the agenda. This is not lawful and it is not good governance. My preference is for the administration to return the seating logistics in the boardroom to normal and fully allow the community back in our meetings. But if the administration will not do this, I expect my agenda item request to be honored and not just unilaterally dismissed by you and then have to wait until 16 Sep and subject my request to a majority of board members approval to get it on the agenda.

The community is growing impatient with the inequitable treatment being directed and me and Mary Bone.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 3:41 PM Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

A trustee may request an item be on the agenda, but a trustee can not put any item on the agenda that they wish.

I am officially denying this agenda request.

At the next regular Board meeting you or Trustee Bone may ask for a Board consensus to include it on the October regular Board meeting agenda.

Amy

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 7:45 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

A trustee can put any item on the agenda they wish. The public is currently largely being excluded in our board meetings. This is bizarre, absurd, undermines trust, erodes what little credibility we have left and just might be a TOMA violation after 1 Sep 2021. RRISD board meetings (agendas, logistics, etc) are the responsibility of THE BOARD, not the administration.

The public deserves to see how each trustee weighs in on this. Mary's lawyer has already delivered a letter to the board reminding us that only one trustee can put an item on the agenda. Thanks.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 3:50 PM Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Can you tell me where in policy it says the Board is in charge of meeting room logistics? I can't find it. Meeting room logistics is part of the day-to-day operation of the district, so falls under the superintendent, not the Board.

Amy

On Sat, Aug 28, 2021 at 5:24 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez,

I am officially requesting the following agenda item for the 16 Sep 2021 Regular Board meeting:

Discussion and Possible Action:

Seating logistics for members of the public in RRISD board meetings including but not limited to the number of seats made available to the public in the boardroom.

Danielle Weston --

Amy Weir
Round Rock ISD Board President

Trustee Place 5

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Amy Weir
Round Rock ISD Board President

Trustee Place 5

Subject: "MASKS REQUIRED" SIGNS REMAIN on Round Rock ISD properties - Re: Williamson County Judge grants Texas Attorney General mask T
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2021 10:42:45 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: rangers@dps.texas.gov, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Attorney General Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs,

Many parents & students are reporting "Masks Required" signage remains posted across Round Rock ISD properties this morning. Even in THE most forward-facing and obvious place (the front door of my child's school), the "Mask Required" sign remained at shortly before 10am, ONLY UNTIL I walked in and asked to speak with the campus Principal. I informed my child's Principal that the sign on his school's front door is illegal, it's coming down immediately or I'm filing formal grievances with every relevant authority. He did agree to remove the sign ONLY AFTER I threatened to take formal corrective action. He acknowledged to me that he IS AWARE that the sign is illegal, yet he was allowing it to remain anyway. They are paper signs adhered with Scotch tape so it's not a laborious or difficult task to REMOVE THEM. They are ALL OVER the district, and need to ALL be removed IMMEDIATELY.

AG Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs, apparently Round Rock ISD Board and personnel are in need of a formal DIRECTIVE from the State & County to remove EVERY ILLEGAL SIGN IMMEDIATELY. We're requesting a County & State inspection of all RRISD properties to ensure compliance with the law.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 8:02 PM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

 Inspiring students to learn.
Empowering students for life.






Williamson County Judge grants Texas Attorney General mask

TRO

Round Rock ISD has recently learned that a judge in Williamson County signed an

order temporarily prohibiting the District from enforcing its mask requirement. Round

Rock ISD had not been notified of any request by the Texas Attorney General's office

for such an order and has not been properly served to date. The District and its legal

counsel were not afforded the opportunity to be present at any court proceeding to

oppose the issuance of this order.

Round Rock ISD will comply with any lawfully issued court order. We will also use all proper and available legal proceedings to challenge this order and vigorously defend its long-established lawful authority to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for Round Rock ISD students and staff, including during this pandemic. The District continues to strongly encourage and recommend the use of masks in accordance with guidance from our local health authorities.



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Subject: Veterans prohibited from RRISD campuses, emailed a video rather than honored with live performance
Date: Wed, 27 Oct 2021 22:47:02 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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Dr Azaiez, Help me understand. Board members were invited to a Veteran's Day event and lunch at the McNeil PAC on Veteran's Day next month. I RSVP'd.

What is going on?

Ms Brinson,
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Thank you for your reply, Trustee Weston. Dr. Azaiez- Are our local Veterans invited to the Veteran's Day event at the McNeil PAC that Trustee Weston mentions? If so, **how do I get the invite to my Navy Veteran stepdad?** He deserves more than an email for Veteran's Day since he's banished from his grandchild's school campuses and is not invited to the annual Ridgeview Middle School Veteran's Day Program. Also, I'd like for his grandchildren to attend *with him* since the ultimate point of demonstrating gratitude for our Veterans within our public schools is not only to thank them for their service, but to **TEACH our children** about the significance of their service. Please let me know how I can get the invite to my children's grandfather and how they, his grandchildren, can attend with him in Round Rock Independent **SCHOOL** District.

Thanks, April

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Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2021 10:41:19 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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Date: Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 10:36 AM
Subject: Re: Possible TOMA violation in 14 Sep 2021 Board Meeting
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
CC: Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

I sent this email on Wednesday night and have not received a reply. What I have seen is bizarre media articles like this:

<https://www.fox7austin.com/news/central-texas-school-board-meetings-plagued-with-disruptions>

The article is riddled with untrue statements including:

"During Tuesday's meeting, [the board chose to end the meeting early](#) due to all the commotion and will continue at a later meeting, something which hasn't been done before. "

I explained in this email to all of you on Wednesday night that that is not a true statement and yet you are putting it forward to the media which published it today.

You get very upset when I issue press releases. But you declined the opportunity to set the record straight when you had the opportunity and you put me in a position where I have no choice if the truth is going to get to the public.

The lies to the media and elsewhere have got to stop. The misrepresentations have got to stop. The manipulation of events has got to stop.

The truth needs to be our North Star even when it reflects poorly on us.

The law must be respected even when we don't like it.

All trustees must be treated equally and with respect even if they are disliked personally.

These are basic tenants that our board continues to fail on. Nothing is going to change until these basic tenants are followed.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 6:55 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I have real concerns about the 14 Sep 2021 Regular Board Meeting. One of those concerns is about the agenda and the public being denied the opportunity to speak on item J1 (Mask Matrix).

I have watched the board meeting on-line twice now and this is what happened:

25:15 mark - Item D1 (public comments of agenda items E, F, G, H) appears to end

28:00 mark - Board Pres Weir announces both "adjourn" and "recess" with no notice of when to reconvene

30:40 - VP Feller motions to approve G1-5 (via consent passes 5-0) successful business conducted

33:40 - VP Feller motions to approve G6 (tax rate passes 4-1) successful business conducted

48:30 - We appear to be back to D1 (public comments of agenda items E, F, G, H)

50:10 - Sec Harrison motions to nominate Mason Moses to WCAD board (passes 4-1) successful business conducted

51:50 - Weir "suggests that we postpone everything else in this meeting until Saturday"

"Everything else" appears to be Items I1 (public comments on agenda item J1) and J1 (Mask Matrix). **No vote or consideration of removing these items is discussed or voted on.**

52:10 - Weir calls board into closed session and board successfully deliberates Items K1 & K2

Why does the RRISD website currently state: Update: Due to public disruption at the September 14, 2021 regular meeting, item J on the [September 14 agenda](#) will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

This is a lie. There was no public disruption that prevented the board from addressing item J1 (mask matrix) as demonstrated by the board successfully accomplishing many other agenda items, passing a tax rate, taking action coming out of closed session, appointing a WCAD director, etc. Please remove this language from the RRISD website.

In addition, on 13 Sep 2021, I sent an email to Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez asking that Item J1 be removed from the 14 Sep 2021 agenda. Pres Weir replied, "This is a matter for the full Board to discuss tomorrow and it (J1 Mask Matrix) will not and cannot be removed from the agenda at this point in time with less than 72 hours before the meeting." This email exchange is subject to the PIA.

Please explain why you (Weir) unilaterally (with no vote by the board) removed items I1 and J1 from last night's agenda. Many parents showed up to speak on this J1 "Mask Matrix" and were left denied with their time wasted. How are you allowed to unilaterally deny them the opportunity to speak on an item listed on the agenda? Your own words to me in writing on 13 Sep 2021 clearly state that the J1 Mask Matrix WILL NOT AND CANNOT be removed from the agenda.

These questions have got to be answered to the board and the public before any future meeting on J1 can be held.

Danielle Weston

Subject: Fwd: Community Access and Seating for Board of Trustees Meeting - Thursday, October 21
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 07:54:42 -0500
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 8:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Community Access and Seating for Board of Trustees Meeting - Thursday, October 21
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, <[REDACTED]>
CC: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>

Ms Slape,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Dr Azaiez,

I can't hide my dissatisfaction with your words to Ms Slape. Students on our campuses are not spaced 3 ft apart in their classrooms, the hallways, the lunchroom or on the practice fields. Have you been to a high school football game? It's been a glorious sight to see our students living their lives again. The sight has almost moved me to tears multiple times this fall. Our five county area is in Phase 3 (YELLOW) and on the cusp of Phase 2 (BLUE).

Please see the APH website to verify

this: <https://austin.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/0ad7fa50ba504e73be9945ec2a7841cb>

No students or staff members have been hospitalized with Covid this school year.

Why are you doubling down on restricting the number of seats in the boardroom? There were 100+ seats available in the room in June. Is someone telling you to do this? You are limiting the number of citizens who can enter the board room? Is there any other scenario or situation in which folks are turned away from RRISD classrooms, meetings, etc to enforce a 3 ft distance?

There are no seating restrictions in the other local government meetings such as the commissioners court and city council meetings. Why are you doing this? Why are our meetings different? If this facility will not allow full access, please utilize another RRISD facility that will as you did on 22 Sep 2022 when the meeting was held at the McNiel PAC. We also have PAC's at CRHS and SPHS.

I am all for a large overflow room for folks who wish to distance themselves from others to be able to do so. But TOMA is clear about "complete access." If you utilize the police force to prohibit citizens from entering the board room as happened in the 14 Sep 2021 meeting, thus doubling down on what happened that problematic night, in my view the only thing you will have accomplished is to further inflame the community I have been part of for over a decade. I believe it's time to turn the temperature down in RRISD, not up.

Danielle Weston

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From: **Christie Slape** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 6:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: Community Access and Seating for Board of Trustees Meeting - Thursday, October 21
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

Trustees Weston and Bone,

I was just notified by Dr. Azaiez that there will only be 50 seats available to community members at Thursday's Board of Trustees Meeting. This still seems minimal and does not seem to offer "complete access" to community members. Perhaps you could ask Dr. Aziez to increase the seating for the meeting. He also mentioned that RRISD Police will "maintain order". Does that mean they will be preventing the 51st person from entering the Lecture Hall? Perhaps you can get clarity on that before Thursday.

Thank you.

Christie Slape
512-731-4462

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dr. Hafedh Azaiez" <Superintendent_RRISD@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Re: Community Access and Seating for Board of Trustees Meeting - Thursday, October 21
Date: October 19, 2021 at 2:52:13 PM CDT
To: Christie Slape <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>

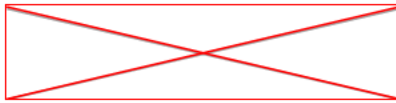
Dear Ms. Slape,

We have increased the number of chairs for the community to 50 inside the Lecture Hall, with those chairs spaced approximately three feet apart. Regarding the posted capacity of 375, we know that number is not possible with the current setup of the room (the dais at the top of the lecture hall and audience setting on the large, flat portion of the hall.) Because that sign predates any current administration and because it seems like an extremely large crowd for the size of the room, the district recently brought in the fire marshall to assess. Indeed, 375 is too large a capacity for the room, even when arranged for the maximum capacity of chairs (something not possible with the dais set up for board business.) We are requesting new guidance on maximum capacity related to different room setups. We are maintaining the three feet of distance right now because that is in line with current health guidance, particularly because not all of our attendees wear masks. Once we reach capacity, we will ask anyone present to watch the live stream from the overflow area. Round Rock ISD Police will maintain order. Because Round Rock ISD Board of Trustee meetings are held on a campus, we ask attendees to arrive no earlier than 4:15 p.m. In-person speaker sign up will begin at 4:30 p.m. I hope this information is helpful.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 11:50 AM Christie Slape <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Dr. Azaiez and President Weir,

Because this Thursday's Board of Trustees Meeting will take place back in the RRHS Lecture Hall, the community would like to know in advance how the room will be set up and how many community members will be allowed **complete access** to the meeting. By **complete access**, I am referring to community members having the opportunity to attend the entire meeting, in person, within the 4 walls of the Lecture Hall. And so there are no unfortunate surprises that would deny parents and community members the right to **complete access** to the meeting this Thursday, I would very much appreciate your response to the following questions before Thursday.

- | At what time will community members be able to enter the Lecture Hall?
- | How many chairs will be available for seating in the Lecture Hall?
- | Will the chairs be spaced at a particular distance from one another? If so, why?
- | Will RRISD police officers be directed to prevent anyone from initially entering the Lecture Hall for any reason? If so, what is the criteria and the policy they will enforce?
- | Will **ALL** community members be allowed to observe the entire meeting from within the 4 walls of the Lecture Hall? (not to exceed the maximum capacity of 375 people)
- | Will community members be able to stand in the back or sit on the floor of the Lecture Hall if there is not enough seating made available by RRISD? (not to exceed maximum capacity of 375 people)
- | Will community members be allowed to bring their own folding chairs for additional seating in the Lecture Hall if there is not enough seating provided by RRISD?
- | Will there be an overflow room for attendees who prefer to socially distance?

Will the answers to these questions (in the form of a RRISD Policy) be posted publicly prior to and at the Board of Trustees Meeting?

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. I trust that all answers will comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Education Code.

Sincerely,

Christie Slape
RRISD Parent
512-731-4462

Subject: Round Rock ISD Police/Wilco ARRESTING PARENTS AT THEIR HOMES TONIGHT who were ILLEGALLY locked out of PUBLIC school board meeting
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2021 20:51:58 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
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Dr. Azaiez,

Raquel Martinez, Donna ISD mom, fully warned me that siccing the ISD police on your critics is your go-to move. So I'm not even surprised to see you abUSE the police against the parents who you and President Weir locked out of the school board meeting. She literally told me you WOULD do this, she guaranteed it, and OBVIOUSLY she told me the TRUTH. You're a SICK BASTARD.

Anyone who DARES question the ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF KING AZAIEZ & QUEEN WEIR **WILL** face retaliation and be made to FEAR the ABUSE of authority coming their way.

This is what the Soviets did with those who did not comply. And this is now Round Rock ISD. Congratulations.

If ANYONE should be ARRESTED, it should be YOU.

You DESERVE to burn in hell.

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Meeting scheduled for 9-22-21
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2021 23:21:06 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: "Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org" <Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216C6976B9825ACDB30DA35F9DE9@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
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I would like to ask how many will be allowed in the meeting on 9-22-21? I know it was pretty limited at the last meeting and am hoping since it has been moved to McNeil that there will be a lot more of the public allowed in. Thank you.

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. TEA Update - Mask Policy Update
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2021 11:29:22 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpu8GGWpyLhxkPjtmvFeGxxm-Abo8_AjBiKXSXnONQprSg@mail.gmail.com>
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Hello Board of Trustees,

As I'm sure you noticed, the TEA updated their recommendation to the following:

"Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other authority to require protective equipment, including masks, in an employment setting is not necessarily affected by GA-38."

The TEA released this update on Friday, September 17, the same day you released a statement saying "Temporary Restraining Order on hold: Round Rock ISD plans to continue mask requirement". Although it is unlawful for you to mandate masks on our children, you have continued to do so by stating on record that you were following the guidance of the TEA. Clearly you are not. Can you explain what guidance you're following? You are confusing and dividing our community with your back-and-forth policies and mandates.

I expect a notice to go out to the community immediately to correct your statement from Friday, and make it clear that masks are optional. Furthermore, since Wednesday's meeting agenda lists "COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols", I expect that the unlawful mask mandate will be officially rescinded.

Here is the full document, for your reference:

https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/210917_21-22%20Public%20Health%20Guidance_final.pdf

Thank you to Dr. Mary Bone and Captain Danielle Weston for fighting for our freedoms and rights all along. Our community will not forget your advocacy.

Best regards,
Shauna Kinningham

Subject: BOARD MEETING/CALL TO CENSURE
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2021 08:41:55 -0500
From: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org,
cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>,
jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>,
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<hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
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Hello,

I am writing to express my absolute disgust regarding the attempt to censure Trustees' Bone and Weston. These trustees have worked diligently to defend the rights of the community and showed that commitment to the public by standing up for the right to allow the community into the board meeting last week. This is a personal attack and I have already filed a complaint with the attorney general's office and contacted KVUE to give correct facts regarding last week's board meeting. How dare you try to attack the character of these board members when the other 5 of you and the superintendent are breaking the law with the mask mandate in place? Governor Abbott's mandate is very clear and the board has disregarded this law from the beginning. The district made a statement last week in an email that it would follow the law of the land, but has not removed the mask mandate. The public had every right to attend the meeting in person last week, but the planned agenda of raising taxes while no one was inside was absolute evil. Do not mask the intent with social distancing, as there have been many more in attendance at other board meetings. Are you not aware that the State of Texas is open? We go to restaurants, ball games, DISTRICT sponsored football games and events, church, etc. with NO attendance limits! DO NOT tell me that 18 people can attend a board meeting in person, but we, as a community are able to gather and watch RRHS play football or volleyball on a Friday night. Remove the attempted censure of Bone and Weston from the agenda tomorrow evening and focus on the matter at hand, FOLLOWING THE LAW OF TEXAS AND REMOVING THE MASK MANDATE.



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Subject: Fwd: Possible TOMA violation in 14 Sep 2021 Board Meeting
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2021 19:07:41 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Rob Lelm <[REDACTED]> Matt and Tiffany Buss
<[REDACTED]> Michelle Evans <[REDACTED]> L Duarte
<[REDACTED]> Kieu Trang <[REDACTED]>
Jennifer Chapman <[REDACTED]> Jennifer Flok White
<[REDACTED]> Erin Schmieding <[REDACTED]> Jessica
Pryor <[REDACTED]> Denise Ray <[REDACTED]> Krystal Poggio
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christian <[REDACTED]> Ben Rupp <[REDACTED]>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 6:55 PM
Subject: Possible TOMA violation in 14 Sep 2021 Board Meeting
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

I have real concerns about the 14 Sep 2021 Regular Board Meeting. One of those concerns is about the agenda and the public being denied the opportunity to speak on item J1 (Mask Matrix).

I have watched the board meeting on-line twice now and this is what happened:

25:15 mark - Item D1 (public comments of agenda items E, F, G, H) appears to end
28:00 mark - Board Pres Weir announces both "adjourn" and "recess" with no notice of which is being taken or when to reconvene
30:40 - VP Feller motions to approve G1-5 (via consent passes 5-0) successful business conducted
33:40 - VP Feller motions to approve G6 (tax rate passes 4-1) successful business conducted
48:30 - We appear to be back to D1 (public comments of agenda items E, F, G, H)
50:10 - Sec Harrison motions to nominate Mason Moses to WCAD board (passes 4-1) successful business conducted
51:50 - Weir "suggests that we postpone everything else in this meeting until Saturday"
"Everything else" appears to be Items I1 (public comments on agenda item J1) and J1 (Mask Matrix). No vote or consideration of removing these items is discussed or voted on by the board.
52:10 - Weir calls board into closed session and board successfully deliberates Items K1 & K2

Why does the RRISD website currently state: Update: Due to public disruption at the September 14, 2021 regular meeting, item J on the [September 14 agenda](#) will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

This is a lie. There was no public disruption that prevented the board from addressing item J1 (mask matrix) as demonstrated by the board successfully accomplishing many other agenda items, passing a tax rate, taking action coming out of closed session, appointing a WCAD director, etc. Please remove this false language from the RRISD website.

In addition, on 13 Sep 2021, I sent an email to Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez asking that Item J1 be removed from the 14 Sep 2021 agenda. Pres Weir replied, "This is a matter for the full Board to discuss tomorrow and it (J1 Mask Matrix) will not and cannot be removed from the agenda at this point in time with less than 72 hours before the meeting." This email exchange is subject to the PIA by anyone who asks for it.

Please explain why you (Weir) unilaterally (with no vote by the board) removed items I1 and J1 from last night's agenda. Many parents showed up to speak on this J1 "Mask Matrix" and were left denied with their time wasted. How are you allowed to unilaterally deny them the opportunity to speak on an item listed on the agenda? Your own words to me in writing on 13 Sep 2021 clearly state that the J1 Mask Matrix WILL NOT AND CANNOT be removed from the agenda.

These questions have got to be answered to the board and the public before any future meeting on J1 can be held.

Danielle Weston

Subject: Prevented from attending RRISD School Board meeting
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2021 14:15:53 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To:
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Dear Texas Rangers, Williamson County Attorney Hobbs, and Attorney General Paxton,

I, along with a lot of other concerned parents are upset about the public being denied entry to our public Round Rock ISD school board meetings. On September 14, 2021, we went in person after signing up to speak and were directed to the overflow room. I will add that this is also not a fair option when band students, sports teams and random people are coming in and out of the area and milling around. It is hard to hear and not easy to be called upon when it is your time to speak. Having other parents come out to find you is not exactly the same as being in the same room physically and be able to hear your name and keep up with what is going on in the meeting. It is my understanding that this is being directed by President Amy Weir and Superintendent Dr. Azaiez. I believe they don't want the truth to get out. We are being suppressed and this has to stop!

The idea that is all for safety protocol is ridiculous. Having 18 seats available when our children are in classes of 30 or more kids each day makes it obvious that this is not about safety. It is denying the public their legal rights to attend and speak at their school board meeting.

We believe the following violations occurred-

Texas Open Meetings Act
GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5., SUBTITLE A., CHAPTER 551.
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/gv/htm/gv.551.htm>

Parental Rights TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, TITLE 2. SUBTITLE E. CHAPTER 26.007
TITLE 2. SUBTITLE E. CHAPTER 26.007 - ACCESS TO BOARD MEETINGS
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.26.htm#26.007>

Texas Penal Code TITLE 8. CHAPTER 39.03 OFFICIAL OPPRESSION
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/pe/htm/pe.39.htm>

Please prosecute the 5 Trustees as well as the Superintendent for their rights violations of the public and willful disregard of the law.

Amy Weir, RRISD School Board President

Cory Vessa, RRISD Trustee
Jun Xiao, RRISD Trustee
Tiffanie Harrison, RRISD Trustee
Amber Feller, RRISD Trustee
Dr. H. Aziaez, RRISD Superintendent

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Jessica Pryor

Subject: Fwd: Federal Judge aides with GA-38 in Austin today
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2021 21:54:03 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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<[REDACTED]> Amy O'Grady <[REDACTED]> Arvind Kini
<[REDACTED]> Ben Rupp <[REDACTED]> Chris Greenstein
<[REDACTED]> David Granado <[REDACTED]>
Denise Ray <[REDACTED]> Doyle Hobbs <dhobbs@wilco.org>, "Dr. N.
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<[REDACTED]> Karissa Freeman <karissa.freeman@holtcat.com>, Kieu
Trang <[REDACTED]> Krystal Poggio <[REDACTED]> L Duarte
<[REDACTED]> Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]> Mark Braun
<[REDACTED]> Matt Szekely <[REDACTED]> Matt and
Tiffany Buss <[REDACTED]> Meghan Stack <[REDACTED]> Michelle
Evans <[REDACTED]> Morgan Logue <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]> Rob Leim
<[REDACTED]> Robin Perry Braun <[REDACTED]>
Shelby Groff <[REDACTED]> Stacey Lesieur <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Federal Judge aides with GA-38 in Austin today
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CC: Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez,

Please cancel your 3:45 pm meeting on Saturday re: "Mask Matrix". Another domino in this divisive saga fell just today. This time the case is a statewide case filed by "Disability Rights Texas". The link is below but so your own research. You aren't going to be able to defy the Governor's Exec Order authority. Please don't waste our time or put our community through another meat grinder on Saturday. Please stop. We all know how this is going to end. No doubt lawyers would love to represent RRISD and make \$\$\$ off of these cases but we have no money to fight these guaranteed losses. I won't support diverting tax dollars away from the classroom for this fruitless litigation.

<https://www.wfaa.com/mobile/article/news/health/coronavirus/federal-judge-texas-rules-against-disability-rights-group-lawsuit-mask-mandates/287-f901c083-c57f-4354-9ef7-bc354734de89>

Danielle Weston

Subject: Board Meeting Capacity Limits
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2021 09:55:13 -0500
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: adam.benthall@tea.texas.gov, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Jared Woodfill <jwoodfill@woodfilllaw.com>
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Dr. Azaiez and President Amy Weir,

Tuesday's monthly board meeting was not open government, but a disturbing display of authoritarian rule. The capacity limit enforced that evening was not about COVID safety, it was about control. If it were about COVID safety, then the sudden change in capacity limit in the boardroom would have also been applied to the group of about 100 maskless band students rehearsing in the room right across the hall.

Dr. Azaiez and President Weir, you signed a TEA "Agreed Corrective Action Plan" document recently agreeing to comply with all provisions of the Texas Education Code.

Unfortunately, you violated that agreement on Tuesday, and you used RRISD law enforcement to blockade the entry door to prevent parents from entering the board room. TEC Title 2, Ch 6, sec 26.007 states that parents are entitled to "complete access to any meeting of the board of trustees." This document is titled Parental Rights, not recommendations or suggestions. Rights are not subject to restriction by the administration when, where, and how you deem appropriate.

Forcing the public into an overflow room to watch the meeting is not complete access. If it is, then why allow anyone into the room? If audio and video live-stream is sufficient access, then why not just have the meeting completely virtual?

I'd also like to point out that the chairs setup by district staff in the overflow were only spaced 1-2ft apart.

If COVID safety is that dire, then capacity limits should be applied uniformly across the district for all classrooms and student group activities.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Fwd: 14 Sep 2021 Legally Problematic Board Meeting
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2021 10:52:54 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 10:43 AM
Subject: 14 Sep 2021 Legally Problematic Board Meeting
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Jim Williby <jim_williby2@roundrockisd.org>, Jeffrey Yarbrough
<jeffrey_yarbrough@roundrockisd.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, Mary Bone
<mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

The events of Tuesday night's (9/14) board meeting continue to haunt me as an American citizen. I have been a law-abiding citizen my entire life. I will not be complicit in Tuesday night's events.

All seven elected trustees are equals. The law does not allow any trustee to have any power as an individual trustee. Only as a body do we possess or exercise any power. The law is clear on that. Board officers do not enjoy any additional lawfu powers than non-officer trustees.

Board President Amy Weir does not have law enforcement authority. She does not have the authority to determine whether a crime is being committed. She does not have the authority to direct a law enforcement officer to take any action under the authority he possesses as a LEO. LEO's alone are

charged with making decisions on enforcing the law. The only civilians empowered to direct law enforcement to do anything are judges. Even then, they cannot direct when, how or where their orders (such as an arrest warrant) will be executed.

If Amy Weir directs a LEO to "remove" a citizen from a meeting, physically prevent a citizen from entering our meeting or any other order, then I as a peer of hers, can just as easily direct the LEO to NOT "remove" a citizen. We are equals. Only if a LEO himself believes he is witnessing a CRIME occur can he take appropriate action to enforce the law. Not Amy Weir.

Good LEO's do not take orders on how to enforce the law from trustees. They do not bend to the orders of civilians.

The courts have ruled that a LEO placing his hands on a citizen have arrested that citizen. All arrests must generate an arrest report. LEO's know this. Since 1 Aug 2021, citizens have been forcibly removed from RRISD board meetings and on Tuesday night, RRISD PD LEO's put their hands on more than one citizen in preventing them from entering the board meeting.

I am hereby requesting a copy of all arrest reports from the RRISD PD documenting the arrests of citizens in RRISD board meetings from 1 Aug 2021 through 15 Sep 2021. Dr Azaiez- Please provide these reports to all trustees before the next board meeting which will be Saturday at 8:30 am. We need to see these reports. And we need to see if the reports reflect that the officers were taking orders from Amy Weir.

If arrest reports were not written, then we have an even bigger problem. If that's the case, we may have 1983 Civil Rights violations.

I believe that Amy Weir is blinded by political doctrine that has rendered her unable to operate within the confines of the law.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee Place 7
618.670.4739

Subject: EO GA-38 violators at Gattis Elementary
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2021 08:03:27 -0500
From: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel_Brillhart@roundrockisd.org, Cynthia Griggs Griggs <Cynthia_griggs@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Joshua_hutton@roundrockisd.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, bgravell@wilco.org, dhobbs@wilco.org, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, "Dr. Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "Matt c.f.o, Ice" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <3891F235-AFC8-4ECA-8617-2F1A0CC6D9F9@yahoo.com>
MD5: 6d7a1eb689327db6f900ed8c0f9bfd5a

Dear AG Paxton and Williamson County Attorney Hobbs,

We are writing you to report an incident of intimidation on my son a [REDACTED] student at Gattis Elementary in round rock Texas. My son has a medical exemption signed by his pediatrician for a mask exemption . Last year he was retaliated against for his mask exemption and it seems this year he's being intimidated by upper grade level teacher Daniel Brillhart. The lawless ruling of the round rock independent school district school board to mandate mask has lead some power hungry educators to be the judge and jury of his medical exemptions are worthy of acceptance. My sons treatment is ongoing he is still under the care of a pediatrician as well as orthodontist and possibly ear nose and throat procedures to come in the future, we are hoping that's not the case.

Our son [REDACTED] Winters is not to be questioned about:

1. His medical procedures. If anyone has a question about my sons medical treatment please feel free to call me or my husband for further details do not question a [REDACTED]
2. His medical treatment
3. Offered a mask, [REDACTED] does not have our permission to wear a mask.

His,

Leslie Winters

Subject: Re: EO GA-38 violators at Gattis Elementary
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2021 13:07:54 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Daniel_Brillhart@roundrockisd.org, Cynthia Griggs Griggs <Cynthia_griggs@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Joshua_hutton@roundrockisd.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, Bill Gravell <bgravell@wilco.org>, Doyle Hobbs <dhobbs@wilco.org>, "Dr. Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, "Matt c.f.o, lce" <[REDACTED]>, Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSmqfiQXQzRQx67MY7qBWXuOikNN+oG0f3oWeS1HkN0AA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: e3ef7852a3a587869eadcbb0883c532b

Dr Azaiez,

This situation is particularly problematic in RRISD for reasons I have mentioned in board meetings. In the spring, several families (including Mrs Winters) filed grievances in RRISD regarding their children being required to wear a mask as a condition of receiving a public education.

Starting at the 2:43:45 mark until the 3:05:15 mark in our 17 Jun 2021 board meeting (prior to your arrival in RRISD) discussion and action on an agenda item called: Declare Pending Level III Grievances Regarding Mask Use as Moot" begins.

<https://roundrockisdtx.new.swagit.com/videos/129366>

The board voted 5-2 to "declare these mask grievances moot".

Please listen closely to this critical dialogue in that meeting including:

Trustee Weir comments at 2:44:57 mark

Counsel Wells comments at 2:45:30 mark "The authority to require masks has been taken away from the board due to the Gov's order"

Trustee Weston remarks at 2:59:00 mark

Additionally, in the 16 Aug 2021 called board meeting, this concern was brought up.

<https://roundrockisdtx.new.swagit.com/videos/130528>

Please listen closely to this critical dialogue including:

Trustee Bone comments at 6:19:30 mark (referencing the vote from the 17 Jun 2021 board meeting on the grievances)

I am really concerned about what RRISD is doing regarding masks right now given this board vote in the 17 Jun 2021 meeting. And now apparently one of the families who took the time to file a grievance, only to have this board dismiss it and now have her son possibly being intimidated over this has a real potential to end in a very ugly, possibly legally costly manner for RRISD.

I seek to have all of our resources focused on educating children, and I believe that given this board's vote on the grievances in the 17 Jun 2021 meeting makes RRISD particularly and uniquely vulnerable to litigation from parents, Williamson County and the TXAG. Ms Winters is just the latest parent to report harassment /intimidation from RRISD employees toward their children on masks. This treatment of children is wholly unsatisfactory to me for many reasons. Parents are already disenrolling children from RRISD. Treating children this way against their parents wishes is likely to result in a continued

downward trend in enrollment.

Danielle Weston

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Subject: Re: A message from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Hafehd Azaiez
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2021 15:48:34 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafehd Azaiez <hafehd_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov
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I've now heard from 3 teachers saying they cannot find the teacher/staff/admin EMPLOYEE OPT OUT form . It was clearly stated in the meeting that teachers/staff/admin would be included. WHERE is THEIR OPT OUT form? Thank you.

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 3:04 PM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

 Inspiring students to learn.
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A message from Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Hafehd Azaiez

Dear Round Rock ISD Families,

We are so excited to welcome students back to our campuses tomorrow. I know it is not quite the start to the year we had imagined with the increase in COVID cases due to the Delta variant, but rest assured, our teachers, administrators and staff have been working tirelessly to prepare for this new year and to make our campuses as safe as possible.

Last night, the Board of Trustees approved a [temporary mask requirement](#), as we start the new year with both [Travis](#) and [Williamson](#) counties currently at the highest risk level for COVID-19. Parents have the ability [to opt out](#) if they do not want their student(s) to wear a mask, but based on last week's mask survey, we are confident that the vast majority of our students and staff plan to mask up while indoors.

Our [Virtual Learning Program](#) is set to launch next week, with orientation activities on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 23 and 24, and the first day of class on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

For more information on how we're keeping students safe as we return to school, please visit our [COVID-19 Resources Website](#). You can also [subscribe](#) to receive District announcements and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates and happenings.

It is our privilege to serve you and your student here in Round Rock ISD, whether it's in person or virtually. It's time to return to school, and get back to *better*. See you tomorrow!

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafehd Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2021 19:37:15 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SA0PR07MB7644666C888751746997BC47D0D79@SA0PR07MB7644.namprd07.prod.outlook.com>
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I will. I'm sorry to keep copying you on stuff...I'm just infuriated. Thank you so much for continuing to advocate for our kids. It really means so much.

Katy

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 2:11:39 PM
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Collin Fletcher <collin_fletcher@roundrockisd.org>; Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>; john_yonker@roundrockisd.org <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Re: Mask issues
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2021 15:05:46 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQTimWTu93Ng0bNx+7pavOMna-QkQT+yLR8CuNgKw0UBQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: c35097043b49656cca6207021c843b1a

No problem. Feel free to copy me on anything you like.

-dw

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: THANK YOU, AG Paxton, for filing suit against Round Rock ISD scofflaws
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2021 11:02:15 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov
Cc: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, dhobbs@wilco.org, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yJWJU-Rit0A0iz-AeFXQYPxKuxopMbkLhpO6hqiaQOyA@mail.gmail.com>
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Dear Attorney General Paxton,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for filing suit against the flagrant scofflaws in Round Rock ISD. We want you to know how much we sincerely appreciate your hard work defending law & order in Texas that respects personal freedom and liberty, and we especially thank you for your efforts here in Round Rock. We support you 100%!

Here's a list of ***willful, lawless perpetrator RINGLEADERS in Round Rock ISD:***

Amy Weir, RRISD School Board President
Cory Vessa, RRISD School Board Trustee
Jun Xiao, RRISD School Board Trustee
Tiffanie Harrison, RRISD School Board Trustee
Amber Feller, RRISD School Board Trustee
Hafedh Azaiez, RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Watch recent school board meeting recordings for evidence of their blatant lawlessness and disregard for parent & child rights.

Please contact us for parents and students willing to testify in court and/or provide sworn affidavits for your lawsuit against Round Rock ISD.

With deep gratitude,
April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Mask issues
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2021 14:48:30 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: Collin Fletcher <collin_fletcher@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, "john_yonker@roundrockisd.org" <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>
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Thank you for your speedy reply and for taking care of this. I'll let you know if [REDACTED] has any further issues.

Katy

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From: Collin Fletcher <collin_fletcher@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:28:15 AM
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>; john_yonker@roundrockisd.org <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Re: Mask issues

Thank you for your email, Mrs. Hardin.
I spoke with our cafeteria manager and addressed the situation. He will be able to receive his lunch without any further issue.
If you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out-- we are glad to assist.

Kind Regards,

Collin Fletcher

Assistant Principal, 8th Grade
Cedar Valley Middle School

512-428-2306

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Subject: Public denied entry into public school board meetings - Round Rock ISD
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2021 13:49:55 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: rangers@dps.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov
Cc: maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Texas Rangers, Williamson County Attorney Hobbs & Attorney General Paxton,

We're parents who are concerned and upset about the public being denied entry into our public Round Rock ISD school board meetings. Last night was not the first incident of the public being forced by RRISD Police (at the direction of RRISD Superintendent Azaiez & Board President Weir) to watch the school board meeting remotely from a room with a screen despite having traveled to physically attend the board meeting in person.

Five of our 7 RRISD school board Trustees are abusing their authority and what they deem as "safety protocols" for the ***actual purpose of denying the public their legal right to attend their own public school board meetings.***

The meeting room was nowhere near fire code capacity, yet many numerous citizens who took time out of their lives to attend, were refused entry. RRISD school board meetings are live streamed so anyone who believes that attending a school board meeting is dangerous is able to watch the meeting remotely, and speak during public comment remotely. Those who are comfortable with attending a school board meeting should be permitted to physically attend in person per their legal rights under the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Please prosecute the following 5 Trustees plus our Superintendent for their rights violations of the public and willful disregard for the law:

Amy Weir, RRISD School Board President
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Amber Feller, RRISD School Board Trustee
Hafedh Azaiez, RRISD Superintendent of Schools

Thank you for your prompt attention to this very important matter,

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: EMERGENCY AT CEDAR RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2021 13:17:24 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org
Cc: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Stacey Kensinger <stacey_kensinger@roundrockisd.org>, Jennifer Stork <jennifer_stork@roundrockisd.org>, Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Jonte' Buhl <Jonte_Buhl@roundrockisd.org>, cale_o'neal@roundrockisd.org, Karen Davis <karen_davis@roundrockisd.org>, Sandi Flores@roundrockisd.org, Christopher Tong <Christopher_Tong@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Pfluger <lisa_pfluger@roundrockisd.org>, Julia Smith <julia_smith@roundrockisd.org>, sena_lim@roundrockisd.org, Sherri Hughes <sherri_hughes@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Moeckel <natalie_moeckel@roundrockisd.org>, Holly Griffin <holly_griffin@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Ivy <lisa_ivy@roundrockisd.org>, Jose Jimenez-Rivera <jose_jimenez-rivera@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <Julie_Haney@roundrockisd.org>, Brian Banks <brian_banks@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <Nancy_Guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Samuel Jones <samuel_jones@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, darrell_overton@roundrockisd.org
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Ok thank you for your prompt reply. I have passed it along to this parent whose child heard something entirely different in your announcement. My daughter was doing something that prevented her from hearing your announcement so she didn't know what was said. Glad to hear your intentions are NOT to violate the law or student/parent rights, thank you.

On Sep 3, 2021, at 1:07 PM, jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org wrote:

Mrs. Brinson,

I reminded our students of our mask policy and stated that unless your parents have opted you out, they would need to follow the mask policy and mask up. I reminded our students, if their parents have contacted me or filled out the form that they are okay and that their teachers have been notified.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2021, at 12:55 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

A parent friend just informed me that CRHS Principal just announced over the loudspeaker that students will shortly be forcibly masked regardless of their parents' consent and to "not argue." I'm about to dial 911 for a criminal emergency at the school. Please let me know IMMEDIATELY whether this is incorrect information.

On Sep 2, 2021, at 9:01 AM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you very much for your reply, Mr. Williams. I'm glad to hear that RMS is not participating in this highly inappropriate and unethical "assignment." This "assignment" should be completely BANNED EVERYWHERE in EVERY school. It's appalling and disrespectful of child and parental rights.

We plan to call *your* attention to each and every incident brought to *our* attention where parental and child rights are violated since this is a major issue of late in public schools, of which we will NOT tolerate. Again, our children NEVER have consent to be questioned about OR "taught" about their or others':

- | "Pronouns" (NO, INAPPROPRIATE)
- | "Gender Identity" (We have 1 child with a penis, 1 child with a vagina, end of story- our children's sexuality is NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS)
- | Race (theirs or others, particularly in the context of race shaming)
- | Socioeconomic Status (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS outside the possible context of applying for financial assistance in some way, of which you would be proactively notified so no need to violate families' privacy with inappropriate probing)
- | Disabilities (outside the specific context of receiving consented to SpEd/504 services)
- | Religion (theirs or others, particularly in the context of religion shaming)
- | Political beliefs (theirs or others, particularly in the context of beliefs/values shaming)
- | Medical decisions or history (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS, period, end of story)

Thank you very much for your respect of our children's God-given and Constitutional rights, as well as our consent/non consent granted to RRISD,

April & Justin Brinson

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:45 AM Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning April,

I just want to let you know that RMS is not using this activity in our 8th grade ELA classes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a nice day.

On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 8:16 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning,

I need to bring to your attention a RRISD 8th grade ELA assignment sent to me by a friend whose child attends Walsh MS and is circulating online. I've received confirmation that this highly inappropriate "assignment" is being used in many RRISD middle schools. My son, [REDACTED] was absent Mon & Tue so I'm not sure yet whether it was assigned in his ELA class. I'm writing to remind all RRISD teachers/admin/staff that under no circumstance do our children have consent to discuss (let alone be pumped for a grade) personal/private/confidential medical/personal/political/religious or ANY of the information being solicited in the attached assignment. Should you ever feel an inclination to violate our children's consent, please freeze and dial me (April) immediately at [REDACTED] as ALL private data collection or discussion of this nature regarding our children shall go through us as parents per our consent/non consent granted.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

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On Aug 17, 2021, at 8:27 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening Teachers of our children, [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson,

We're so excited for the new school year and greatly appreciate you teaching our children, thank you!! We're looking forward to an academically productive and all around positive school year! Please reach out anytime!

In light of events over the past year and a half, we'd like to make clear our expectations as parents. Our family does *not* wear masks. Our children do *not* have parental consent to wear masks anywhere, including at school. If you're seeing our child(ren) wearing a mask at school, that's a result of either bullying, coercion, or some type of manipulation or unhealthy social pressure that is occurring at school, and is unacceptable. If you see one of our children wearing a mask, we need for you to remind them that they do not have parental consent to wear face coverings and kindly ask them to remove it. If this is an issue whatsoever, please immediately call me (April) at [REDACTED]. If we find out that our children are wearing masks at school, we will be reporting EO GA-38 violations for citation with the Attorney General's Office, as well as taking legal action ourselves, so let's just prevent that in the first place by making clear to our children that their parents' legal rights and authority will be respected on RRISD property.

We'd also like to make clear that all private medical decisions are just that... PRIVATE. No one employed by RRISD or on RRISD property has consent to discuss private medical decisions with our children including but not limited to masks, shots, medical tests, social distancing, quarantines, or any other private decisions about medical procedures. We as parents make *all* private medical decisions for our children under the authority of our parental rights. Should anyone at RRISD feel the need to discuss private medical decisions, please contact me (April) at [REDACTED].

Thank you for all your efforts as teachers!! It's going to be a fabulous school year!

April & Justin Brinson

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Questions, comments, or concerns?

Regards,

Kenneth Williams, Jr.

Assistant Principal

"People can alter their lives, by altering their attitudes."- Dr. Margaret T. McCracken

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[Ridgeview Middle School](#)
[2000 Via Sonoma Trail](#)
[Round Rock, TX 78665](#)

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Subject: EO GA-38 violator at Ridgeview Middle School (Round Rock ISD) front office
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2021 15:06:01 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org
Cc: darrell_overton@roundrockisd.org, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Dear AG Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs,

We're writing to report that several Ridgeview Middle School parents have expressed to us that they were forced to diaper their face or be denied entrance to our child's Round Rock ISD school, Ridgeview Middle School located at 2000 Via Sonoma Trail, Round Rock, TX 78664. We have not yet had reason to enter the school personally, but we need this illegal activity swiftly ended prior to our inevitable need to enter the school. The lastest violation was at approximately 9:30am this morning when a mom friend was bringing her child's forgotten bus pass up to the school. I can get you first hand parent witness names/contact info to provide affidavits. We have already made abundantly clear to our children's schools that we will have zero tolerance for illegal activity and we will report violators of EO GA-38 immediately. Please follow up with us to discuss how this illegal activity will end promptly.

Thank you,
Justin & April Brinson

Subject: Re: Celebrate Freedom Week
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2021 20:04:51 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgR6idDBea5phbnZMxOvRoAKVrrJr-63fkv0JC=CPgCZEA@mail.gmail.com>
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Ms Melnar, This Sep 17 will be my first Constitution Day as a trustee. I am very glad to see that TEA has published this about Freedom Week including meaningful links to assist educators.

I have copied Dr Azaiez so that he can let our board know what our educators have planned for Freedom Week. I am so glad to see TEA leading from the front!

Dr Azaiez, I'm looking forward to hearing from you on this.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 7:53 PM Natalie Melnar <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening! Is this something RRISD acknowledges??

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/subject-areas/social-studies/celebrate-freedom-week>

What an amazing opportunity for our students and community! Hopefully our teachers and libraries honor this important event.

Kind regards,

Natalie Melnar

Subject: EMERGENCY AT RIDGEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2021 09:25:34 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: darrell_overton@roundrockisd.org, Maryadele Troxler <maryadele_troxler@roundrockisd.org>, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-x+qNgLaSOPhUZ0OH9_2JhVHR9MmZ6wsW3SM1evt1c-rA@mail.gmail.com>
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My son just messaged me that he and ALL the athletes in 1st period Athletics Class were ordered to put on masks by Ms. Maryadele Troxler. I need to know IMMEDIATELY whether there's some type of misunderstanding. ***I'm currently dialing 911 for a criminal emergency at the school.*** I told my son he is NOT to put on a mask under ANY circumstances, as he does NOT have parental consent, nor will he be party to ANY illegal activity apparently underway at RMS. If he is physically forced/his body is violated, he is to PUNCH the perpetrator and use ANY and ALL self defense necessary and then RUN LIKE HELL from the campus and call me for help.

CC: AG Paxton, Williamson County Attorney Hobbs

Subject: Re: EMERGENCY AT RIDGEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2021 09:40:07 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Maryadele Troxler <maryadele_troxler@roundrockisd.org>, darrell_overton@roundrockisd.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-x-k=h8G5Deo1YRim2VF-Z_ApngJKxLznZoSsdk7M6O7Q@mail.gmail.com>
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Yes madam, you SHOULD know better, that's for damn sure. My son is NOT a liar, and that's NOT what he said occurred. If anything, he's overly truthful. You need to check yourself, if anyone "needs a mask," I'm CERTAIN they will find their way to the office to ask for one. STEP BACK. You WILL be reported to AG Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs for citation and corrective action IMMEDIATELY if you choose to further engage in illegal activity at RMS, in violation of EO GA-38.

Sincerely,
April & Justin Brinson

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 9:29 AM Maryadele Troxler <maryadele_troxler@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Unbelievable! I walked by as Coach was talking to the kids and asked if they need a mask, they are in the office.
I should know better!

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 9:25 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

My son just messaged me that he and ALL the athletes in 1st period Athletics Class were ordered to put on masks by Ms. Maryadele Troxler. I need to know IMMEDIATELY whether there's some type of misunderstanding. ***I'm currently dialing 911 for a criminal emergency at the school.*** I told my son he is NOT to put on a mask under ANY circumstances, as he does NOT have parental consent, nor will he be party to ANY illegal activity apparently underway at RMS. If he is physically forced/his body is violated, he is to PUNCH the perpetrator and use ANY and ALL self defense necessary and then RUN LIKE HELL from the campus and call me for help.

CC: AG Paxton, Williamson County Attorney Hobbs

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Maryadele Troxler, M.Ed.
Assistant Principal
Ridgeview Middle School
2000 Via Sonoma Trail, RR, Tx 78664
(512)-424-8405

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Subject: Fwd: Mask requirement reinstated for Round Rock ISD schools, Mask Matrix approved
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2021 08:47:24 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-xb8s+_PMPYzxAFot8_s8+OmsMPuDySiM9t5BcqcfZzJQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Dear Mr. Paxton,

Here. We. Are. Again. Please sue their asses into the next century until they GET IT that PARENTS make health decisions for THEIR children, NOT school board or other government bureaucrats. We will NOT comply with their ILLEGAL & UNCONSTITUTIONAL bullshit "mandate." Whoop these wannabe tyrant dictators' asses in Court cause they're slooooooooooooooowww learners.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 7:47 AM
Subject: Mask requirement reinstated for Round Rock ISD schools, Mask Matrix approved
To: ROUND ROCK ISD Recipients <recipients@roundrockisd.parentlink.net>

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Mask requirement reinstated for Round Rock ISD schools, Mask Matrix approved

The Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees approved reinstating the District's mask requirement during a [Sept. 22 called meeting](#). The extension of the mask requirement, which had expired on Sept. 17, was originally scheduled for discussion and potential action during the Board's Sept. 14 regular meeting, but was postponed due to public disruptions.

The Board also approved the establishment and implementation of a [Mask Matrix](#) that will be used by District leadership to guide decisions and future updates to mask requirements at schools and facilities. The matrix outlines five stages for mask protocols and is designed to align with the [Williamson County and Cities Health District's \(WCCHD\) gating stages](#) and the [Austin Public Health \(APH\) risk-based chart](#), which are used to assess public health conditions. The Board also gave Superintendent Dr. Hafeedh Azaiez the authority to change the mask requirement if necessary due to legal action or enforcement by the Texas Education Agency.

Under the reinstated mask protocol, all students, teachers, staff members, and adult visitors, including Trustees, must wear masks on buses and while inside school buildings when six feet of distance cannot be maintained during the regular school day. Students and staff have the option to remove their masks while seated in cafeterias and staff lunchrooms and while outdoors. Masks may be removed for activities during athletics, fine arts, and physical education classes if deemed appropriate by the coach, director or instructor.

Students and staff may opt-out of the mask requirement for health or developmental reasons. For exemptions, parents, guardians, and staff must complete their [respective forms](#). Once completed, parents and guardians can submit a copy of their form and provide any documentation through the [Mask Exemption Document Form](#). Staff will turn in their completed form and/or appropriate documentation to their immediate supervisor. Students and staff who previously submitted forms do not need to resubmit.

When updates to mask protocols are made, families and staff will receive communication directly from the District via the email registered to receive communication. Updates will also be posted on the [District's website](#) and social media pages.

If families have additional questions regarding mask requirements, they should contact their [home campus](#).



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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Board Meeting Capacity Restrictions
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2021 13:34:16 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSaNGQ-rWQYFPjmZJJKN2W6O4NFAzPX0URtP4h5QpAHsg@mail.gmail.com>
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Mr Clark,

Over the weekend I sent an email to the board president and superintendent (Per board policy) and requested the following agenda item for our next meeting:

“Discussion and possible action regarding the seating logistics in our board meetings.”

The board president replied to me that such an agenda item was solely at the discretion of the administration and denied my request. I replied that a board member can put anything he or she wishes on the agenda (as confirmed by a TXAG opinion that was delivered to the board months ago) and that we can vote on anything that is put forward in a motion.

I responded to her denial that I am deeply troubled that the number of seats in our board meetings has been artificially reduced to an extremely low number and does not need the spirit and intent of the Texas Open Meetings Act. I also shared that for the people who are concerned about social distancing, that the common area outside of the board room would be a great place to put up a screen and space seats for those who desire that kind of spacing.

My expectation is that my agenda item request will be respected and put on the agenda. I informed the board president that if the administration could just go ahead and appropriately place plenty of chairs in our board room to allow the members of the public who wish to attend our meetings to do so, that I would withdraw my agenda item request.

I acknowledge that the public is growing more and more concerned and impatient with our boards efforts to silence the community. This is reflected in the removal of most of the seats in our board room. It's also reflected in the boards decision (5-2 vote) to reduce public speaking time from two minutes down to 1 minute in the 24 Aug 2021 board meeting and it is reflected in other ways.

Danielle Weston

PS: as a reminder, any emails I send or receive from my official Trustee email account are subject to the public information act (PIA) so you are free to share this email and any other email you send or receive to board members as you see fit.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 10:36 AM 'Dustin Clark' via board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Board of Trustees,

Will you adhere to Texas law and not restrict community members from being in the board room at future board meetings? Offering a live stream in the lobby does not equal "complete access to any meeting of the board" as stated in TEC Ch.26, sec 26.007.

According to Texas Education Code Ch. 26, sec 26.007, and GA-38 section #3, prgph "g", community member capacity in board meetings cannot be restricted.

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-38 continued response to the COVID-19 disaster IMAGE 07-29-2021.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-38_continued_response_to_the_COVID-19_disaster_IMAGE_07-29-2021.pdf)

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/ED/htm/ED.26.htm>

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: SHAC
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2021 01:40:37 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, cory_vessa
<cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, daniel_presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>,
danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jessica Pryor
<[REDACTED]>, jun_xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone
<mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison
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Hello and thank you for serving on our board! Please let me know if there are any openings on the Student Health Advisory Committee. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: SHAC
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2021 15:26:40 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS36y3WxoToN0BN7mQiGZjSHoNhLw9SmkpENYaourvAbQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 5a777f73ddc217038d08e76a4a9143e4

Mrs Pryor, are you still wanting to be appointed to the SHAC?

Danielle Weston

Subject: Re: RRISD equity concern
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2021 08:34:22 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Dewayne Street <DeWayne_Street@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-zLaO3sAHXC1zA5+ciZ-MqXefR54U58ApNna1YFwLKugw@mail.gmail.com>
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I was glad to finally meet you in person last night, Mr. Street. I do hope you understand that my complaint about your failure to reply to parent emails goes back to last year. Thank you for replying to my most recent email, finally, after I asked that you begin replying to parents' concerns brought to your attention, however, please understand that I have emailed you in the past, as have many other parents I know, and received zero reply. For example, I sent you the below email last year and was completely ignored by you. That's unacceptable. I'm hopeful that after meeting in person last night and your reply this morning, we can begin a new chapter and I will receive prompt replies (and appropriate advocacy & action!) to any concerns that arise. Thank you.

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 7:07 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

April,
These are valid concerns that I share. The inconsistencies are real.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 9:52 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mr. Street,

I'm writing to follow up on the below email that I sent back on Monday, March 8. I haven't received a reply from you so I'd like to reiterate my equity concerns. Can you please let me know when I can expect to hear back from you?

Thank you,
April

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:23 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mr. Street,

An equity concern is weighing heavy on my heart. It's actually two specific examples where I see MY kids on the "winning" side of inequity in the district. I could just stay quiet since MY kids are "good" and getting what *they* need within these two areas of equity concern, but my conscience says I should speak up for our districts' kids on the "losing" side of inequity. That's the whole concept of equity, right? To care about more than just MY kids getting what *they* need?

#1 - My son's middle school will be the ONLY RRISD band competing at UIL on the Klett Performing Arts Center stage at Georgetown High School on March 31. UIL is an important educational opportunity and deeply rooted in Texas tradition. Of course I'm so thrilled for the RMS Band, but my heart also hurts for all of the other RRISD students who are shut out of UIL simply because their RRISD school doesn't offer equal opportunity. Where is the equity here? I'm seeing major inequity and unequal opportunity between students and schools within RRISD

and it's concerning.

#2 - My daughter's high school will be one of ONLY two RRISD schools whose students are provided the opportunity to attend Junior/Senior Prom. I realize that this year's proms were cancelled districtwide and really I don't understand why, but this longtime rite of passage that is traditionally organized within each high school, at the direction of designated teachers/staff members, and supported by a parent/student "Prom Committee," are still happening privately. But they're only happening for certain students who happen to be enrolled in certain schools. I'm again seeing major inequity and unequal opportunity between students and schools within RRISD and it's concerning. It feels like I'm seeing a *pattern* of inequity.

As RRISD Chief Equity Officer, do you believe that it's acceptable for only certain RRISD band students who happen to go to the "right school" to be allowed to compete at Band UIL with our surrounding ISD's? If so, why do you believe that? Shouldn't all of our RRISD band students be afforded this important opportunity? Same question for Prom... do you believe that it's acceptable for only certain RRISD students who happen to go to the "right school" to be allowed to attend Prom, which is a special celebration deeply rooted in school tradition for decades?

Thanks for your time. I look forward to your reply.

April Brinson

Subject: Intentionally locking out public AGAIN from open, public meetings in violation of TOMA
Date: Tue, 19 Oct 2021 22:11:42 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, rangers@dps.texas.gov, travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org
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Dr. Azaiez (& President Weir),

Please call me tomorrow morning. We need to discuss the email you sent to a parent friend of mine stating that you AGAIN intend to limit the board room capacity dramatically on Thursday, allowing for only 50 of the 375 capacity seats in the RRHS Lecture Hall. Where else in the district is this absurdity happening? Name one place. Certainly not at the recent student outcome forums, which had zero "social distancing." Do you attend any RRISD football games? Zero masks, zero open seats, student section so packed kids are sitting in the band section and on the steps.

This is again an intentional effort to deny the public from attending their own open, public meetings. It's a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act and you're preparing to do it AGAIN. It's becoming a PATTERN OF ABUSE. Who are you looking to arrest this time? I'm sure you've got your eyes on someone. So Dee Hobbs, are YOU going to stand by and watch this go down again?? How about you, Texas Rangers?

What is wrong with you? WHY do you so badly wish to deny the public from attending school board meetings as required by the TOMA? This stinks of corruption, tyranny and arrogance.

Please give me a call, I'd love to understand how this isn't actually what it appears to be based upon the email you sent stating you intend to limit attendance to only 50. There was ZERO "social distancing" at the last meeting at the McNeil PAC. Why now? Why aren't you holding Thursday's meeting at the PAC since "social distancing" apparently isn't necessary there?

April Brinson

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Unlawful mask mandate
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2021 16:59:40 -0700
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org, hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Bgravell@wilco.org, dhobbs@wilco.org, jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>
Message-ID: <CCE073DB-9B71-4D24-B2B9-0829C1D3D7A8@gmail.com>
MD5: 91c6177b6fcd88f49ef5e428b29ccea4

RRISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent Azaiez,

After both the Texas Supreme Court's ruling & Dee Hobbs's letter yesterday, why have you not made an official statement or called a board meeting for next week? You are in clear violation of the law!

You must call a board meeting for next week to revisit your unlawful mask mandate!

Sincerely,
April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Illegal Mask Mandate
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2021 19:40:55 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpveNrF8AH=-Uwb0Ly0x2pMAkhwf2P_JdPre83HPweH65Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 5a290dde3dc68d9a12f4211ef7e92105

Dear Board of Trustees and Superintendent Azaiez,

Why have you not made an official statement or called an emergency board meeting after both the Texas Supreme Court's ruling & Dee Hobbs's letter yesterday? You are in clear violation of the law.

It's ironic how you cited the ruling of the Supreme Court last week in your discussion on Tuesday night when it favored your argument to illegally enforce a mask mandate, but now you act like it isn't relevant to our county when the precedent has clearly been set by the Supreme Court ruling. All this will do is cause more confusion and division amongst the community and rake up huge penalties from the state for you continuing to violate the current executive order. Our district can't afford this power struggle you are having.

You must call a board meeting ASAP to revisit your unlawful mask mandate!

Sincerely,
Shauna Kinningham

Subject: Mask requirement
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2021 15:28:11 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAAUL7T=6NOfqSscctHgNbnJrKTkmRg_AJLvQt539=bgn7PFkEg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: ad5561ed5415908721ad83cd2876b036

RRISD Board Member,

I need to know what you would do in my situation. I have been assured multiple times by this board and the RRISD Administration that parents should walk hand-in-hand with teachers to guide our children and educate them. Parents are an integral part of the journey of our child's education.

Today, however, I feel betrayed in the worst way. My [REDACTED] daughter has been coerced to betray my wishes. My daughter may never again attend a RRISD educational institution because of this betrayal. In fact, I consider this grounds of a major legal violation of my parental rights.

For the last several months, since late April 2021, there has been quite a discussion of masking in our house. My three children have all participated in the discussions. We have read articles, watched videos, listened to commentary, participated in RRISD School Board meetings, etc. I have even spoken at you multiple times concerning this topic. All the while, I had great trust that you would not violate my inalienable rights or the rights of my family. You all have failed me. What is worse, you have failed my [REDACTED] daughter!

Today, your updated & illegal mask mandate was put into effect. Our family had 'opted-out' last week and I sent an email to the principal of Forest Creek Elementary School reminding them of my wishes. Your ruling on Tuesday evening stated we had 1 week to provide additional paperwork to back up our 'opt-out' claim. At about 2:40pm this afternoon I noticed a picture of my daughter was posted on ClassDojo. This picture, attached, clearly shows that she is masked against my wishes. About 15 minutes later, my wife went to pick up my 2 elementary students and heard that my [REDACTED] also was made to wear a mask for about half the day.

Explain this egregious assault on my wishes.

Explain why we are even in this situation where a governmental body believes they have any right to block their parents' clear wishes.

Explain to me why this School district should educate my child to subvert her parents' authority.

Explain to me why you stand idly by and allow lawlessness in your district.

Explain to me why I should allow RRISD any access to my children.

Regards,
John & Rachel Keagy
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Masks required at RRHS presently - parents in process of having RRISD cited per Executive Order GA38
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2021 14:35:03 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yjyEOuKrjAAWPvV=8cZEE0QuLTtVMP0KeySxJNt8GznA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: ddbecee9909e5c973363c5d55a00414e

Thank you very much, Dr. Azaiez, I greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and your reply. I'm asking that very clear communication be made districtwide to ALL RRISD employees that psychological coercion or manipulative communications with students which undermine parental decisions regarding masking, injections, or ANY type of private medical decisions be strictly refrained from and prohibited under all circumstances in RRISD. We all know that EO GA38 grants these decisions 100% to parents, and these parental decisions need to be respected at all times without attempts by RRISD personnel to coerce students into defying their parents'/guardians' decisions. It's going to be a rough school year if my kids are receiving conflicting messages at school that we, as parents, actually aren't the final authority, or psychologically manipulative messages that our legal exercise of our parental rights are not final. You can avoid this situation by strongly communicating districtwide to all teachers, admin, and staff that PARENTS make ALL decisions regarding masking, injections, *all medical decisions*, no exceptions, that it's a fully INAPPROPRIATE subject for discussion with students.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 1:31 PM Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

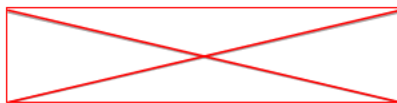
Good afternoon Mrs. Brinson,

Thank you for your email. We will investigate your concerns and address them accordingly.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Sat, Aug 7, 2021 at 10:52 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening Dr. Azaiez & Board of Trustees,

I'm hearing reports from parents this evening that the same RRHS coach who engaged in illegal behavior in flagrant violation of EO GA38 earlier this week is now engaging in mask coercion and manipulation this evening making a multitude of psychologically manipulative statements including, "my niece is a nurse and I'm going to tell you about what she's seeing (then proceeding to tell students medical details without parental consent)," "we need to be doing our part by wearing masks," "students need to stay away from crowds otherwise we won't have a full season." NO. Stop it now, this is coercion and manipulation, completely lacking respect for parental rights and the LAW. This inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated, period. Zero excuses. We will be getting Gov Abbott & AG Paxton involved on Monday because coercion is the *same* as requirement when it comes to psychological abuse of children. RRISD, you are on notice that this type of coercive child abuse will NOT happen to our children when school begins on Aug 18. Get real clear real quick. Not a good start here.

April & Justin Brinson

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 9:47 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for your prompt response and student-focussed action, Trustee Weston. We greatly appreciate your service to the district.

April & Justin

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 9:35 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hi April,

I also received these reports and called Dr Azaiez earlier this morning about it. He assured me he is addressing it and making it clear that masks are optional on RRISD property. I let him know that I am baffled that we have a RRISD employee who is not clear on this.

I also asked the parents who reached out to me about this to keep me posted on what their children are being told by this employee going forward re: masks.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 8:56 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good Morning,

Immediate corrective action is required at RRHS. I received reports this morning from friends that students in athletics workouts are being required to wear masks inside the gym, which is a flagrant violation of Executive Order GA 38. The situation requires immediate corrective action as we're presently contacting the Office of the Governor and the Attorney General for citation.

Please clarify for me that this is a one-time infraction and I cannot expect the same for my students when school starts. We will have the Governor's Office and AG Office on speed dial.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Fwd: Mask exemption forms now available for qualifying students and staff
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2021 09:19:23 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov
Cc: commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management
<complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Mary Bone
<mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston
<danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yVjs=sc2KoAwHRB26==_-KWBzND62DsTNM1aUnybMnvw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 9145a5fec8ee5756d766949b66734b8d

Dear AG Paxton,

I'm writing to report Round Rock ISD for violating Texas law by forcibly masking children in public school without parental consent, as well as violating HIPAA law by demanding access to private medical records as a condition of receiving a free appropriate public education without obstructing our children's airways in accordance with Texas law. Sue the hell out of them please.

Thank you,
April Brinson

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From: Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 4:07 PM
Subject: Mask exemption forms now available for qualifying students and staff
To: ROUND ROCK ISD Recipients <recipients@roundrockisd.parentlink.net>

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Mask exemption forms now available for qualifying students and staff

Following the Board of Trustees action to [update the District's mask requirement](#) to restrict opt-out exemptions to individuals with health and developmental conditions, [forms for students and staff](#) who meet the provisions are now available to be completed and submitted.

Parents, guardians and staff must complete their [respective forms](#). Once completed, parents and guardians will submit a PDF copy of their documentation through the [Mask Exemption Document Form](#). Staff will turn in their completed form into their immediate supervisor.

Parents and guardians who have questions regarding exemptions should contact their campus.

Under the updated mask protocol, all students, teachers, staff members and adult visitors, including Trustees, must wear masks on buses and while inside school buildings when six feet of distance cannot be maintained. Students and staff have the option to remove their masks while seated in cafeterias and staff lunchrooms and while outdoors. Masks may be removed for activities during athletics, fine arts, and physical education classes if deemed appropriate by the coach, director or instructor. Individuals with health or developmental circumstances may opt-out by submitting documentation.

The mask requirement is set to expire on Sept. 17, 2021. The Board's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Sept. 16, 2021, and the Trustees could vote to extend the requirement at that time if conditions warrant.



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Subject: Original Opt Out Still in Effect - No mask for my children
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2021 18:41:14 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Rachelle Clark REALTOR [REDACTED] Woodfill Law Firm <jwoodfill@woodfilllaw.com>, "pvasquez@wilco.org" <pvasquez@wilco.org>, "ctyjudge@wilco.org" <ctyjudge@wilco.org>
Message-ID: <290863546.1557090.1629916874292@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 6ab2812f71045d398aed2bf18ab729be

Principals and Superintendents,

My original opt out form I submitted will continue to stay in effect, and our children [REDACTED] will not be wearing a mask in school. Please inform all of their teachers that they will not be wearing masks. I cannot afford to spend \$200+ and time off of work for doctors appointments to receive the medical exemption you believe I need to have, and we will not participate in school board decisions that subvert the law.

In accordance with County Judge Bill Gravel and County Attorney Dee Hobbs's public statements (see link below for County Attorney mask mandate clarification), mask mandates in Williamson County are unlawful in our public schools. The Texas Supreme Court has not made a ruling on the Governor's ban on mask mandates. The Clark family will continue to follow GA-38, which has the full effect of law.

Lastly, I expect that our children will not be coerced to wear a mask, segregated, ostracized, or discriminated against in any way.

Thanks,

Dustin and Rachelle Clark

<https://www.wilco.org/Portals/0/Departments/PublicInfo/COVID-19/Understanding%20mask%20mandates.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2UnG4xDaR8qo3zcp3rtthknYDHAUf6xsXPivAwSbJP4iEUBhmm5WN8DOo>

Subject: Re: Out of Control
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2021 11:37:50 -0500
From: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CA+cOBiChuPsgmGhCJMrxKvtShhUhoj7RzQLL7LgP5yLC0n+utQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 0137f2af72493deeed2be4e39be9b693

THANK YOU FOR THIS! I applaud your courage and I will be praying for you!

On Tue, Aug 24, 2021 at 11:32 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

FYI

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From: **Danielle Weston** <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 7:17 PM
Subject: Out of Control
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>

President Weir and Dr. Azaiez

I am disgusted and disappointed that I just learned via email that after all of the turmoil that our community was put through on Monday night that you want to do it yet again!!!

I have received no communication from either of you regarding any threats or communications that have been received from the Travis County judge. Please forward me anything that you have received of this nature ASAP. I have seen their TRO and all it says is that enforcement relies on self regulation.

I begged and pleaded with both of you to cancel Monday nights (8/16) meeting. I talked about the fact that nothing good was going to come from it. I talked about how it would only divide our community and yield destruction.

My cries for sanity were denied then but apparently it's not enough to roll over our community with a Mack truck. Now apparently you want to put it in reverse and do it again. Please stop!

Our students, our staff, our parents, and our families do not deserve this torture. This is not hyperbole. We are talking about consequential policy that impacts children everyday. Children who do not know who you are or who I am or who elected county judges are or who the Attorney General is. And they don't care!

So we will sit through another six hours of public comments with mudslinging and data slinging. We will get to hear it all over again. For what? Some public speakers have already told you and folks have told us via email that their children will not be wearing a mask. I have already told you that I will not be wearing a mask. None of that has changed.

I am running out of options on how to stop the insanity and harm that is being brought to our community.

We have certainly received some complaints about mask bullying but I will tell you that after visiting multiple campuses on Wednesday and getting reports from teachers and parents and students from across the district over the last three days, PEACE has been breaking out across our school district campuses. People who are wearing masks and people who are not wearing masks are finding a way to

coexist peacefully. There is only one place where both masked and unmasked persons apparently cannot coexist...our boardroom!

We literally do not deserve to lead our community.

I am officially requesting that this now second destructive and divisive meeting be canceled immediately. No action on "masks" should be taken until the SCOTX weighs in on this issue. This is what TEA is doing...no action while in litigation! This is common sense! We struck a lawful compromise on Monday night. This is an enormous failure of leadership in my opinion. We do not have the right to torture our community with the reckless back and forth!

Danielle Weston --



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Subject: Re: Board Meeting-YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO TRUMP THE GOV OF TX
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2021 09:51:57 -0500
From: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org,
cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org,
jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org,
tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CA+cOBiAjFKZMO9euXxKS6R7AaCu+XiwdD3zu8J-hm5qPpSjyqg@mail.gmail.com>
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Hello,

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Subject: Re: Board Meeting-YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO TRUMP THE GOV OF TX
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2021 09:56:38 -0500
From: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org,
cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org,
jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org,
tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org
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MD5: f27c33fa65d30956e96e877a388424a6

Forgive the auto- correct feature on my phone. The last sentence should say "opt out".

On Tue, Aug 24, 2021 at 9:51 AM Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Subject: FW: Please investigate
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2021 12:10:29 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216BC46B31EF3BF95F55217F9F19@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 314ee8fe0d0d11bcaa01ee11c3298aa6

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Date: 8/3/21 10:20 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: amber_feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, cory_vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, daniel_presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundeockisd.org>, jun_xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Please investigate

President Amy Weir and Board of Trustees,

I have just learned that our Superintendent was served a restraining order [today. I would like to request that this matter be investigated. I feel that not taking the time investigate sends a message that the board does not believe women and does not take assault allegations seriously. If he has nothing to hide everything should be fine but I do think the alleged victim has a right to be heard and for the matter to be investigated..](#)

The board has been elected to protect and help the children in our district. Please help seek the truth and let us feel like we have transparent in our school district. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Board meeting
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2021 17:54:36 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, cory_vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, daniel_presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>, jun_xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216137EB5068124A920FE72F9C49@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 8507b58bf13d4bd4029b6e63ec15d8bd

Hello! Thank you for serving on our board. I understand we are to have yet another meeting on masks. I am just wondering what has changed since last week? Yes Travis county has threatened to sue but the Texas Attorney General has already made the same mention. It seems to me we are wasting a lot of time and creating more and more division.

I would like to ask that we keep our "opt out" as is. Making those of us without insurance have to pay for 1 or more children creates a heavy financial burden. And me having 2 kids in need...it is definitely full priced exams and office consultation. And even if I had my old insurance it was still hefty Copays! Not to mention trying to even get an appointment at this time is definitely difficult at best.

In the board meetings before I have heard it stated that it is not right for the board to decide who gets medical exemptions for virtual learning. My question is, why is it right to decide who gets medical exemptions to go to physical school?

It just seems ridiculous to put the community through yet another meeting especially if its just because of another threat of lawsuit. I am sure there will be many more to come anyway. No one is going to be completely happy. I think we already have a win win for the most part with our "opt out" that we already have.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Board meeting
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2021 10:54:40 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
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Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2021 16:47:02 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRZejP8Y0hrs0UjEC9RoHFJNXdCHpM1JAd+e-wBRpkETQ@mail.gmail.com>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSst9iHcSmoSX0GwF3m754zh4MQ98AXNsb4v71daQ5ZyQ@mail.gmail.com>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
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Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2021 22:18:40 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Financial Inequity for Opt Out Requirement Change
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2021 14:56:35 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafehd Azaiez <hafehd_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Rachelle Clark REALTOR <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <1505452692.643534.1629730595773@mail.yahoo.com>
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Hello Dr. Azaiez and Board of Trustees,

I understand that another board meeting (second in a week) has been called for tomorrow to consider making yet another chaotic and disruptive mask requirement change for our students, teachers, and staff. What has changed since last week's decision that warrants this?

Changing the mask mandate "opt out" option to medical only will create financial inequity across the district. Many parents like myself, who already struggle with medical costs, will be impacted if this change occurs. I have four children in the district who all have different medical conditions, and this change would require me to pay for a doctors visit fee of \$50/child to obtain an evaluation for a medical exemption letter. I would also need to see if I could take time off work to take them to their doctor appointments, which adds additional financial impact to my family.

The request for this meeting and potential change to the "opt out" requirement comes without any measurable change in the safety situation in our schools. Tuesday's meeting will be the fourth meeting in two weeks not spent on student outcomes. Adding up the 9 hours spent in last weeks COVID safety protocol meeting, the 6 hrs in the regular board meeting on Thursday, and then another COVID safety protocol meeting tomorrow that is sure to be another long one, I count 20+ hours of board meetings not spent focusing on student outcomes.

Please consider the financial burden you will place on families across the district, as well as the disruption and confusion for students, teachers, and staff.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: Texas Government Code Section 551.007 violation
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2021 17:52:58 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, dhobbs@wilco.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov
Message-ID: <6E7A8EEF-8B93-41DB-9B27-C2A257C0BA1A@gmail.com>
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I just spoke with an assistant to the TEA Deputy Commissioner of Governance and he said that we the public do have a legal right to speak even if the only agenda item is in closed session. The Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Call Back to Order & Adjournment are all public and so is Public Comment. I would like my legal right to give public testimony granted please, thank you.

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:23 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms Brinson,

I sent an email inquiry to board Pres Weir yesterday asking for public comments to be added to the agenda of next week's 23 Aug 2021 board meeting, the one in your screenshot. She replied that the law allows for her to omit public comments from the agenda for a meeting that only has closed session items on the agenda. I planned to reply to Pres Weir asking for a reference to the TGC or TEC that she is referring to.

Pres Weir, can you please provide that citation here on this email thread and then to the entire board?

-Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:09 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board of TRUSTees,

I just got off the phone with TEA regarding Monday's called Board meeting, which denies the public their legal right to provide testimony:

<image1.jpeg>

They instructed me to email you and direct your attention to Texas Government Code Section 551.007 and then call back once you reply as to whether you'll be allowing the public their legal right to provide testimony.

Will you be allowing public comment/testimony during Monday's called board meeting?

Thank you,
April

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Please reconsider your messaging
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2021 08:12:15 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSmrCC=0ak+K0MLXpsXj3UOLXBtnqr=SQXdHdyzPsWZCA@mail.gmail.com>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
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Mr Clark, Thank you for sharing these screenshots as I stopped following Vessa's page long ago for my own sanity. I asked Vessa back in AprMay/Jun to stop with the dysfunctional posts and rmails. You can request those emails via the PIA.

The words in these screenshots are troubling and destructive. In addition, I was notified via email by Dr Azaiez this morning that the TXAG contacted RRISD last night regarding the boards unlawful 5-2 mask mandate vote earlier this week. I asked him to let the TXAG know by 5 pm today that Trustee Bone and I dissented because we want to distance ourselves from unlawful votes and acts. If RRISD does not fulfill my request, Bone and I will have no choice but to notify the TXAG of this ourselves in writing. I recommend all persons who are aware of policy violations to file grievances with RRISD and TEA. Illegal masking violations should be reported to the TXAG and TEA.

As I said in the board meeting on Monday night, our community deserves so much better. I will share that trustee Bone and I had the opportunity to tour 4 elementary schools this morning and I'm currently enjoying the company of MANY fellow parents in our school district at a local establishment. We are all very happy that our children returned to school today and look forward to a great school year.

Regards,
Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 10:12 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Trustee Vessa,

Your messaging on your trustee FB page is very concerning (see attached). Telling teachers that they can coerce children to put a mask on using an emotional plea will only create fear, anxiety and stress for children.

I have filled out the district opt out form for my children, and I hope that it will be honored and that my 8yr old son does not have to make an extremely conflicted decision between listening to his parents and listening to an emotional plea from his teacher. This kind of behavior by his teacher will undoubtedly cause him mental anguish, stress and anxiety.

Additionally, any suggestion or implementation for teaches to group children by masked and unmasked is segregation. Despite your feelings on this issue, segregation and discrimination has no place in our school district.

Please reconsider your words and how your calls to action will cause stress, anxiety and conflict for all children across the district.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: A message from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Hafedh Azaiez
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2021 16:06:44 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CDFBCC2B-7B00-44A7-A823-3AD1D6A56E46@gmail.com>
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Thank you, Trustee Bone!!

On Aug 17, 2021, at 4:00 PM, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

This was just sent to me.....



Staff has the ability to opt out. They simply need to notify their supervisor. Principals were briefed on the issue this morning. I hope this information helps.

Respectfully,
Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, MPAff

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021, 3:48 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I've now heard from 3 teachers saying they cannot find the teacher/staff/admin EMPLOYEE OPT OUT form . It was clearly stated in the meeting that teachers/staff/admin would be included. WHERE is THEIR OPT OUT form? Thank you.

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 3:04 PM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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A message from Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Dear Round Rock ISD Families,

We are so excited to welcome students back to our campuses tomorrow. I know it is not quite the start to the year we had imagined with the increase in COVID cases due to the Delta variant, but rest assured, our teachers, administrators and staff have been working tirelessly to prepare for this new year and to make our campuses as safe as possible.

Last night, the Board of Trustees approved a [temporary mask requirement](#), as we start the new year with both [Travis](#) and [Williamson](#) counties currently at the highest risk level for COVID-19. Parents have the ability [to opt out](#) if they do not want their student(s) to wear a mask, but based on last week's mask survey, we are confident that the vast majority of our students and staff plan to mask up while indoors.

Our [Virtual Learning Program](#) is set to launch next week, with orientation activities on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 23 and 24, and the first day of class on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

For more information on how we're keeping students safe as we return to school, please visit our [COVID-19 Resources Website](#). You can also [subscribe](#) to receive District announcements and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates and happenings.

It is our privilege to serve you and your student here in Round Rock ISD, whether it's in person or virtually. It's time to return to school, and get back to *better*. See you tomorrow!

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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Subject: Non consent for masks and discussion of private medical decisions - [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2021 20:27:25 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jennifer_Stork@roundrockisd.org, Jonte_Buhl@roundrockisd.org, cale_o'neal@roundrockisd.org, Karen_Davis@roundrockisd.org, stacey_kensinger@roundrockisd.org, Sandi_Flores@roundrockisd.org, Christopher Tong <Christopher_Tong@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Pfluger <lisa_pfluger@roundrockisd.org>, Julia Smith <julia_smith@roundrockisd.org>, sena_lim@roundrockisd.org, Sherri Hughes <Sherri_Hughes@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Moeckel <natalie_moeckel@roundrockisd.org>, Holly_Griffin@roundrockisd.org, Lisa_Ivy@roundrockisd.org, jose_jimenez-rivera@roundrockisd.org, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, julie_haney@roundrockisd.org, Brian Banks <brian_banks@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Good evening Teachers of our children, [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson,

We're so excited for the new school year and greatly appreciate you teaching our children, thank you!! We're looking forward to an academically productive and all around positive school year! Please reach out anytime!

In light of events over the past year and a half, we'd like to make clear our expectations as parents. Our family does *not* wear masks. Our children do *not* have parental consent to wear masks anywhere, including at school. If you're seeing our child(ren) wearing a mask at school, that's a result of either bullying, coercion, or some type of manipulation or unhealthy social pressure that is occurring at school, and is unacceptable. If you see one of our children wearing a mask, we need for you to remind them that they do not have parental consent to wear face coverings and kindly ask them to remove it. If this is an issue whatsoever, please immediately call me (April) at [REDACTED] If we find out that our children are wearing masks at school, we will be reporting EO GA-38 violations for citation with the Attorney General's Office, as well as taking legal action ourselves, so let's just prevent that in the first place by making clear to our children that their parents' legal rights and authority will be respected on RRISD property.

We'd also like to make clear that all private medical decisions are just that... PRIVATE. No one employed by RRISD or on RRISD property has consent to discuss private medical decisions with our children including but not limited to masks, shots, medical tests, social distancing, quarantines, or any other private decisions about medical procedures. We as parents make *all* private medical decisions for our children under the authority of our parental rights. Should anyone at RRISD feel the need to discuss private medical decisions, please contact me (April) at [REDACTED]

Thank you for all your efforts as teachers!! It's going to be a fabulous school year!

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Please update staff on opt out option
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2021 13:29:23 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
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Thank you!

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 1:07 PM Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

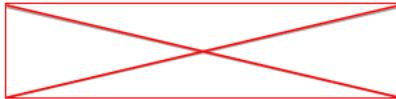
Good afternoon Trustee Weston,

Thank you for reaching out with your question. Earlier this morning, we had a meeting with our principals and area superintendents and shared with them the opt out option for our staff and students. We will make sure to communicate it with the rest of our staff.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 5:10 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez,

Staff members are reaching out to me asking why there is no mention of staff members being able to opt out of the mask mandate in the communications from the district. They are telling me that only "students" are mentioned.

The motion was made at the 8:09:20 mark in last night's meeting. Mary specifically says "students and staff."

<https://roundrockisdtx.new.swagit.com/videos/130528>

Danielle

Subject: Re: Mask issues
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2021 14:11:39 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Collin Fletcher <collin_fletcher@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, "john_yonker@roundrockisd.org" <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTBKc+mV1KsQ9iJ0AtG+iuTzRo53X22SeNrCt_+w9U1OQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 8aa8f1088cf9d8a04b40916510b52035

Ms Hardin, Let me know when you get resolution to this.

Danielle Weston

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 7:23 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

My child has an opt out and an exemption from wearing a mask at school. He informed me this morning that the cafeteria workers refuse to allow him to get breakfast at school because he doesn't have a mask. He has no trouble getting lunch every day in the cafeteria, though he tells me that the cafeteria worker has told him to "next time bring a mask" on occasion. This makes zero sense and follows zero logic since he can get one meal but not another. I suggest you address this matter with the staff because if it happens again I'm filing a formal complaint. Kids should not be denied the right to eat based on whether they choose to wear a mask or not.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Board Meeting-YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO TRUMP THE GOV OF TX
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2021 09:45:58 -0500
From: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
To: tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org,
amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org,
mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org,
amber_feller@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CA+cOBiCOcQXU9=YQL1BuGQGVuD58PWZ5x8VQf5SYp3EVHDFnTw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 3f16caeda1aa2d4b633ff652d23b2049

Hello, I am writing in advance of your board meeting tonight. I am not sure as to why you are holding a board meeting, as the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, has stated in Executive order GA 36 that public school districts cannot mandate masks. I am attaching the order, as it is obvious none of you have read it. I will take legal action if any student and/or faculty member is required to wear a mask on campus. Also, should you undermine the authority of the Governor of Texas and proceed with a mask mandate, the Governor order will still supersede your futile efforts, and students and faculty will come unmasked with the Governor order in hand and a news crew behind them. I am attaching the executive order for your convenience. Please take time to read it in its entirety and know the legal ramifications.

Best Regards,

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https://drive.google.com/open?id=1PZ1rX0iWtn_o9ch5WIsoNzxH7-kAyaqB

Subject: EO GA-38 violation by Round Rock ISD - citations & legal action requested against Round Rock ISD Trustees Jun Xiao, Tiffanie Harrison, Cory Vessa, Amber Feller & Amy Weir
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2021 02:38:02 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov
Cc: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yWc=BNjF=V06wb1VEukW_F5o=+EA6aKLWcpFRaNYKRPg@mail.gmail.com>
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Dear AG Paxton,

We're writing to report that our children's school district Board of Trustees in Round Rock ISD just voted to violate our parental rights in defiance of Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-38 and the Texas Supreme Court's ruling upholding EO GA-38 by forcing a mask mandate on our children. We will NOT be sending our children to school wearing masks tomorrow, or ever, in accordance with the law in Texas, as well as our rights under the US Constitution. Our children do NOT have parental consent to wear masks under any circumstance. Our children will also NOT be leaving campuses as a result of following the law. If any RRISD personnel attempts to violate our children's bodies with intent to obstruct their breathing via any means whatsoever, we will be using physical self defense against any and all perpetrators as needed. Please immediately cite Round Rock ISD Trustees **Jun Xiao, Tiffanie Harrison, Cory Vessa, Amber Feller & Amy Weir** who voted to break the law per EO GA-38 & the Texas Supreme Court.

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Supporting documents for Board Meeting 8/16/21
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2021 08:54:00 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBg1f2j3nWawC3iZcQYoqz=sd3g2Y=RGG62vaOCd6e4UuLA@mail.gmail.com>
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Thank you Rachel!

Danielle

On Sun, Aug 15, 2021 at 11:44 PM <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening.
My name is Rachel Keagy
I'm representing myself and family.
I have children entering [REDACTED] grade.

I have an Official letter from legal that I've emailed to you that states that the board does not have authority to mask mandate.

This letter, in response to my level 3 grievance in regards to allowing parents to choose if their children will wear a mask or any other medical device for the remainder of the year, and any subsequent year thereafter. This letter says that level 3 grievances will be dismissed by the superintendent or designee, on behalf of the Board of trustees, if the requested resolution is outside of Board authority.

This letter states: As the superintendent designee, I am dismissing this complaint on behalf of the Board of Trustees as the remedy you are requesting is OUTSIDE OF BOARD AUTHORITY. The letter continues to say Gov Abbott's EO No. GA-36 provides "school districts cannot require any person to wear a face covering after June 4, 2021. The EO remains in effect indefinitely." Additionally, the Board DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY to Grant or Deny the requested remedy for subsequent years because of the above referenced Order.

I would also like to share that I feel like you have not considered the children tonight by holding this board meeting. We had to MISS the Meet the teacher at our front door to be here instead. This is unfortunately taking away from their positive start to the school year experience.

It feels like you have been stringing me along, an involved parent, waiting until the very last minute to let us know your board intentions. It's feels like you are a controlling parent with one perspective only, who's maybe always means no.

"My way or the highway" is not diversity.

For my family wearing a mask does not mean health, student safety or protection. It means sores on my child's mouth that won't go away even with doc prescription ointment, it means fogged up glasses for another child who needs to wear glasses for their healthy eye development and it means silencing the voice of another.

For my children, mask wearing all day long is not student safety health protection. It takes health from them rather than give it. In order to wear a mask properly the way the nurses and doctors do in hospitals they have to change it every 3 hours and not touch it. And it has to be an N95.

One perspective is not ok. Forcing is not ok. I will feel bullied as a parent if wearing a mask is not a choice.

In closing: This official letter from legal stating that the board does not have authority to mask mandate sounds very clear to me that you can not defy orders.

This is not my word against yours. This is your word against yours, If you vote to mask mandate.

It's nice to see on paper you have already decided that parents can make a choice. It's wonderful to see you partner with Gov Abbotts EO that states the path forward relies on personal responsibility. Look what's happening here. So many people here tonight beginning to take ownership in their city for the future for our children.

I would like to encourage you to partner with unity and trust in one another. When forcing and controlling is present it creates division in us. Let's make room for all of us at the table.

Thank you.

Round Rock / Circle ○

Round Rock is circular we are one.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Our kids WILL use PHYSICAL self defense against ANYONE attempting to touch their bodies with intent to obstruct their breathing
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2021 19:26:00 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-z66qvjPTQ-imLRxFxz8DmEmBck9qiHYXfgJkW8FaRmzA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 5477f1dcba0baea81d49129f9ab8f5af

Thank you for your reply, Trustee Weston. I'm reading replies on social media directly from AG Paxton on his Facebook page saying he's coming after every last publicly-funded entity that is defying EO GA-38, and thereby breaking the law. I certainly hope RRISD's plan for our children's education funding isn't to fight a court battle against the State of Texas, as that would be pretty wasteful and catastrophically expensive. Hopefully NOW we can finally get

to ***education*** that we should have been focussed on 2 years ago. My previous comments still pertain to mask bullying or coercion. We and our kids WILL defend themselves against anyone attempting to violate their bodies. Thank you for your tireless service to RRISD, and thank God for 2 student & education focussed Trustees on this ridiculously dysfunctional Board.

On Sun, Aug 15, 2021 at 6:33 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms Brinson,

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Danielle Weston

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April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: RMS band students at Texas Tech University
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2021 19:07:17 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ2zSDY-2LPXWpkjK57R9CSAsVSUrYzaQKW6FKyxORTGA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: ec54607e86c4d9ccf28d1896330fd214

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Meeting w/ Dr Azaiez
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2021 19:44:12 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Georgia Miller <georgia_miller@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTnCdFuc8GPTDD8roafQte1xPwWcrMjXjbp8cEK_jGAGw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 60b8fd1d31d93ad7cf05537837faf622

Hi Georgia,

In my meeting today with AZ, I advised him to meet with RRISD parents, Dustin Clark and Lenora Greene, and he agreed to do so. I have copied them on this email. They are both free after 4 pm on July 20, 21 and 22. Please coordinate a date and time with them to meet with AZ in his office at the district headquarters.

Danielle

Subject: Re: Called Board Meeting and Level III Dismissal
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2021 14:09:20 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT9kLCCeN9Rb1QANH9br_+QcGoGjBRo0W8XM3N3W3fxTw@mail.gmail.com>
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Mr Clark, I appreciate your email. Yesterday I sent Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir an email sharing my concern about how the outcome of the vote on that agenda item (you described in your email) in that meeting represents a huge legally problematic situation for RRISD should a majority of trustees move to impose an unlawful mask mandate in RRISD.

Trustee Danielle Weston

On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:59 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

President Weir, Dr. Azaiez and RRISD Legal Services,

I see that there is a called board meeting to discuss COVID protocols on Monday 8/16/21. I'm making an assumption here, but I am guessing that it relates to making a decision on mandatory masking.

I'd like to remind you all that the board voted 5-2 to dismiss our Level III complaint, denying us due process, and citing that what we were requesting was outside the authority of the board due to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36.

In addition, on August 3rd, 2021, the Superintendent designee, on behalf of the Board of Trustees sent us the attached Level III dismissal letter stating, "Governor Abbott's Executive Order No. GA-36 provides "school districts cannot require any person to wear a face covering after June 4, 2021. The Executive Order remains in effect indefinitely." At the end of this letter of dismissal, it also states "In accordance with Board Policy FNG(LOCAL) this decision shall be final action on the grievance by the District."

By your own admission in this document, you do not have the authority to make a decision that violates Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36. I hope that you will keep this in mind when discussing this decision on Monday.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: Local social parent group
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2021 20:55:52 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, "Matt c.f.o, Ice" <[REDACTED]>, amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org
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Ms Winters, The comments from these individuals are deeply troubling. It's hard to believe this is where we are in our community. Thank you for elevating this to us. I have no doubt Dr Azaiez and his team will do all they can to make sure the teachers and staff is ensure that every single student is respected and appreciated for who they are regardless of any of their immutable characteristics or mask choice.

Danielle Weston

On Fri, Aug 13, 2021 at 7:23 PM Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Good afternoon Trustees and Mrs. Grosso

It has come to my attention that local families were making very disturbing comments on a Facebook group called Families United for Student Safety also known as FUSS. These parents are actively teaching their children to judge people on whether or not they're wearing a mask and if they should befriend them or not.

Some of these parents are actively teaching their children how to harass students that are not in a mask. This is very dangerous behavior for students as young as kindergarten. It should also be noted Trustee Harrison recently spoke at a ProMask protest where she promoted the FUSS group. I hope the schools administration principals and teachers will continue to follow the zero tolerance for bullying no matter the subject. And I hope is Ms. Grosso will look into these families and ensure their children are safe and mentally sound.

His,

Leslie Winters

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Our kids WILL use PHYSICAL self defense against ANYONE attempting to touch their bodies with intent to obstruct their breathing
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2021 13:49:46 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQJS7zhYs=omnFnWST5Hv7cH3=BM-6_QzGzOB2t0h57ag@mail.gmail.com>
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Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2021 18:33:31 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRE1PA6wq-Q52gVTNkpi4+UHL+Fb8zdbKdGNby91-dQTg@mail.gmail.com>
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April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Fwd: Election Integrity - Special Session Confirmation
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2021 16:21:53 -0500
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Stacey Andrewartha <[REDACTED]>, Ricci Nelson <[REDACTED]>, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <828863B6-557E-41D8-BA2F-06EF36FA7529@gmail.com>
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I am forwarding this to fools who I think would be interested. Election integrity is a big issue right here in our county, and given the state of our school board, this needs to be on the top of our priorities.

Please forward to anyone else you believe would find this interesting.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Zoom <no-reply@zoom.us>
Date: July 15, 2021 at 4:14:15 PM CDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Election Integrity - Special Session Confirmation
Reply-To: tad@tdtexas.com



Hello Lisa Lusby,

Thank you for registering for Election Integrity - Special Session. You can find information about this meeting below.

Election Integrity - Special Session

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Thank you!



Subject: Our kids WILL use PHYSICAL self defense against ANYONE attempting to touch their bodies with intent to obstruct their breathing

Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2021 15:49:24 -0500

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, legal_services@roundrockisd.org, complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org, Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org, travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org

Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>

Message-ID: <6AD49D45-5687-4F49-86F7-7389426EB732@gmail.com>

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April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Thank you
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2021 09:17:03 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmps8p4H-s_MThTwOMiK+azJZKG=_rb+M+tZhXy4w6BG41Q@mail.gmail.com>
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Trustees **Weston**

Thank you for standing firm in our District by following the Governor's Executive Order and not requiring masks for the children and staff. This sets a good example to our community that you value the law and a parent's right to choose what is best for their families and their health.

I'm sure you all are receiving pressure from parents concerned about their children being around other children not wearing masks, so I'm glad you decided to offer an alternative for them by providing a virtual option until their children can receive the shot.

Since the **CDC's** own data shows that young children are rarely seriously affected by the Corona virus, I thank you for following the science to make decisions that offer options that accommodate as many diverse perspectives as is practical.

Regards,
Shauna **Kinningham**

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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRvcwix8+VUKBgQvLp7JFocowd32t19ZmXBmPaxoaDL8w@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: f433f325c6286d6084ef47eaf896f4ee

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Thank you
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2021 10:59:34 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSV3ovdafcffU7GKZt5wW-fOWVJok3RPJYFzUMSg8Vi=w@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 5b2e2b41a0fe9a692c9afd19db5bf118

Thank you Shauna. Are you sharing your thoughts with the other trustees?

-dw

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 9:17 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustees [Weston](#)

Thank you for standing firm in our District by following the Governor's Executive Order and not requiring masks for the children and staff. This sets a good example to our community that you value the law and a parent's right to choose what is best for their families and their health.

I'm sure you all are receiving pressure from parents concerned about their children being around other children not wearing masks, so I'm glad you decided to offer an alternative for them by providing a virtual option until their children can receive the shot.

Since the [CDC's](#) own data shows that young children are rarely seriously affected by the Corona virus, I thank you for following the science to make decisions that offer options that accommodate as many diverse perspectives as is practical.

Regards,
Shauna [Kinningham](#)

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Please keep masks optional for students
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 12:11:39 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQW5+9MPyeCqaFoF-FX=0=fOZ960y55n=f1=cCmfTbn=Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 79cd5da3471d3a9714843e3188dfa23b

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Please keep masks optional for students
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 19:11:37 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>, cory_vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, jun_xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, amber_feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, daniel_presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB52162A0F94049D098AD842F0F9F79@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: eb9b12ae5660615bb31cde030c8e4d97

Hello and thank you for serving!

Please keep masks optional for our kids. With the option of virtual and so many online options available, please let us parents decide what is best for our kids. The anxiety in kids is already enough without adding the pressure to wear a mask or feel like they have to. Thank you!!

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Re: Please keep masks optional for students
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 14:16:53 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQxTK7YQejm3Gw0mFQp7vLJm+hXfB1ACKRePE8ptq-1JA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 7fc752effc741a6c0d4fdb7b3b04ddcc

Thank you Wes and Jessica Pryor!

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:11 PM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello and thank you for serving!

Please keep masks optional for our kids. With the option of virtual and so many online options available, please let us parents decide what is best for our kids. The anxiety in kids is already enough without adding the pressure to wear a mask or feel like they have to. Thank you!!

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Respect for PARENTS, the Governor, the Attorney General & the TEA Commissioner
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 14:17:31 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Matt Groff <Matt_Groff@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yEmkTKQSE19TN-FBLPrPCOPat-OxEcXxkJ2cUXAprzrg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 7cefeec671370c6e7e9b1af4d9dc2924

Good afternoon Dr. Azaiez & Board of TRUSTees,

I have no doubt that lawless, hysterical communists are emailing you trying to tell you what to do with ***OUR*** children's bodies and medical decisions right about now. After last year, I'm not going to assume that you possess the integrity to respect the Governor, the Attorney General, the TEA Commissioner, or **US the PARENTS**- the legal decision makers- for OUR children on ALL medical matters, and therefore I'm emailing to make sure our voices are heard amongst the communist rights violators.

So help me God, do not dare even consider placing your hands on OUR children's faces nor denying FAPE to our children. You will have a year of HELL to contend with us, our attorney, Abbott, Paxton, Morath, and every parent we can muster. DO. NOT. DARE. MESS. WITH. OUR. CHILDREN. NOR. OUR. PARENTAL. RIGHTS.

Hopefully this email is completely and totally unnecessary, but not going to assume it is. If it is unnecessary, please scratch all that and let me shower you with THANKS, your backbone is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Fwd: Fuss
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2021 06:35:34 -0500
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <5B13CA05-1C86-4AC0-B2F3-6BF47CCFCC9D@yahoo.com>
MD5: aaa0aff25c291c3ea78baf8e802f4e0c

From Safe Schools for All TX:

It is imperative that we reach out to our Trustees this weekend via email and express our support.

It is also important that we all submit testimony on Monday!

Here is some guidance to support your efforts.

- 1.Calls to action
- 2.Social media images and sample social content to come (per Admin of this FUSS chapter)
- 3.Instructions for emails and testimony
- 4.Contact information for Trustees
5. Information about the press conference
6. Info. about what other districts can do

If you have any questions, please email:

Lana at [REDACTED]

Thank you for being a part of this movement to protect our children.

Calls to Action

Action #1: Lobby Austin school board to pass mask mandate

Two goals: (A) Record up to 60 voicemails Monday morning

(B) Send hundreds of emails to Board and
Superintendent

General message structure:

Identify yourself and your connection to AISD (teacher, parent of students at a certain school, etc)

Request immediate action for safe reopening (mask mandate, other safety measures)

Express commitment to support Board if they stand up for us

Include why this is important to you as a constituent and a parent.

Voicemails:

Up to 60 people can record messages up to 60 seconds to be played at the Monday evening AISD Board meeting

Call 512-414-0130 to record the message

You can start calling at 7:45AM Monday morning (highly recommended to call first thing) Be ready to go before 7:45. We have to be ahead of the opposition to ensure our voices are heard.

When you call, start speaking as soon as you hear a beep

State your name and agenda item first (Item 6: COVID-19 Safety Protocols), and then the rest of your message

We recommend writing out your script, and practice and time it first (anything after 60 seconds will be cut off)

Emails

We want to generate as many emails as possible

You can send these starting now

Email these addresses, all at once: trustees@austinisd.org, geronimo.rodriguez@austinisd.org, yasmin.wagner@austinisd.org, arati.singh@austinisd.org, latisha.anderson@austinisd.org, ofelia.maldonadozapata@austinisd.org, kevin.foster@austinisd.org, kristin.ashy@austinisd.org, lynn.boswell@austinisd.org, noelita.lugo@austinisd.org,

Don't make the message too long, get straight to the point

Identify yourself, your connection to the district

Also emphasize (1) support for strong action on school safety (mask mandate and other protections)

and (2) commitment to supporting Board Trustees if they stand up for us

Action #2: Press Conference Monday 11am @ AISD HQ

We are hoping to have five speakers who represent a diversity of perspectives. If you are interested in speaking, please contact Lana directly.

We invite all supporters to bring signs and show support; it would be great to have families, students, teachers, and school workers.

Please remember to practice COVID safety protocols while in attendance.

Address 4000 S IH 35 Frontage Rd, Austin, TX 78704

Action #3: petitions to TEA, Governor : please click, sign, send and share
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/our-children-deserve-protection?source=direct_link&

Action #4: Convince other districts to set meetings to consider mask mandate
For anyone who has relationships with other school districts, Board trustees, etc., we want as broad a coalition as possible.

The first ask is for school boards to hold an emergency meeting to consider safety protocols. Ideally, if they hold that meeting, we can convince additional districts to require masks.

We don't want Houston ISD or Austin ISD to be acting in isolation. The goal is to have a statewide movement.

Action #5: Consider preparation to intervene in lawsuit to defend district

This is not an immediate action, but something to keep in mind. If this becomes a legal battle between the State/Governor/Attorney General and individual school districts, there will be an opportunity to intervene in a lawsuit on behalf of students, parents, teachers, and/or school workers.

If you'd like to discuss this more, you can reach out to Mike Siegel, mike@register2vote.org.

Action #6: Can we recruit federal help?

It is possible that the State will attempt to withhold funding from school districts that require masks. One response to this would be if the federal government intervenes on behalf of school districts, students, families, workers, etc, to protect the fundamental right to public education and the right to attend school in a safe environment.

If anyone has federal contacts - Members of Congress, allies at the Department of Education, Department of Justice, etc. - it would be great to ask them to consider supporting Texas school districts in this fight.

Additional information

Austin ISD School Board Trustees Social Media Accounts

Please share supportive and encouraging messages online, requesting strong action and promising support if they stand up for us!

Trustee Geronimo Rodriguez (Board President, District 6)

<https://twitter.com/Geronimo4AISD>

Trustee Yasmin Wagner (Vice President, District 7)

<https://twitter.com/yasminwagneratx>

<https://www.facebook.com/YasminWagnerForAISD>

Trustee Arati Singh (Secretary, At-Large)

<https://twitter.com/aratisingh>

Trustee LaTisha Anderson (District 1)

Trustee Ofelia Zapata (District 2)

<https://twitter.com/ofeliaforaisd>

<https://www.facebook.com/OfeliaforAISD>

Trustee Kevin Foster (District 3)

<https://twitter.com/FosterintheAtx>

<https://www.facebook.com/kevin.m.foster.14>

Trustee Lynn Boswell (District 5)

<https://twitter.com/LYNNforAISD>

<https://www.facebook.com/LYNNforAISD>

Trustee Noelita Lugo (At-Large)

<https://twitter.com/Noelita4AISD>

<https://www.facebook.com/Noelita4AISD>

In Solidarity,

Safe Schools For All

Twitter @safeschools4AIT

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Fwd: Fuss
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2021 04:35:42 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTzW5Wxa3foUmUxMSS7sdMKnmWvwDULnU9S75RuZ240QQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 59d81751d06d226d6cb09e7db6e7878d

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Fwd: Mask exemption forms now available for qualifying students and staff
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2021 07:19:35 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQf438KOrxDCycC5N9vk1siXQnbLE-cGHJ1Mbb+bCizyg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6da421db12d41698a140e658b02fcf2f

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Masks required at RRHS presently - parents in process of having RRISD cited per Executive Order GA38
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2021 22:52:21 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Matt Groff <Matt_Groff@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-zYh0iA7_uFBWMD99TtUFJPjsG6S4_xgYLW++aq18mLCw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6546829cc9dd41e397c9ee91382951aa

Good evening Dr. Azaiez & Board of Trustees,

I'm hearing reports from parents this evening that the same RRHS coach who engaged in illegal behavior in flagrant violation of EO GA38 earlier this week is now engaging in mask coercion and manipulation this evening making a multitude of psychologically manipulative statements including, "my niece is a nurse and I'm going to tell you about what she's seeing (then proceeding to tell students medical details without parental consent)," "we need to be doing our part by wearing masks," "students need to stay away from crowds otherwise we won't have a full season." NO. Stop it now, this is coercion and manipulation, completely lacking respect for parental rights and the LAW. This inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated, period. Zero excuses. We will be getting Gov Abbott & AG Paxton involved on Monday because coercion is the **same** as requirement when it comes to psychological abuse of children. RRISD, you are on notice that this type of coercive child abuse will NOT happen to our children when school begins on Aug 18. Get real clear real quick. Not a good start here.

April & Justin Brinson

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 9:47 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for your prompt response and student-focussed action, Trustee Weston. We greatly appreciate your service to the district.

April & Justin

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 9:35 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hi April,

I also received these reports and called Dr Azaiez earlier this morning about it. He assured me he is addressing it and making it clear that masks are optional on RRISD property. I let him know that I am baffled that we have a RRISD employee who is not clear on this.

I also asked the parents who reached out to me about this to keep me posted on what their children are being told by this employee going forward re: masks.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 8:56 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good Morning,

Immediate corrective action is required at RRHS. I received reports this morning from friends that students in athletics workouts are being required to wear masks inside the gym, which is a flagrant violation of Executive Order GA 38. The situation requires immediate corrective action as we're presently contacting the Office of the Governor and the Attorney General for citation.

Please clarify for me that this is a one-time infraction and I cannot expect the same for my students when school starts. We will have the Governor's Office and AG Office on speed dial.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Masks required at RRHS presently - parents in process of having RRISD cited per Executive Order GA38
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2021 20:52:34 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTPJ_Txg93AGetzgqnWpHBsx58ikg+_zVqgXVO+Y=b=7Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 64f0cce3ccd0445cf5fd6b564f68b308

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: RE: FW: Please investigate
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2021 17:53:46 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB521660A58C66E27BE0784E1BF9F29@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 4b56785a4d56d1511c61dcbf13a8856f

Thank you for always advocating for our kids and community! Jessica

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: 8/5/21 12:16 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: FW: Please investigate

Jessica,

Please see attached press release from Trustee Bone and I that went out earlier this week.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 7:10 AM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Date: 8/3/21 10:20 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: amber_feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, cory_vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, daniel_presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, jun_xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Please investigate

President Amy Weir and Board of Trustees,

I have just learned that our Superintendent was served a restraining order [today. I would like to request that this matter be investigated. I feel that not taking the time investigate sends a message that the board does not believe women and does not take assault allegations seriously. If he has nothing to hide everything should be fine but I do think the alleged victim has a right to be heard and for the matter to be investigated..](#)

The board has been elected to protect and help the children in our district. Please help seek the truth and let us feel like we have transparent in our school district. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: FW: Please investigate
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2021 05:10:32 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQd2FCSbyCx0SdwQ41Qki3TADi+Vkos7Z-QOE6pHiSRKw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: adf35a7b16fc4d32d9f50e3b440abd97

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Test email
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2021 15:27:22 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1678861589.338373.1628177242702@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 7682bb3f626481e68dd0abba63b3db1a

Test

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Financial Inequity for Opt Out Requirement Change
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2021 07:56:41 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQnKfk4kv=KvhLnTDwzvr2+54FitCFWYNbfQ3g0-zH02Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 3c89d9a895dec06225613a0d49d2af52

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: RE: Concerned parent
Date: Sat, 5 Jun 2021 23:49:51 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216AA0D5E92348D6C2DAC61F93A9@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 0e33f904e0eb4429cbfa090e9ead4cf1

Thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly and for sending me the link. I appreciate you serving on the board.

Jessica

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: 6/5/21 6:43 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Concerned parent

Hi Wes and Jessica,

Trustee Mary Bone and I both voted “no” on the selection of Dr Hafedh Azaiez in the 21 May 2021 board meeting. In closed session we discussed with our colleagues our numerous concerns about why we couldn’t vote for him over the other finalist. Five of our colleagues saw the candidates differently and as a majority, they were able to select him as the lone finalist. On the trustee message board and in the June 3, 2021 board meeting, Bone and I have asked for the community to be able to engage Dr Azaiez during the state mandated 21 day waiting period from the time he was named the lone finalist. In that board meeting it sounded like Pres Weir was going to arrange this.

Here is a link to that post on the message board, which is publicly available on the main page of the RRISD website:

<https://boardforum.roundrockisd.org/forums/topic/superintendent-timeline-plus-meet-greets/>

The next step is to negotiate his contract unless two additional trustees decide he is not the right fit for RRISD at this time. You’d have to talk to the other 5 trustees about what their perspective is now and share your perspective and concerns.

Danielle Weston

On Sat, Jun 5, 2021 at 6:02 PM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Board of Trustees,
Thank you for serving. I understand that there have been no open sessions or public forums regarding

the selection of the superintendent finalist. I understand that other districts allow for an open forum and Gove opportunities for the public to speak. I am requesting RRISD trustees to allow for 3 open forums for our community to get a better understanding and be able to inquire about this finalist prior to offering a contract. I believe the community deserves some transparency and freedom to have a say in this.

From what I have found:

*This candidate has less than 3 years of experience as a superintendent and 1 of those being during Covid.

*Donna ISD has lower rated schools and none with A ratings and has had a higher failure rate under this leadership

*Donna ISD is significantly smaller than RRISD and this district being so much bigger will be a huge challenge with lack of experience.

*SPED programs in Donna ISD were unsuccessful

* Spring ISD was also questionable with the poor school performance during his time as superintendent.

Please let the community have say and be able to be aware of these concerns before a salary is offered. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Re: Investigate now
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2021 08:51:50 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTNRZr682QZnCu35eG2CabX6pHBfnhN4C5Kx-UD7N6duA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b58c9e6d943e675f6c4faa650576f039

Hi Mr Keagy, Upon learning of yesterday's events (serving of a restraining order), I sent the below message to our board president and board attorney:

Once again I am left bereft of any understanding of what is coming to us and with no ability to consult with my colleagues and our attorney. The accuser has asked to speak with us. This individual (redacted) has asked to speak with us.

As I've said before, I think it's important we hear these people out ASAP. This thing is growing legs and one of two outcomes is likely. Either we will be out in front of this as leaders or we will be behind it and appropriately seen as miserable failures regardless of Dr Azaiez's guilt or (hopefully) innocence.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 8:56 PM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

President Amy Weir and Board of Trustees,

I have just learned that our Superintendent was served a restraining order today, which is further indication that the allegations made against him must be investigated. Continuing to sit and do nothing is a dereliction of your basic duty as a board.

Furthermore, not investigating this matters sends a clear message to district staff and the community that if a woman makes allegations of physical assault against a male leader in our school district, that the school board will protect the accused rather than seek the truth.

Please do the right thing to seek the truth and protect our school district.

Respectfully,

John Keagy

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Please investigate this matter now
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2021 16:46:20 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSs4FHCZFEO3azfZhbenN8oD+zQys2E-kgnNJ2nY5fo7A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 7cf17172d5746e30b61abbe7389ead93

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Investigate now
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2021 20:56:25 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org,
amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, Danielle Weston
<danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org,
jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TnyojEnUtuTNVfk7AA2LfeSMpXBccEWPw=nHsYwLCrwhQ@mail.gmail.com>
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John Keagy

Subject: Please investigate this matter now
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2021 23:46:15 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
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Cc: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
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Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2021 09:35:34 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS3jy17Izm0p8UYppUXoogGFJAC4sc5qXduLx4ZWtc+MQ@mail.gmail.com>
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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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To: [REDACTED]
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RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Thank you for making sure to loudly communicate over and above all messaging, that these decisions are *100% at the sole discretion of parents*, and secondly of students, NOT governments including public school systems.

The CRHS Musical, which usually performs in late January/early February, was moved to perform in June after school released this year. My daughter's very best friend was the lead in this year's musical so she of course wanted to watch her perform in multiple shows at the CRHS Performing Arts Auditorium. Masks were NOT required in June when the musical performed, however, my daughter experienced extreme bullying and invasive questioning about her private medical information/decisions before and during attendance at these performances by PEERS. She was questioned as to whether she had been injected and told that if she hasn't, then wearing a mask is the "right" thing to do. My daughter NEVER wears a mask, yet insisted to me that she MUST wear a mask while attending the CRHS musical in order to not become the subject of bullying, including online bullying.

I really *need* you to sit in reflection about what I'm trying to convey here and meditate on this. I'm talking about *culture and peer pressure*. You and I are many years beyond K-12 schooling, but we both can remember the intensity of peer pressure and how school culture impacts behavior in students. Why did so many RRISD students seem to believe that it is acceptable to question my daughter about her family's private medical decisions? Why did so many RRISD students seem to believe that it's acceptable to pressure my daughter into wearing a mask in the auditorium? I really need you to answer these questions for me, thank you. I need to understand *how and why* this type of invasive, inappropriate questioning and bullying will NEVER happen again in RRISD, again thank you, Dr. Azaiez.

April

On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 9:36 PM Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good evening Mrs. Brinson,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for sharing your suggestions. Our plan is to simply share what the CDC and the local health officials are recommending. We will always leave the final decision to our parents which will be honored and respected. We will set and communicate these expectations to our principals and staff.

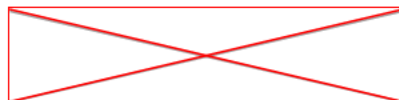
Our goal is to ensure that our students are receiving the support they deserve to be successful academically.

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Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

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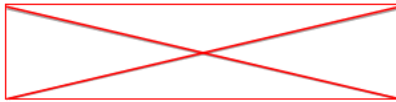
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CC: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>

Good morning,

After yesterday's blast phone call/text, I feel the need to make clear a couple of things.

1. Not only do my children NOT have parental consent to wear masks, they also *do NOT have consent to be subjected to adult or peer pressure, coercion, or ANY form of RRISD communications whatsoever, whether overt or covert, that they SHOULD wear a mask.* **Any and all communications regarding masks must be 100% neutral.** It is MY decision as a parent to decide whether my children wear masks *without* pressure or coercion from RRISD as to what is the correct decision for our family.

2. If I detect that my children are being pressured to wear masks, or that a culture of pressure is present, we will begin the grievance process immediately with RRISD and onto TEA as needed.

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April & Justin Brinson

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Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2021 12:37:01 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
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RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2021 09:18:18 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
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FYI only. I sent this yesterday at noon.

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Date: Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 12:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Fall 2021
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>

AZ,

Last week I sent you an email letting you know my position on RRISD advocacy regarding medical decisions. Encouraging masks or encouraging vaccines goes beyond our role as an ISD to educate students. It could also lead to confusion. Both masks and vaccination are personal matters that families are best positioned to make the decisions on. The only thing that will be gained at this point by encouraging either is alienating many members of our community. Families do not look to Round Rock ISD to provide them with guidance on masking or vaccinations. They consult with their physicians, local health authorities, their own research etc.

All parents and guardians are empowered to make mask and vaccine decisions for their own students. I strongly disagree with any rhetoric coming out of RRISD encouraging or discouraging mask wear or vaccination.

Given the gravity of the historic learning loss and as we emerge from the most difficult time in the modern history of public education, our efforts are best spent on educating our students. It does make sense to establish regular handwashing protocols in classrooms.

Now that we are going to be offering a virtual learning option for students ineligible for the vaccine, I believe we have found the middle ground and doing all we can for our students.

-dw

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Date: Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 9:17 AM
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To: <[REDACTED]>
CC: RRISD Board Of Trustees <Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org>

Hi Courtney,

Thanks so much for your email. We will be posting our COVID-19 Guidance for Fall on Thursday and it does include encouraging masks, however, due to Gov. Abbott's executive order, public school districts are not allowed to require them. As you know, we are offering virtual for students too young to be vaccinated (K-6th grade) and, as a district, we will continue to encourage vaccination for those eligible, including hosting vaccination clinics at district sites. Thanks again for your input. It is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, MPAff
Chief of Public Affairs and Communications

On Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 1:14 PM Courtney Warnsman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello.

I know you are all being bombarded right now with comments re: masks and virtual school. As a parent who kept my child--who is too young to be vaccinated--virtual all year last year, I appreciate your efforts. I would love to see the decision shifted to the other foot, however...something like this.

"We are going to require/encourage masks during the 2021-2022 school year as we believe this will allow the largest number of students to return to school buildings safely. There will be a virtual option for those families that choose not to abide by the CDC recommendations."

I'm frustrated that those of us choosing to be safe are the ones whose children suffer at the hands of the "you-can't-tell-me-what-to-do" parents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Courtney Warnsman

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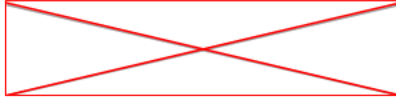
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Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2021 15:45:52 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQm4vDgOzvThmJNwZPt+QsCgx5LDrL0YMH8zqBgxqtWQQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: cd957def35fbbcde43ba57044bc98b7f

Mr Clark,

I share your concerns. I have personally received two very concerning emails to my trustee email account informing me of these accusations. I received one on 14 Jul 2021 and one on 23 Jul 2021. The first email alleged troubling but not illegal behavior. The second email alleged illegal behavior.

Soon after I received the 23 Jul 2021 email, I sent it to Pres Weir, VP Feller and our board legal council communicating a high level of urgent concern. I insisted on a meeting to be called with our attorney ASAP so that we as a board can seek counsel, discuss concerns and be presented with options for action. Only Pres Weir replied to me and she declined my request. Upon receipt of this, I sent her (and Feller and board counsel) a second request for the same thing urging that we meet sooner rather than later. I have not heard back from any of them after sending that second request late Friday.

I don't know what is true and what isn't but we as a board need to get clarity and a plan. Dr Azaiez is innocent until proven guilty. If these accusations are likely true, then we need to proceed accordingly with legal advice. If these accusations are likely untrue, then we need to proceed accordingly with legal advice. We can only move forward if we meet as a board.

Since I am duty bound to protect our students, employees, community and the district as a whole, I am growing more and more concerned with each passing day that my urgent request for a meeting is not accepted. I know that Pres Weir traveled this weekend and is not expected home for several more days. But we have a Vice President who can lead our meetings if necessary and only require a quorum to meet and or take action. Given the gravity of the situation, my preference is for all trustees to be present at this meeting.

I'm sorry I don't have a better response to your concerns. Since I have no power as one trustee, I will continue to advocate that the board meet and exercise the leadership and oversight as a body corporate our community deserves.

Danielle Weston

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Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2021 13:18:16 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgt_ezBPz2-_uqt+JEPVZnizoqHp14pH6YKgccXLeW9vSQ@mail.gmail.com>
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RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2021 20:17:59 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Message-ID: <CAGXG4-ywqPO83dWd3gxoDgMUsoGJi8tgyK3PyBX6qsq-ChhsQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Thank you, Trustee Weston, for your reply and for clarifying that my broader point goes beyond masks, you're very correct. My broader point is ultimately about *respect for parental rights* relating to ANY and ALL medical procedures, use of medical devices, and of course going beyond the covid-19 presentation coming on July 29, to include political ideology indoctrination of children in schools as well. These are all examples of PARENTAL decisions that are 100% at the discretion of PARENTS, NOT school personnel or ANY government representative, including *communications and positioning* surrounding such parental decisions. All communications and positioning regarding *parental decisions* must be presented NEUTRALLY if you're truly respecting parental rights.

My hope is that we start this new school year with a new Superintendent and with renewed respect for decisions that are *outside the rights and purview* of a school district to make for other people's children.

Dr. Azaiez and I met last Wednesday and he expressed to me his vehement support for parents as the most qualified people to make these sorts of decisions for THEIR children so I'm very hopeful going into this school year that we'll be starting afresh with renewed understanding of precisely who makes these types of decisions and that at no time shall a parent's decision for THEIR child be undermined with psychological tactics from the school district. **Again, ALL communications regarding ANYTHING that is a parent's decision MUST be positioned neutrally in ALL communications or we will again have a highly contentious school year marked by grievance hearings and legal battles.**

We respect, appreciate, and value RRISD for providing strictly **EDUCATIONAL** services, and WE AS PARENTS will handle medical decisions, political opinions, and anything outside of a core educational function.

Thank you,
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To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRP9vsZFX1V1_UsXOownpWXR516UPfSgB7pwsqV4OedDWQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b4b6ca948ba54c285b675c054c1a4168

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Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2021 14:21:56 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS1dZ4bJ9+y6Uftj+fFT0L70zGV6zBe4t=MjBsy79jpw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: baedc189aedfb62a22d3d55821db4685

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Subject: Supporting Information for Tonight's Called Board Meeting
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2021 08:51:35 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, superintendent_rrisd@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TmjksO_nh3ekqgYhhzk4h1HysCBuyHdP2syG9smRx-OQw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: e22e2db7fcb24f03aa77f0570d02afc7

Dear Trustees and Superintendent Azaiez, I am enclosing here my public comments for tonight's called board meeting as well as supporting information I will reference during my comments.

Regards,

John Keagy

Concerned RRISD Parent

[☒ August 16th Board Meeting](#)

[☒ VARIOUS-FACE-MASK-STUDIES-PROVE-THEIR-INEFFECTI...](#)

[☒ Clark, Keagy, Thompson level III written respo...](#)

Subject: Re: Called Board Meeting and Level III Dismissal
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2021 18:33:54 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSuHZO=w1E=7qbTpk6JwWS7FmdOBKKhYeL36ZqtiSaCsA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: fc0e39dbe6f89241ecaf03d753ad57ec

Below is a copy and paste of the e-mail I just sent Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez:

Pres Weir,

Moments ago the TX Supreme Court stayed both the Dallas and Bexar County Judge's mask mandates. These were the first two county judges to issue such mandates so they were the first ones that the Texas Attorney General brought to the Texas Supreme Court.

Their stay order today is signaling where they are headed with their ruling. I just got off the phone with the TXAG's office who advised me that they will be bringing the Harris, Travis and other county judge mask mandates to the Texas Supreme Court in short order.

We all know where this is headed. GA-38 is going to be upheld and will stand. I don't even have a law degree and I can figure that one out.

I am hereby requesting that tomorrow's school board meeting be canceled ASAP. Please don't put our community through a destructive meat grinder tomorrow for no purpose. Please don't do that to our students two days before the first day of school. Please don't do that to our teachers who have already been put through more than they should've ever had to endure.

The chaos is over. The rule of law is going to win the day. Please prioritize our students teachers and community and let's focus on welcoming these students back to our campuses and making virtual learning better.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:59 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

President Weir, Dr. Azaiez and RRISD Legal Services,

I see that there is a called board meeting to discuss COVID protocols on Monday 8/16/21. I'm making an assumption here, but I am guessing that it relates to making a decision on mandatory masking.

I'd like to remind you all that the board voted 5-2 to dismiss our Level III complaint, denying us due process, and citing that what we were requesting was outside the authority of the board due to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36.

In addition, on August 3rd, 2021, the Superintendent designee, on behalf of the Board of Trustees sent us the attached Level III dismissal letter stating, "Governor Abbott's Executive Order No. GA-36 provides "school districts cannot require any person to wear a face covering after June 4, 2021. The Executive Order remains in effect indefinitely." At the end of this letter of dismissal, it also states "In accordance with Board Policy FNG(LOCAL) this decision shall be final action on the grievance by the District."

By your own admission in this document, you do not have the authority to make a decision that violates Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36. I hope that you will keep this in mind when discussing this decision on Monday.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: Thank you
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2021 11:13:24 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpue-QdszCGG7A+dU8eAL4i4qpuJ1sQSZGczgLMvrUxn3Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 08df480e551a9852413eb2e82bd42db3

Yes... Individually :)

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021, 10:59 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you Shauna. Are you sharing your thoughts with the other trustees?

-dw

On Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 9:17 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustees **Weston**

Thank you for standing firm in our District by following the Governor's Executive Order and not requiring masks for the children and staff. This sets a good example to our community that you value the law and a parent's right to choose what is best for their families and their health.

I'm sure you all are receiving pressure from parents concerned about their children being around other children not wearing masks, so I'm glad you decided to offer an alternative for them by providing a virtual option until their children can receive the shot.

Since the **CDC's** own data shows that young children are rarely seriously affected by the Corona virus, I thank you for following the science to make decisions that offer options that accommodate as many diverse perspectives as is practical.

Regards,
Shauna **Kinningham**

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Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2021 13:37:22 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, "amy_weir@roundrockisd.org" <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "amber_feller@roundrockisd.org" <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "mary_bone@roundrockisd.org" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org" <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <601348036.1890468.1628689042189@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: a2713feb51ce6a9bd01cc25a3cb894f5

Dr. Azaiez and BOTs,

Thank you all for standing firm in the face of adversity and pressure during this challenging time. Your decision to continue to allow mask choice is the leadership this district needs. I'm sure you all are facing an onslaught of emails from parents concerned about their unvaccinated children being in classes with students not wearing a mask. I hope that those parents will see that you decided to offer an alternative for them by providing a virtual option until vaccines can be approved for the younger age groups.

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Subject: Fwd: Middle ground on community forum re: lone finalist
Date: Wed, 9 Jun 2021 13:03:35 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTevntk16mZWzzk9jANvfCoA9eUC4C96bRCUSB6JF+AOg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a732d0613f88df3d57a346e068e1e3ee

Mr Clark, I appreciate our conversation today via phone. I sent the following request to the board president a few minutes ago.

-dw

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 1:02 PM
Subject: Middle ground on community forum re: lone finalist
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>

Hey Amy,

Can you give some thought to perhaps instead of the community having a forum with Dr Azaiez, perhaps concerned stakeholders could have an opportunity to engage the board on the decision to name him as the lone finalist?

In my head I envision two options. One would be all of the board members being available somewhere with the community members able to ask us questions and share their concerns. Of course something like that would have to be posted in accordance with TOMA, streamed and recorded etc.

The second option would be something less than a quorum of trustees making themselves available to perhaps just the community members who have emailed the board and engaging in an informal setting.

Oftentimes people just want to know that they've been heard and I think we have many stakeholders who do not feel that the board has heard or cares about the relevant concerns they have about Dr Azaiez being named the lone finalist.

-dw

Subject: Reflecting on last night
Date: Fri, 11 Jun 2021 14:58:24 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
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Board of trustees,

I hope you can understand that our anger and frustration last night came from feeling silenced and ignored. Although I called out Trustee Vessa's scorecard forum comment, I do thank her for her transparency and honesty.

What good is collecting community input if the board does not use it? This has become a systemic issue that many of us are experiencing with the majority of the board of trustees right now. The majority of the board is actively ignoring or silencing our voices, and then not being accountable and transparent by seeking to make things right.

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Subject: Re: Reflecting on last night
Date: Fri, 11 Jun 2021 21:03:11 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRZ-93h7a8eQ+Qnw4=RxS=+O+re3wx5w2-crpALCJ0QSg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6392af2bee3d4a3122a34e5460c21d58

I appreciate your e-mail Dustin. It wasn't that long ago that I sat in the audience as a community member in board meeting after board meeting, frustrated by what I saw at the dais. I believe that the more citizens attending our meetings and watchdogging elected leaders and letting their voices be heard, the better.

-dw

On Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 9:58 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Board of trustees,

I hope you can understand that our anger and frustration last night came from feeling silenced and ignored. Although I called out Trustee Vessa's score card forum comment, I do thank her for her transparency and honesty.

What good is collecting community input if the board does not use it? This has become a systemic issue that many of us are experiencing with the majority of the board of trustees right now. The majority of the board is actively ignoring or silencing our voices, and then not being accountable and transparent by seeking to make things right.

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Subject: 6/17/21 Agenda Item L2
Date: Tue, 15 Jun 2021 20:53:36 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <746994043.1286441.1623790416137@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 5b67d51f95ee8930b9953bb6f9a00c6e

President Amy Weir,

It is required by law that there be a process for the board to hear complaints from the community members.

I was wondering if you could help me understand how the board of trustees can discuss and then vote to "Declare" a level III grievance as moot during a board meeting? Two things seem to make this agenda item inappropriate and/or in violation of the FNG(local) TASB policy titled RRISD Student and Parent Complaints/Greivances that governs the district's complaint process.

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Hope you can help me understand where the authority to vote on the validity of a level III complaint.

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Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: 6/17/21 Agenda Item L2
Date: Tue, 15 Jun 2021 13:53:38 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSYmDs8t7vuUKjx6myqZu9wiYtXutekCnN0VVpHkLit0g@mail.gmail.com>
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Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2021 18:34:24 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgStNh6YVvD0qEzfBRx5Bu28SehibxyEbEtEM664OF99Bw@mail.gmail.com>
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Date: Sat, 5 Jun 2021 18:27:21 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TkBuUbGNAh+7OKVY97O1=pnXuY9e+FW=js_O6CxdWM8nw@mail.gmail.com>
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To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTFbNfksBOChEq4AtVbf33Afaa55pA1J1KDQgBq2d4Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 0aa944967bd470d4c6c0b8f99b49f885

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Date: Sat, 5 Jun 2021 18:44:25 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRzUEKTArB0SMxywMSMoM94y47Nm6uJjSmPw=X85s=BRw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 25c74a322b7a0394d41c1e2c3fb49c81

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To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TmUJBP_A_2c_XxAHz=T3BskyZAtknEaWwSiFtKyHO5gug@mail.gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Please investigate this matter now
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2021 08:57:16 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgR8MnrXK3jN1LnGN2rbsXzLTr5E4dXKWFOr+GyR6yjaPg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 8003b3ae541212e7f4777b537145eefb

Mr Clark, Upon learning of yesterday's events (serving of a restraining order), I sent the below message to our board president and board attorney:

Once again I am left bereft of any understanding of what is coming to us and with no ability to consult with my colleagues and our attorney. The accuser has asked to speak with us. This individual (redacted) has asked to speak with us.

As I've said before, I think it's important we hear these people out ASAP. This thing is growing legs and one of two outcomes is likely. Either we will be out in front of this as leaders or we will be behind it and appropriately seen as miserable failures regardless of Dr Azaiez's guilt or (hopefully) innocence.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 6:46 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

President Amy Weir and Board of Trustees,

I have just learned that our Superintendent was served a restraining order today, which is further indication that the allegations made against him must be investigated. Continuing to sit and do nothing is a dereliction of your basic duty as a board.

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Subject: Re: Dr. Azaeiz RRISD Entry Plan
Date: Mon, 7 Jun 2021 19:01:34 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTp-PYGYNFW4zpR3NoXbj5fM+2KFhHS2c9k0NmdKOzq+g@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: bb1710a40e81b1f995b691b173c43c39

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To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <901114263.5131666.1623189505535@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 3edc3434ac55c458f0aea016cb6c135b

Trustee Weston,

Thank you so much for your transparency. I would like to review the packet. I have a previous commitment tonight, and I would like to review it ahead of the Thursday meeting. Is there anyway you can leave it there for me to review tomorrow afternoon?

Also, that is great to hear that he was able to pull that data in regards to the decline of enrollment. Did he happen to provide a plan of action to address that issue?

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Clark, Keagy, Thompson
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 07:08:42 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTAC05Er5OAb4GjgW6BRkx2vs7jTDWhp_2zN9BJFhCDGQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Denial of Entry - amended
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 18:36:00 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: superintendent_rrisd@roundrockisd.org, Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAAUL7T=-BPJ=CZ5fXxmA3OG0hGiu269RCWjoDB3RFSP94YNxcw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 15c62ecab5410b2f195e1ae8108dd00a

Superintendent and Board Members,

[REDACTED]): "I was a little sad when Ms. Sharp (Forest Creek Elementary Principal) came and said we couldn't go into school today. But it is more fun as a family because you don't have to wear a mask anywhere."

[REDACTED] "I was just listening and I wanted them to say yes, we could come in with no mask."

[REDACTED]): "I liked the way Ms. Sharp and Dustin Clark talked with each other. He was doing good because he wasn't overpowered by the principal. I feel overpowered by the principal because she is the most powerfulest one."

I believe our children's thoughts speak volumes as to what happened this morning at Forest Creek Elementary School. My children were denied on-campus Free Appropriate Public Education for not wearing a mask. We were saddened and surprised to be denied entry.

We were following RRISD's "A Parent/Guardian Guide for COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols" - V.1.10.19.2020 - Page 5, which states students "should wear a mask." The definition of 'should' is akin to 'recommended' and is in no way a definitive statement of being mandatory or required.

My children can no longer wear a mask due to various physical and/or mental abilities. For example, my daughter is being evaluated for [REDACTED] and refuses to wear her prescribed glasses while wearing a mask. This has negatively affected her visual and academic development. One of my sons has sores on his lips and mouth that will not heal, even with prescribed medication, because of the mask. One of my sons is receiving Federal 504C and state accommodations for [REDACTED] and masking has put him in undue emotional stress.

My children were all given the choice to wear a mask or begin virtual learning. However, virtual learning is not an option for my children. According to the Texas Education Agency, independent school districts must provide on-campus accommodations, but today we were denied.

My children stayed home today in protest to this discrimination and we will be filing a formal complaint with RRISD for violating our civil liberties and student rights.

Respectfully,

John & Rachel Keagy

Subject: Switching from On-Campus to Virtual
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 17:25:04 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1905652506.1763510.1619544304378@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 7898055b266ad7e98c2976a53c81108b

Hello Ms. Kim, Dr. Guerrero, Dr. Presley, and RRISD Board of Trustees,

I'm emailing you to let you know that beginning yesterday 4/26/21, I have moved [REDACTED] Clark from on-campus to virtual for the remainder of the school year. I am making this decision based on Principal Jiae Kim barring them from entering the school without masks on 4/23, despite the RRISD Health and Safety Protocol not using language making masking required.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: My Children Were Denied Entry to On-Campus Learning Today
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 18:11:15 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <412131774.458039.1619201475590@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 3e3321b05d68ed070c18ed16c661fbfd

Board of Trustees and Dr. Presley,

Today my children and I are heartbroken over the treatment they received this morning from those who they thought would have the integrity and personal courage to do what is right by standing up for them and their rights as students. What we experienced today was RRISD administrators and principals making a decision to be a shield for the RRISD Board of Trustees and their decisions and contradictory protocols that were voted 5-2 to uphold during a board meeting on 4/15. Today is a sad day, and a stain on this district's stance on student liberties and rights.

My children were discriminated against and denied an on-campus, Free Appropriate Public Education, by being barred from entry to their schools for not wearing a mask. My son [REDACTED] at Forest Creek Elementary was denied entry by the Principal Denise Sharp and the area superintendent Dr. Nancy Guerrero. Macayla Clark and Carter Clark were denied entry to Cedar Ridge High school by Principal Jiae Kim.

My children and I were acting in accordance with RRISD's "A Parent/Guardian Guide for COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols" - V.1.10.19.2020 - Page 5, that states students "should wear a mask." Should by definition is an option, and is in no way a definitive statement of being mandatory or required.

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All three students were given a choice to wear a mask or begin virtual learning, but virtual learning is not an appropriate option for my children. According to the Texas Education Agency, Texas independent school districts are required to provide my children with on-campus accommodations, but this was denied today.

My students have stayed home today in protest to this discrimination. In addition, my high school children will move from on-campus to virtual for the remainder of the year.

Lastly, the entire interaction at Forest Creek Elementary was captured on video, and will be used to pursue a class action lawsuit against these violations of civil liberties and student rights.

Respectfully,

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Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: You utter hypocrites
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2021 21:44:37 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQX3=iw+rA5SY8B9Xr_B0BsjQePpOWBSVDH9FsoGW62CA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: fe123b14b591c77aa9647c8d78639a27

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Clark, Keagy, Thompson
Date: Tue, 4 May 2021 13:40:30 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSRth1v+Lw_oPyEd8M7NkVZnzxJxxg=reyjEhFCjN6izg@mail.gmail.com>
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Subject: June Regular Board Meeting
Date: Fri, 14 May 2021 15:02:22 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1718407945.592652.1621004542590@mail.yahoo.com>
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Board of Trustees, Dr. Presley,

The COVID protocol changes announced yesterday was a great move towards following the changing data and science, and shows me that the RRISD administration is able to make decisions based on the updated landscape of this pandemic. Thank you Dr. Presley for having the courage to make such a sound decision in the face of differing opinions.

I expect the June monthly regular board of trustees meeting will be held in-person since the expectation and protocol now is that, "Round Rock Independent School District will make face masks optional for **all school district activities and facilities** beginning June 2, 2021." It appears from the justifications listed in that email that it is now safe for you to once again meet in-person, and that it is not a danger to the community.

I look forward to meeting you all in-person in June.

Thanks,

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Date: Fri, 14 May 2021 08:03:15 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSBXcsihjMLcSqwfLOWTqMW1x5fE07P7O6af1jS4mTGEw@mail.gmail.com>
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Date: Tue, 18 May 2021 21:58:23 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: "Rice, Laura" <Laura_Rice@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org, nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <B50479EF-7AF1-4359-8655-67EAE1F0BA63@gmail.com>
MD5: 439f37818b6f9e79d3e7158cf7abfcab

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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-xYMZ7KATJGyoGp-4re1KmUACkUcLApN4j98M+StNuopQ@mail.gmail.com>
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On Wed, May 19, 2021 at 9:50 AM Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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Thanks,

Travis Mutscher, Ph.D.

*Principal, Ridgeview Middle School
2000 Via Sonoma Trail
Round Rock, TX 78665*

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To: [REDACTED]
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MD5: 03a3738c5244dc7c83de4ae5d8040088

This is deeply troubling and I respect you elevating your concerns.

Danielle Weston
RRISD trustee elected in Nov 2020

On Thu, May 27, 2021 at 1:23 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Forwarding to you for awareness

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>; Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 10:52:22 AM CDT
Subject: Troubling RRISD Private Teacher Facebook Group

Hello President Weir and Dr. Presley,

There is a very troubling private Facebook (FB) group that has been brought to my attention called "Teachers of Round Rock" (ToRR). There are about 1,200 members in this group, and a number of teachers have made disparaging comments about parents, and gossiping about ongoing trustee legal matters. I have numerous screenshots I can share as evidence. Even more concerning is that trustee Tiffany Harrison is participating in a number of these conversations that bring her ethics as a trustee into question, and she also may have used her position of power to influence the removal of a teacher for having a difference of opinion.

The most egregious comment came from trustee Tiffany Harrison on 3/14/21, when she told teachers in the FB group that she had already made up her mind to vote for continuing student masking at the upcoming board meeting scheduled for 4/15/21, without having heard comments from the public, or debate from her peers during the session. This is unethical appalling behavior by a trustee, and speaks volumes about her disregard for local trending data and thoughts and ideas that are different from her own. Furthermore, it flies contrary to diversity and inclusion by ignoring a marginalized group of parents, by coming to a decision before hearing from that group. This is the very definition of prejudicial oppression, and suppression of freedom of thought and freedom of speech. **(screenshot of her comment is attached)**

In addition, I have a number of screenshots of disparaging teacher comments and conversations, and a recent screenshot of a comment by trustee Harrison implying that I am a hateful person for a post that I made (using a SHAC board agenda item) to prompt the public to attend the meetings **(see attached screenshot)**. One of the substitute teachers in the group, a friend of mine, took a screenshot of Ms. Harrison's comment, and sent it to me. I sent Trustee Harrison an email informing her that I was aware of her comment, and I asked her to make such comments in public or directly to me instead of to teachers in a private FB group. Approximately two hours after that email, my friend was removed from that Facebook group.

My friend's comment was not inflammatory, so there is reasonable suspicion that she was removed from the group at the request of Trustee Harrison. I cannot prove this, but if she did not make this request using her position of influence, it is quite the coincidence. My friend followed up with the group admin about being removed and was told that it was because she was not a teacher. However, she is a substitute teacher for RRISD and has been a member of

the group for about a year, yet Trustee Harrison is not a teacher and is still a member of the FB group.

The justification given by the admin, the fact that Trustee Harrison is still a member of the group despite not being a teacher, and the timeliness of her removal from the group after the comment leads me to believe that Trustee Harrison was responsible for her removal. This is oppressive behavior that seeks to "cancel" minority views, and is unbecoming of a trustee that is supposed to be a leader and advocate for not just teachers, but parents and students as well.

In the RISD employee handbook, under "Personal Use of Electronic Communications, it states, "As role models for the District's students, employees are responsible for their public conduct even when they are not acting as District employees. Employees will be held to the same professional standards in their public use of electronic communications as they are for any other public conduct." This type of behavior goes against this policy, and is not reflective of a role model for RR district students, and goes against the RRISD professional standards that a teacher is expected to exhibit as a representative of the district.

I can't think of one corporate or government organization that would condone their staff and board members being a part of a FB group that engages in disparaging gossip about their stakeholders (parents), and also uses the platform to silence teachers that do not agree with certain board members positions. I hope you will address this immediately.

I'm asking for four things to rectify this situation:

1. A public apology from Trustee Harrison during the June regular board meeting for both of her actions.
2. Either a formal censure of Trustee Harrison's Facebook voting comments during the June regular board meeting, or that her vote be stricken from the 4/15 agenda item L record.
3. That the district release an email statement apologizing to parents for the disparaging FB behavior of the teachers.
4. Require teachers and board members to remove themselves from the ToRR FB group, and inform RRISD teachers and trustees that this behavior is not tolerated in this district.

I understand that teachers have a first amendment right in their individual capacity, and that the ToRR group is not an official RRISD page, but condoning an environment where disparaging comments spread like a virus, only serves to foster potential hate, division and biases against our children.

I will be filing a formal complaint on Trustee Harrison's FB voting comment made ahead of the 4/15 meeting. If swift action is not taken with teacher and trustee use of the ToRR FB page, I will consider sharing these screenshots and this story with local media outlets.

If you'd like, I am willing to meet with you both to review the screenshots attached, and others that I have.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Superintendent Selection Feedback
Date: Fri, 4 Jun 2021 14:02:59 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1274151880.3643154.1622815379152@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: f263ab14c4fff17a5a0b1f84a6dbef42

Hello Trustee Weston,

I was wondering if you could give me some insight into your vote of no for the new superintendent? Can you help me understand what concerns you had with Dr. Azaeiz's qualifications?

Also, I understand there is a non-disclosure agreement, but without giving information that would disclose that person, can you tell me about the skills or qualifications about the runner-up candidate that would have made him/her a better choice?

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Superintendent Selection Feedback
Date: Fri, 4 Jun 2021 07:03:32 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgl_GsWSd7TUg_-x_iTsMBxzYu6u7-NcTDmwxBgRqAHSUw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6d86547d77faf068ad84314f01e43d67

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Fwd: Fw: Year End & 2020-21 Updates
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 16:22:31 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-xtM_tq79Xu6hNeo0grxRbwmpy=dj0j5SmNTw5qn+773A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 75c740758084aad6e116da7b08e5b65

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From: **Superintendent Ken Gregorski** <communications@katyisd.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Year End & 2020-21 Updates
To: KATY ISD Recipients <recipients@katyisd.parentlink.net>



Dear Katy ISD Parents/Guardians and Staff,

The 2020-21 school year has undoubtedly been a memorable one. Like school districts across the country, we faced innumerable challenges- many of which, I know, were particularly difficult for families as we navigated the best way to serve and protect our children and staff amid a global pandemic.

Though, with only 5 ½ weeks left in the school year, we are almost at the finish line! And despite the stressors of this past year, there were so many accomplishments that continued our Katy ISD story of excellence and perseverance. Our teachers and staff provided extraordinary in-person and virtual learning experiences for all students when many schools across the nation could not. Our students participated in all campus programs including athletics, fine arts, and FFA. We continued to be rated as an A+ district by Niche, and Forbes ranked the district as the 2nd best employer in Texas. Plus, we will culminate a great year by hosting graduations in person at Legacy Stadium at 100% capacity!

Now, as we begin preparations for the fall semester, an end to the pandemic is finally in sight. TEA's 2020-2021 public health guidance for school districts expires at the close of the academic year. With the expiration of the TEA guidance, Katy ISD will return to completely normal operations on June 1. Students and staff will no longer be required to wear facial coverings, daily COVID-19 notifications will cease, the Katy Virtual Academy (as implemented this year) will end, and our campuses are especially excited to welcome back all of our parents and volunteers to begin planning for the 2021-22 school year!

Finally, I want to share how proud I am of the work of our exceptional staff and parents. I feel humbled by the commitment, flexibility and strength you have demonstrated on our campuses, outside of school, and at home in ensuring our students continued to have access to the educational experiences and supports needed at a time of great adversity. I am beyond grateful for your efforts in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

As our mission states, "together with family and community...inspire each student... to *create the future.*"

With appreciation,

Ken Gregorski, Ed.D.

You are receiving this email because of your relationship with KATY ISD. If you wish to stop receiving email updates sent through the Blackboard service, please [unsubscribe](#).
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Subject: Superintendent Open Forum Request
Date: Fri, 4 Jun 2021 23:53:37 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>
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MD5: bf83d2d8b267e8a79ff425e806471743

Hello Board of Trustees,

I am concerned that there have been no open sessions or public forums in regards to the selection of the superintendent lone finalist. I was listening to the called board meeting on 6/3/21, and it was brought to my attention that AISD offered their community multiple opportunities for open forums with their lone finalist.

I'd like to request that the RRISD board of trustees provide at least three open forums for the community to ask questions and address any concerns prior to offering the lone finalist a contract. Please allow us to have a voice. There is no good reason to rush a contract offer before the community has had an opportunity to have concerns addressed. This is a significant hire that equates to a CEO for an organization of over 50,000 people.

Below are some of the concerns about the lone finalist being the best choice for a school district of our size, scope and caliber.

- Candidate has less than 3 yrs experience as a superintendent; one of which was COVID year, and the first year of an executive level position isn't typically taken into account because they haven't had time to implement much

- Candidate's district (Donna ISD) has no "A" rated schools

- Current district has 5 of 21 schools with a failing grade for a 24% failure rate

- Current district Academic Growth decreased from a "B" to a "D" under his leadership

- Current district (Donna ISD) is less than one third of RRISD (this would be a huge jump in scope of responsibility given the lack of experience and metrics)

- Lack of trending performance metrics over time due to short tenure as a superintendent

- Lack of success for SPED programs, and has not articulated SPED plans for RRISD

- Provided a district entry plan of action just 90 days that lacked substance; a CEO of an organization this size should have a vision for at least a year

- Poor school performance record at Spring ISD as area superintendent

Any organization hiring someone at a salary range of ~\$400k should expect an exceptional level of expertise, quality experience, extremely positive performance metrics, and that is not the case here.

Lastly, if the district moves forward with extending a contract to the lone finalist, it should be structured very conservative, with salary incentives based on measurable outcomes.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Concerned parent
Date: Sat, 5 Jun 2021 23:02:33 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: "danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>,
"amy_weir@roundrockisd.org" <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216BA6CA291F223F1B50CF2F93A9@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 5ae393c52869fc1d37bea6b054e7d6f8

Hello Board of Trustees,

Thank you for serving. I understand that there have been no open sessions or public forums regarding the selection of the superintendent finalist. I understand that other districts allow for an open forum and Gove opportunities for the public to speak. I am requesting RRISD trustees to allow for 3 open forums for our community to get a better understanding and be able to inquire about this finalist prior to offering a contract. I believe the community deserves some transparency and freedom to have a say in this.

From what I have found:

*This candidate has less than 3 years of experience as a superintendent and 1 of those being during Covid.

*Donna ISD has lower rated schools and none with A ratings and has had a higher failure rate under this leadership

*Donna ISD is significantly smaller than RRISD and this district being so much bigger will be a huge challenge with lack of experience.

*SPED programs in Donna ISD were unsuccessful

* Spring ISD was also questionable with the poor school performance during his time as superintendent.

Please let the community have say and be able to be aware of these concerns before a salary is offered. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Concerned parent
Date: Sat, 5 Jun 2021 16:02:36 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS3N25ZWfEPdzF+wy8TH5Wi+LM0y=T466MAtQ=r+QVJ_Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 1b67fc6b5725430d30a435913e6e1d30

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Following Current Mask Protocol - No Further Masking for My Students
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2021 20:51:33 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgR8-kQihM5DXLdKQw9bAnKH5ut4HGKygr6_6ufhg=jecg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 16fe79aa68eb580f3f70392d70b9f4be

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Following Current Mask Protocol - No Further Masking for My Students
Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2021 03:51:27 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org>, TRAVIS MUTSCHER <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amie Schultze <amie_schultze@roundrockisd.org>, "nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org" <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
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Principals, Superintendent(s), and Board of Trustees,

This letter serves as a notification that according to current RRISD COVID masking

protocols, my children will no longer be wearing a mask beginning Friday, April 23rd, one

day after the City of Round Rock mask mandate expires. I request that the school and

RRISD immediately make a school/district wide clarifying announcement that according to

current RRISD protocols, masking is not mandatory, but only recommended or encouraged.

Furthermore, I ask that my child not be encouraged or coerced to wear a mask by any

RRISD teacher, administrator, staff member, or any RRISD employee, and that any mask

bullying by any student be addressed immediately as any other bullying would.

During last week's RRISD board meeting, I witnessed the trustees full discussion of agenda

item L during the April 15th RRISD board meeting. A motion was made, and passed, to

maintain current RRISD COVID protocols. In reviewing the current mask protocols from

section 2, a., of the "A Parent/Guardian Guide for COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols -

V.1.10.19.2020" (see link below), it clearly states that students, "should wear a face mask

(no valves/vented masks) on buses or other school transportation vehicles, inside school

buildings, and anywhere on school grounds, including outside. Students **may choose** to

remove or keep their masks on during outdoor activities such as P.E. class and recess.

Students who remove their mask **should** still appropriately social distance from others."

I'd like to point from the above protocol quote, that it states that students **should** wear a

mask, not must or are required. .

Additionally, the protocol goes on to state that, "individuals are advised to continue to keep

6 feet between themselves and others," but does not require 6 feet of distance, and also

states, "Students who remove their mask should still appropriately social distance from

others." Neither of these protocols makes student distancing mandatory or required.

I am also aware that there is a flyer link embedded in the protocol document, but the

language in the flyer contradicts the protocol, and in my experience, flyers do not supersede

official protocols when there is a contradiction of information.

Please let me know before Friday if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

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Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Notice regarding [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2021 12:41:03 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED] info@austinlegal.net, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, david beinke <specialedmarine@yahoo.com>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-xKbPCaexE3RCzLM7Q=NUmQS+yunixMK-rpo4nHkjc9NRQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a8a14c1093e99e41b3913aa27e5187b1

Dear Ms. Kim, Dr. Presley, and Board of Trustees,

This letter serves as notification that my child will not be wearing a mask beginning Friday, April 23rd, and I request that the school and RRISD immediately make a school/district wide clarification announcement that masking is not mandatory, but only recommended. Furthermore, I do not want my child to be encouraged or coerced to wear a mask by any RRISD teacher, administrator, staff member, or any RRISD employee, and that any mask bullying by any student or employee will be addressed immediately as would any other bullying. If any district employee encourages my child to wear a mask, legal action may be pursued.

It has come to my attention that during the RRISD Board of Trustees discussions regarding Agenda Item L, in the April 15th RRISD board meeting, a motion was made and passed to maintain current RRISD COVID protocols. In reviewing the current mask protocols from section 2, a., of the "A Parent/Guardian Guide for COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols - V.1.10.19.2020" (see link below), it clearly states that students, "should wear a face mask (no valves/vented masks) on buses or other school transportation vehicles, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds, including outside. Students may choose to remove or keep their masks on during outdoor activities such as P.E. class and recess." These protocols do not mention the words must, required, or mandatory. I am aware that there is a link in this document to a flyer titled "Face Mask Expectations," but the information in the flyer contradicts the approved protocol, and flyers do not supersede district protocols.

Additionally, the protocol states that, "individuals are advised to continue to keep 6 feet between themselves and others," but does not require 6 feet of distance, and also states, "Students who remove their mask should still appropriately social distance from others" Neither of these protocols makes student distancing mandatory or required.

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Lastly, my husband and I are requesting an emergency meeting with you to discuss the official RRISD protocols above, published and voted upon by the Board.

Respectfully,

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Notice regarding [REDACTED]
Brinson
Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2021 10:41:16 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRjFZeJN61x-SkcAOpst2qoGpUrzDX2xdkUqRe8-5BTjA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 3fb9203959e6c5125a778bc4baf09b25

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RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Notice regarding [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2021 12:42:36 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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Dear Dr. Mutscher, Dr. Presley, and Board of Trustees,

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April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Mask Clarification
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 23:16:22 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Denise Sharp <noreply@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
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Hello Ms. Sharpe, and Ms. Kim,

Thank you for your responses. This email does not make much sense to me, but I know that you did not write it since I have seen the same email from all of you, so I have cc'd others for awareness.

I intend to exercise my medical and civil rights by choosing to not have my children wear a mask at school. We plan to arrive at school with other parents on Friday 4/22/21, 30 minutes after the start of class, so as to not cause a scene on the first day. Virtual learning is NOT an option for my children, and the TEA requires you provide an on-campus education to my children.

After reading the district's email response, I see no authority for RRISD schools to prevent children from attending class without a mask, and I expect that they will not be discriminated against, segregated, or bullied, and will not be encouraged or coerced in any way by students or staff to wear a mask. If this occurs, my efforts will likely escalate to legal action.

1. The first paragraph states that the board approved RRISD's mask requirement, but that is not true. The motion that passed was to continue with the current RRISD COVID Protocol. I have reviewed the first link below called "mask requirement," but that is the link to a protocol document that never once uses the words must, required, or mandatory when referring to masking.
2. The second paragraph is grossly misleading because it says that the district's mask protocol "states" and goes on to quote the first sentence in the protocol document, but the second sentence mixes language that is not in the document with language that is. Protocol documents say what they mean, and mean what they say.
3. In the third paragraph, it mentions that parents "interpreted," not misinterpreted the phrase "should wear masks...." I think most of us parents and all of you are intelligent enough to know that should is not definitive. If I tell my child she should take an umbrella in case it rains, we both know that the umbrella is not required, but recommended. Telling me and other parents that we have misinterpreted this simple word insults our intelligence. Where this paragraph is accurate, is when it says, "Any student participating in on-campus learning for the duration of the school year must comply with the mask protocols." This is great news to me, because I read the word should for what it is, and my children will comply with the **recommendation** to wear it IF they want to.
4. The end of this email points to Williamson County and Cities Health Districts and Austin Public Health recommendations. Notice that they are **recommendations**, not mandates. There is no state of Texas mask mandate, and the city of RR mask mandate expires at midnight on Thursday 4/22.

I am taking this stand because the RRISD board has given no indication to an end to their desire to require masking of students, and comments from multiple board members with implications to continue masking for next school year will not be tolerated. The desire to keep children masked flies in the face of all science and trending COVID data. Furthermore, facial recognition and facial que development is most critical to social development and well being from birth to at least 10yrs of age. Lastly, as teen depression and suicide has risen significantly during this pandemic, any continued efforts to cling to a protocol that would keep school age children masked is abhorrent.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 04:04:27 PM CDT, Denise Sharp <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:



As discussed and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Board's regular meeting on April 15, 2021, Round Rock ISD's [mask requirement](#) will remain in place for all District schools and facilities through the 2020-2021 Spring semester.

The District's mask protocol states that students, staff members, and visitors should wear masks on buses, other District vehicles, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds. This requirement includes during District events that take place during and outside of school hours. The only exception is that students have the option to remove their masks during outdoor activities, such as P.E. class and recess, providing they can appropriately social distance from others.

The District administration is aware that some families have recently interpreted the phrase "should wear masks" as optional. It is not. This protocol has been an expectation and requirement for the entire school year, and that requirement has not changed. Any student participating in on-campus learning for the duration of the school year must comply with the mask protocols. Students who do not wish to comply may opt for virtual learning.

A complete overview of the District's mask protocols can be found in the [Health and Safety Protocols Guide](#). Round Rock ISD's current [COVID-19 mitigation strategies](#) are designed with the guidance of local health agencies. Currently, both [Williamson County and Cities Health District](#) and [Austin Public Health](#) recommendations regarding masks and social distancing have not changed.

In Partnership,

Denise Sharp

Principal

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Subject: Board Meeting
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 18:54:01 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
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Dear RRISD board member,

I ask that you vote to make masks optional for students. I beg you to review the medical research below, and not follow the political rhetoric of the CDC.

I know that many parents have emailed you asking you to keep masks on our children, citing CDC recommendations, but they are misinformed. The CDC recommends lots of things to prevent disease and death that you have not made mandatory, because these recommendations are choices that citizens and parents make for themselves. ☐

Additionally, the following quotes from trusted, bedrock medical research institutions run contrary to the CDC recommendations. In light of this scientific research, it appears that the CDC recommendation is a political message, and not one that is rooted in science.

If masks work as well as the CDC says, then those who wish to wear them can continue to do so and they will be protected.

Case counts are only one data point, and should not be used to make this decision. Using case count data alone for your decision is poor leadership and lazy research. If you are waiting for vaccinations to increase, the CDC has said that vaccinations do not prevent transmission, so where is the goal post? From the World Health Organization (WHO):

- "There is limited evidence that wearing a medical mask by healthy individuals in the households or among contacts of a sick patient, or among attendees of mass gatherings may be beneficial as a preventive measure.14- 23 However, there is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (whether medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, including universal community masking, can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."
- "Many countries have recommended the use of fabric masks/face coverings for the general public. At the present time, the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence and there are potential benefits and harms to consider."
- Potential increased risk of self-contamination due to the manipulation of a face mask and subsequently touching eyes with contaminated hands
- Potential self-contamination that can occur if non-medical masks are not changed when wet or soiled.

This can create favourable conditions for microorganism to amplify

The American Medical Association released a position paper on masks. It made several point that bring the issue of the public wearing face masks into question, including...

- "Face masks should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory infection such as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks should also be worn by healthcare workers, by individuals who are taking care of or are in close contact with people who have respiratory infections, or otherwise as directed by a doctor. Face masks should not be worn by healthy individuals to protect themselves from acquiring respiratory infection because there is no evidence to suggest that face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people from becoming ill."

Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

- "There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."
- "During the 2009 pandemic of H1N1 influenza (swine flu),encouraging the public to wash their hands reduced the incidence of infection significantly whereas wearing facemasks didnt.5There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."

New England Journal of Medicine- May 2020-

Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes).

The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic.”
Please vote to make masks optional in our classroom!

Respectfully,
Wes and Jessica Pryor

Subject: Re: THANK YOU
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 01:48:00 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgStAA6djxmn8-VGEOi0BNZ1h41-h-PiAf19q7TzQirv+Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 9b51e77a1ae7bea7d207fdbc7d728d2c

Thank you, that means a lot.

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 1:02 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

You guys were amazing!!!! We are so proud of you for standing up for the concerned parents and actually making logical statements that supported the future of the district and the families with concerns about continuing to mask our children and staff.

I know this wasn't easy for you, but YOU HAVE the silent majority on your side.. and we will keep pursuing this.

Very inspiration ladies...for sure
-Shauna Kinningham

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Schools with mask Optional - 128
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 21:15:28 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRQJA9nCcreYxvzhqim1WR3g2bjdtD=RHT1urHuU7Qkzg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 196f985a8e1b9f87f1333ab396f034ab

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Schools with mask Optional - 128
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 23:18:41 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT3Ne6Kz==vxACAiDiQ4q64OPvDBTv4NyJbQJ8kzV9xzA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b8b9cb76d1582b8439559940cab1bf3d

Please send this list to the entire board.

On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 11:15 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

FYI - The list continues....

128 Texas school districts with mask optional. Includes Katy ISD (79,740 students) and Cy-Fair (116,512)

1. Abilene-Wylie ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Wylie school board makes masks optional after spring break | KTAB - BigCountryHomepage.com
2. Aledo ISD – mask optional effective April 15 <https://aledoisdtx.swagit.com/play/04152021-854>
3. Alvord ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Update for Wednesday March 10, 2021 | Wise County Messenger (wcmessenger.com)
4. Amarillo ISD (32,829 students) – mask optional Prek – 5th effective April 19, all others effective May 17 <https://www.myhighplains.com/news/local-news/update-amarillo-isd-decides-to-make-mask-optional-for-students-and-staff-pre-k-through-5th-grade-starting-monday/>
5. Andrews ISD – mask optional effective March 15- (3) Andrews ISD - Posts | Facebook
6. Anna ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Texas school boards enter heated debate over mask requirements (dallasnews.com)
7. Argyle ISD – mask optional and no quarantine effective May 10 <https://www.facebook.com/ArgyleISD/posts/3887269571356916>
8. Archer ISD – mask optional <https://www.archercountynews.com/news/archer-city-isd-no-longer-mandate-masks>
9. Aristoi Classical Academy – mask optional https://www.aristoiclassical.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1696155&type=d&pREC_ID=1856988
10. Azle ISD – mask optional <https://www.facebook.com/azleisd/posts/1370653846643167>
11. Big Spring ISD – mask optional effective March 15 - Why Big Spring ISD decided to drop mask mandate (msn.com)
12. Birdville ISD – drops mask for PreK – 3rd grade effective March 10th - News / Letter from Superintendent - March 6, 2020 (birdvilleschools.net)
13. Blanco ISD – mask optional effective April 22, https://www.blancoisd.org/240783_2?articleID=75034
14. Bloomburg ISD – mask optional effective March 10 School district leaves it up to students, staffers to choose whether to wear a face mask (ksla.com)
15. Borger ISD – mask optional effective March 11 - Borger ISD Board of Trustees votes to remove the mask requirement at BISD | News | borgernewsherald.com
16. Boyd ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/update-for-wednesday-april-21-2021/>
17. Brazos ISD – mask optional effective April 1st <https://www.facebook.com/brazosisd/photos/pcb.241887437645608/241886467645705/>
18. Breckenridge ISD – mask optional effective immediately BISD Board lifts mask requirements for students and staff, announces Bus Driver of the Year – Breckenridge Texan
19. Bridge City ISD – masks optional <https://www.facebook.com/105501329482991/posts/4237684466264636/>
20. Brock ISD – mask optional, no contact tracing or quarantines effective March 10 - See copy of communication by Brock ISD Board of Trustees attached
21. Buffalo ISD – mask optional effective immediately Area school district makes masks optional on campus (kbtx.com)
22. Brownwood ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://www.brownwoodnews.com/2021/04/12/masks-optional-at-brownwood-isd-no-later-than-april-19/>
23. Buffalo ISD – mask optional effective March 16 <https://www.kbtx.com/2021/03/16/area-school->

[district-makes-masks-optional-on-campus/](#)

24. Caddo Mills ISD – mask optional effective April 19

<https://facebook.com/CaddoMillsISD/photos/a.304989959554836/3835451303175333/?type=3>

25. Canton ISD – mask optional effective March 8 - Canton ISD lifts mask mandate | The Canton Herald

26. Canyon ISD – mask optional effective April 5th - Canyon ISD and Dumas ISD to eliminate masks as a requirement for students and staff | KAMR - MyHighPlains.com

27. Callisburg ISD – mask optional

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3936238823156092>

28. Celina ISD – mask optional 6th grade and below. Celina ISD alters face covering requirements | Celina Record | starlocalmedia.com

29. Chico ISD – mask optional <https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/update-for-thursday-march-25-2021/>

30. Chisum ISD – mask optional https://theparisnews.com/free/article_b2998e20-8281-11eb-b86d-537b04debb36.html

31. Clyde ISD – mask optional effective immediately "Unmask Abilene" wants AISD to allow students to make choice on wearing masks | KTXS

32. Columbia-Brazoria ISD – mask optional effective immediately - CBISD Board of trustees vote to make optional during special session

https://www.cbisd.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=323480&type=d&pREC_ID=738239

33. Columbus ISD – mask optional

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&t=49m40s&v=JM0e4hSZfSs&feature=youtu.be>

34. Comal ISD (23,935) – mask optional effective March 10 - Comal ISD giving parents and teachers the option to wear masks at school

35. Cross Plains ISD – mask optional effective immediately - See announcement attached below.

36. Cy-Fair ISD (116,512 students) – mask optional effective June 7

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/education/article/Cy-Fair-ISD-plans-to-lift-mask-requirements-16113042.php>

37. Decatur ISD – mask optional effective April 7th

<https://www.decatursid.us/cms/lib3/TX01000649/Centricity/Domain/1024/DECATUR%20ISD%20MASK%20POLICY%20April%207%202021.pdf>

38. De Leon ISD – mask optional -

<https://facebook.com/groups/773865080083670/permalink/951811528955690/>

39. Detroit ISD – mask optional <https://pathofex.com/detroit-isd-makes-mask-wearing-optional-considers-own-police-force/>

40. Dumas ISD – mask optional effective March 9 - Canyon ISD and Dumas ISD to eliminate masks as a requirement for students and staff | KAMR - MyHighPlains.com

41. Edgewood ISD – mask optional Edgewood Independent School District (edgewood-isd.net)

42. Elysian Fields ISD – mask optional effective immediately East Texas districts vary on mandatory masks following Abbott's order | News | marshallnewsmessenger.com

43. Evadale ISD – mask optional effective immediately and ending social distancing Evadale ISD ends mask mandate, social distancing (mysanantonio.com)

44. Fairfield ISD – mask optional <https://freestonecountytimesonline.com/fairfield-isd-lifts-mask-mandate-giving-parents-and-students-a-choice/>

45. Frenship ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Frenship ISD COVID-19 Dashboard - Reopening Frenship - Frenship ISD

46. Fredericksburg ISD – mask optional effective May 10

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3957437327702908>

47. Graham ISD – mask optional effective April 14 <https://www.grahamleader.com/news/graham-isd-makes-masks-optional-students-staff-within-district>

48. Gholson ISD – no mask PK – 3rd grade - 33d380_3e792285b7e048f98ca3bbf39a199e60.pdf (filesusr.com)

49. Grapeland ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - (1) Grapeland ISD - Posts | Facebook

50. Greenwood ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Greenwood ISD ends mask requirement for students and staff (mrt.com)

51. Gunter ISD – mask optional effective March 15, ending quarantines and reinstating field trips [filedownload.ashx \(gunterisd.org\)](http://filedownload.ashx(gunterisd.org))

52. Hallsville ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Hallsville ISD to remove mask mandate starting March 22 | Education | news-journal.com (news-journal.com)

53. Harrold ISD – no mask children under 10 Harrold ISD - Updated Face Covering Policy

54. Hawkins ISD – mask optional effective April 4th -

<https://www.hawkinsid.org/44578?articleID=74127>

55. Hermleigh ISD – mask optional effective immediately Hermleigh ISD ends face mask rule | The

Snyder News

56. Hico ISD – mask optional <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/656?meeting=452394>
57. Hugh Springs ISD – mask optional
<https://facebook.com/groups/parentsforoptionalmaskingisd/permalink/750932735621731/>
58. Hunt ISD – mask optional (1) Hunt ISD | Facebook
59. Ingram ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Wear a Mask (ingramisd.net)
60. Jim Ned ISD – ends mask requirement Jim Ned CISD 'is no longer requiring individuals to wear face coverings' | KTAB - BigCountryHomepage.com
61. Johnson City ISD mask optional effective immediately - Johnson City ISD won't require face masks starting Wednesday (msn.com)
62. Joshua ISD – mask optional https://www.cleburnetimesreview.com/news/joshua-isd-votes-to-make-face-masks-optional-with-some-exceptions/article_2fb22cb2-9161-11eb-b71f-9b3513fab0cd.html
63. Katy ISD (79,740) – mask optional effective June 1 -
<https://communityimpact.com/houston/katy/education/2021/04/16/katy-isd-to-return-to-standard-operations-in-june/>
64. Krum ISD – mask optional effective April 14 - https://dentonrc.com/coronavirus_outbreak/krum-school-board-scraps-mask-mandate/article_8ed89ab6-bb55-5ee8-ad18-13ef2f090b9e.html
65. Leon ISD – mask optional effective immediately Leon ISD
66. Lexington ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Johnson City, Lexington ISDs won't require face masks starting Wednesday | kvue.com
67. Liberty Hill ISD – mask optional
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3956571534456154/>
68. Lingleville ISD – mask optional -
<https://facebook.com/groups/773865080083670/permalink/951811528955690/>
69. Lipan ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Lipan ISD - Masks are Now Optional at Lipan ISD (lipanindians.net)
70. Little Cypress-Mauriceville – mask optional <https://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/LC-M-latest-district-to-end-mask-mandate-16046979.php>
71. Louise ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Greyscale Letterhead (louiseisd.org)
72. LoveJoy ISD – mask optional
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/342476386896411/permalink/474692460341469>
73. Lubbock-Cooper ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Texas School District Immediately Echoes Abbott: No More Masks Required | CauseACTION Clarion
74. Malakoff ISD – mask optional -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/702472410433280/permalink/709137936433394/>
75. Magnolia ISD – Board voted on March 8th to make mask optional effective April 1st to give staff an opportunity to get vaccinated - Magnolia ISD board of trustees votes to end mask mandate for students, teachers (msn.com)
76. Marion ISD – mask optional http://seguingazette.com/alert/article_5f43afe8-9335-11eb-bf23-af8e5e1a8d1d.html
77. McKinney ISD – no mask under the age of 10 - McKinney ISD Update on Policy Regarding Face Coverings | McKinney ISD
78. Memphis ISD – mask optional -
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3760956787273784&id=143331045703061
79. Melissa ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Melissa ISD makes face masks optional for students and staff (fox4news.com)
80. Miller Grove ISD – mask optional <http://www.mgisd.net/2021/03/changes-to-mask-policy/>
81. Millsap ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - UPDATE: Millsap ISD board votes to accept modified mask policy | Mineral-wells | weatherforddemocrat.com
82. Monahans-Wickett-Pyott ISD - mask optional <https://www.cbs7.com/2021/03/25/masks-to-be-optional-at-monahans-wickett-pyote-isd-starting-march-29/>
83. Morgan Mill ISD – mask optional effective March 18. MORGAN MILL ISD - Home (mmisd.us)
84. Muleshoe ISD – never had a mask requirement - Muleshoe ISD vows to begin school normally – Muleshoe Journal
85. New Diana ISD – mask optional See screenshot attached.
86. Normangee ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Normangee ISD says masks will be optional beginning Wednesday (kbtv.com)
87. North Lamar – mask optional
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Meeting/SupplementalResources/459828?orgId=1049&publicOrgName=North%20Lamar%20ISD>
88. Overton ISD – mask optional https://www.kilgorenewsherald.com/news/overton-isd-makes-mask-wearing-voluntary-at-campuses/article_8e1aa23e-a205-11eb-bf57-ebf0e250eb69.html

89. Paint Rock ISD – mask optional effective March 10
https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=4295480547132837&id=497065303641066
90. Palmar ISD – mask optional effective March 16
https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10159082320067962&id=262541767961
91. Paradise ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Mask Rule Changes - Effective March 10, 2021 - News and Announcements - (pisd.net)
92. Peaster ISD never had a mask requirement all year - No one is stopping a Texas schools from flouting mask mandate in schools | The Texas Tribune
93. Pilot Point ISD – mask optional effective immediately
<https://www.facebook.com/1548885811999232/photos/a.1550586335162513/2821933071361160/>
94. Prairiland ISD – mask optional - https://theparisnews.com/free/article_b2998e20-8281-11eb-b86d-537b04debb36.html
95. Priddy ISD – mask optional confirmed by phone <http://priddy.sharpschool.net/home>
96. Princeton ISD – mask optional effective April 12 per Board meeting on 3/22/21.
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Princeton-ISD-Board-Notes-03-22-21.html?soid=1105280230475&aid=7zGCr9KLU7c>
97. Prosper ISD – mask optional Petition Prosper ISD, Return Mask Choice to Parents! (ipetitions.com)
98. Quanah ISD – mask optional
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3871836466262995/>
99. Rains ISD – mask optional effective April 13 <https://www.rainsisd.org/20623?articleID=74694>
100. Richardson ISD – mask optional at PE and recess, desk shield removed - <https://web.risd.org/home/superintendents-update-march-25/elementary> students to remove masks during recess, PE classes | Community Impact Newspaper
101. Rockwall ISD – mask optional effective June 1 -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/342476386896411/permalink/472810193863029>
102. Rogers ISD – mask optional effective April 20
<https://www.facebook.com/rogersisd/posts/4249018438451332>
103. Rusk ISD – mask optional https://www.jacksonvilleprogress.com/news/rusk-isd-modifies-mask-policy-hires-two/article_71b67568-89ab-11eb-9a7f-eb943f05ceb1.html
104. Saint Jo ISD – Mask optional <https://www.saintjoisd.net/>
105. San Angelo ISD – mask optional effective June 1st
<https://www.gosanangelo.com/story/news/2021/04/19/san-angelo-independent-school-district-masks-appreciated-not-required-beginning-june/7296506002/>
106. Santa Fe ISD – mask optional
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&t=3h1m20s&v=OOqGmMP84oU&feature=youtu.be>
107. Seymour ISD – mask optional effective March 15 Seymour ISD - Home (seymour-isd.net)
108. Silsbee ISD – mask optional effective April 14
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3958480257598615>
109. Shallowater ISD – mask optional effective immediately - SISD Back to School Plan - Face Coverings/Masks (google.com)
110. Spring Branch ISD – mask optional next fall
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/freedommattersactiongroup/permalink/287789286139263>
111. Springtown ISD – mask optional
<https://www.facebook.com/SpringtownISD/posts/3831828986863456>
112. Stephenville ISD – mask optional effective immediately - The great mask debate: Stephenville ISD votes to make wearing face coverings optional. (beneaththesurfacenews.com)
113. Stratford ISD – mask optional effective March 11 Stratford ISD Vote To Remove Mask Related Requirements And Capacity Limits (highplainsobserverstratford.com)
114. Sweetwater ISD – mask optional effective March 10 SISD Lifts Mask Mandate Beginning March 10 | | sweetwaterreporter.com
115. Tarkington ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Many Tarkington ISD students return to class with no masks after Texas mask mandate ends (click2houston.com)
116. Tolar ISD – mask optional
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=256364739406835&id=107701307606513
117. Tomball ISD – mask optional effective May 27 -
<https://www.tomballisd.net/apps/news/article/1422325>
118. Trinidad ISD – mask optional
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3197133050389540&id=766655336770669
119. Van Alstyne ISD – mask optional effective March 16 Van Alstyne Independent School District - Posts | Facebook
120. Vidor ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Vidor ISD board ends mask mandate in district | News Break

121. Wall ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Wall ISD Announces Masks Will be Optional for Teachers and Students (sanangelolive.com)
122. Weatherford ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Weatherford ISD votes to make face coverings optional (yahoo.com)
123. Whitesboro ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Grayson County schools review face mask policies - (kten.com)
124. Whitney ISD – mask optional <https://www.fox44news.com/news/local-news/whitney-isd-makes-masks-optional/#/questions/3264283>
125. Willis Point ISD – mask optional https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3948980941830133&id=273189576075973
126. Windthorst ISD – mask optional Return-To-School-Plan.pdf (windthorstisd.com)
127. Wink Loving ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Wink-Loving Independent School District (wlisd.net)
128. Zephyr ISD – mask optional - <https://zephyriscd.net/mask-update/>

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021, 3:59 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hello and thank you for your e-mail. Please see today's attached press release from Trustee Bone and I to the media.

Danielle

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-Shauna Kinningham

Subject: Re: Please review
Date: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 22:55:11 -0500
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <1651DE06-3065-4677-8988-9014C9CB20B5@yahoo.com>
MD5: be960761333765920b92434d27c2b9dc

Hello Danielle,

I think it looks great and is a reasonable compromise. However, the CDC now recommends three feet of distance in school. Not sure if it could be added now though.

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

On Apr 12, 2021, at 9:59 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dustin and Shauna,

I sent the below message to Pres Weir this evening.

Please take a look at my attachment to see what I am asking for in Thursday's meeting.

Danielle Weston

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:22 PM
Subject: Please review
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>

Hi Amy,

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<TEA Public Health Guidelines edits.pdf>

Subject: Re: Please review
Date: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 22:58:05 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS-06kaSsY0wKF2NszzMHBGY=-5St7jr+ofHoZvjapLLg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6d3c71ca96f988ef4fddd800991567b9

Good feedback. They say that for when people are wearing a mask. That's why I kept it to six feet.

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 10:55 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I think it looks great and is a reasonable compromise. However, the CDC now recommends three feet of distance in school. Not sure if it could be added now though.

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

On Apr 12, 2021, at 9:59 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dustin and Shauna,

I sent the below message to Pres Weir this evening.

Please take a look at my attachment to see what I am asking for in Thursday's meeting.

Danielle Weston

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>

Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:22 PM

Subject: Please review

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Subject: Plans for Tomorrow Morning - Unmasked Student
Date: Thu, 22 Apr 2021 17:13:32 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1648094151.5401648.1619111612234@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: c8d90260470058422b83df247dab3fa6

Dr. Presley and Board of Trustees,

I have no intention of changing my mind about showing up tomorrow morning at Forest Creek Elementary with my [REDACTED] student. He will not be wearing a mask to school in accordance with the current RRISD protocol, and I have a couple of other parents that will be joining me to do the same.

When I show up tomorrow, I will request that the principal come to the door to escort my unmasked child into the building. Virtual learning for my second grader is not an option for him, and I would caution against segregating him and others from the other students. If my unmasked child is denied entry to the building based on the current RRISD masking protocol document that does not contain any "must," "mandatory" or "required" language in regards to masking, you will be denying my child a Free Appropriate Public Education, and I will pursue legal action.

Please also understand, that this entire interaction will be video recorded, and I will contact Attorney General Paxton, and Williamson County Attorney Dee Hobbs to inform them of this violation if my student is denied entry.

Lastly, over the last couple of days, I have received reports from substitute teachers and parents of students that some teachers are more lax than others on masks in the classroom, and some are relentless rude, and outright mean to the children, and some with zero tolerance for being able to take a sip of water.

I have personally heard Dr. Presley and others on board meetings testify that they do not wear a mask when in the bldg early in the morning, or alone in an office, and this in direct violation of the protocol you claim is mandatory at all times. Dr. Presley has mentioned that this exception is RRISD policy, but I do not see it in the protocol document, and I'm curious what policy he is referring to. If there is nothing in the protocol document, this appears to be a flexing of the rules for RRISD leaders and staff as they see fit, and is a "rules for thee, but not for me" that is quite concerning.

I will not cease my efforts until this district announces that it will not require mandatory masking for next school year.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Please look at what Stanford and Harvard Professors are saying about masking children
Date: Tue, 13 Apr 2021 13:17:12 -0500
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org,
cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, Danielle Weston
<danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org,
jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <B4161FE5-AC30-4625-B5BB-BCFD87E3ED11@yahoo.com>
MD5: f2573d27f61ea6c0cc43b8c19ecf4c95

Board members,

Please don't continue your silence. You are supposed to be representing me and communicating with me, but I've heard no response from five of you.

You are educators, and I'm begging you to educate yourself and look at the evidence and the science. This is not a trustee battle, or a left vs right battle. This is a battle for you to open your eyes and your minds to rescind your mandatory mask policy that is contrary to all scientific evidence.

Please do the right thing!

<https://texasscorecard.com/local/despite-health-evidence-school-district-may-continue-forcing-masks-on-kids/>

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark
254-285-8881

Subject: Re: Reimagining Education Docuemmt
Date: Thu, 22 Apr 2021 21:43:35 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <809101474.65236.1619127815915@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 13795b0ed9eb438c60e080db8829bcb7

Ms. Sharp,

I am cc'ing the board and Superintendent, because I believe there has been some debate on this.

I am aware of the link to the flyer embedded in both the protocol document and the Reimagining Learning document. However, flyers are not policy or protocol. I am not a legal or policy expert, but I have had a lawyer review the protocol document w/ the linked flyer, and an organization's protocol is typically the source of truth, especially when the information in the flyer is contradicts the protocol.

I hope this helps you understand my position on the interpretation of RRISD's masking protocol.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, 04:23:44 PM CDT, Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hi Dustin,

Here is a link for [Reimagining Education](#). You will find the link to Face Mask Expectations on page 19. Thank you for your time this afternoon.

Respectfully,

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 4:09 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Ms. Sharp,

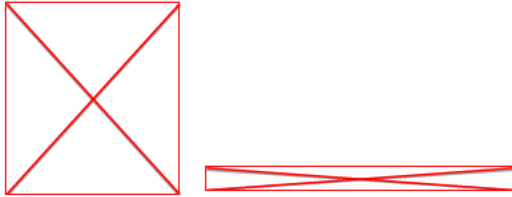
I am not able to find the email of the link or document you sent me. I am on the website looking at a document titled RRISD Reimagining Learning Plan. Is that the one you were referring to? If so, can you please remind me what page you were reading from?

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

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Denise Sharp
Principal
Forest Creek Elementary
(512) 464-5350



Subject: Re: Notice regarding [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 10:38:01 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]> david beinke <specialedmarine@yahoo.com>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yLpx7gfqZ8EOGi2vt5KCueyaVgv1iLicYVOj9tZoJyvw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: f935f76f5e2ca1b60b7457dcd5431dd7

Dr. Mutscher,

We previously made abundantly clear that remote attendance is not a viable option for our family, and TEA specifically states that all students have a right to attend on campus. Our sincerely held belief is that our child is being abused at RMS due to forced masking. Would you tell a child to endure "just five more weeks" of abuse? We will NOT. Take the mask off of **our** child immediately. We, as [REDACTED] parents and legal guardians, do NOT consent to you masking our child's nose and mouth.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 10:30 AM Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I am following the same policy and expectations that have been in place all year long regarding the wearing of masks. I am not changing the last five weeks unless I am given specific directions to do so from RRISD. If you do not want [REDACTED] to wear a mask then there is a virtual option which was explained.

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 9:58 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Mutscher,

My son, [REDACTED] Brinson, just texted me saying that Dr. Mutscher, as well as Ms. Valdivia, has informed him that Ridgeview Middle School has overridden the RRISD Board of Trustees official, voted upon, Board policy and created their own campus specific policy only for RMS, which uses different language. Per TEA, only the school district's Board of Trustees has the authority to decide and vote upon mask policy for the district, not individual campuses. I'm writing to request that I be sent a copy of the official, new RMS specific mask policy that was apparently just implemented this morning. Please send it to me immediately.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 8:17 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Mutscher,

Please let us know in writing if/when you decide to deny our son, [REDACTED] Brinson, his legal right to free appropriate public education while in full compliance with official, voted upon, Board policy as written per Page

5. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZXeOzt8Q2iU32j9RJQOuIVtPUigJXwPf/view>

Our son does NOT have parental consent to wear a mask. We, as parents, know what the word "should" means in policy & protocol. If you see him with a mask on, that's a sign of coercion and bullying, please ask him to remove it immediately per his parents' instructions.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Apr 23, 2021, at 7:47 AM, Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I have communicated the expectation that within the school building, students and staff are required to wear a mask, unless it is one of the mentioned exceptions (snack and water breaks, lunch, physical activity, or outside time).

The issue will be treated as non-compliance without a mask and your student will again be asked to either wear a mask or have you come pick him up.

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 6:34 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

No. We know how to read. We know what the word "should" means. Should is a recommendation, not a directive per our family's attorney. [REDACTED] shall attend school without a mask per RRISD official Board policy as written. Remote attendance is not an option for our family. TEA states clearly that every student may attend school on campus. [REDACTED] will not be discriminated against, coerced, bullied or retaliated against for exercising our right to choose that he not wear a mask in accordance with official RRISD Board policy as written. He will be treated respectfully and he will not wear a mask starting Friday, April 23.

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 5:06 PM Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good evening,
I just wanted to reply to your email that you sent on Tuesday. After clarification from the district, we will still be following our protocol of requiring a mask for all students and adults in the building with the exceptions of snack/water breaks, lunch, during physical activity, and when they are outside. I do need [REDACTED] to wear a mask if he is going to attend classes on-campus. If the decision is to not wear a mask, then there is a virtual option.

We have five weeks left in the semester. I do not see a reason to change and disrupt the processes that we have in place as safety precautions. My hope is that there will be an exit plan announced in the following months that will give more clarity on what the Fall semester will look like. Honestly, I think the Fall semester will be mask optional for those that feel it provides more safety, but that is just my opinion.

Thank you for understanding my viewpoint.

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 12:42 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Dr. Mutscher, Dr. Presley, and Board of Trustees,

This letter serves as notification that my child will not be wearing a mask beginning Friday, April 23rd, and I request that the school and RRISD immediately make a school/district wide

clarification announcement that masking is not mandatory, but only recommended. Furthermore, I do not want my child to be encouraged or coerced to wear a mask by any RRISD teacher, administrator, staff member, or any RRISD employee, and that any mask bullying by any student or employee will be addressed immediately as would any other bullying. If any district employee encourages my child to wear a mask, legal action may be pursued.

It has come to my attention that during the RRISD Board of Trustees discussions regarding Agenda Item L, in the April 15th RRISD board meeting, a motion was made and passed to maintain current RRISD COVID protocols. In reviewing the current mask protocols from section 2, a., of the "A Parent/Guardian Guide for COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols - V.1.10.19.2020" (see link below), it clearly states that students, "should wear a face mask (no valves/vented masks) on buses or other school transportation vehicles, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds, including outside. Students may choose to remove or keep their masks on during outdoor activities such as P.E. class and recess." These protocols do not mention the words must, required, or mandatory. I am aware that there is a link in this document to a flyer titled "Face Mask Expectations," but the information in the flyer contradicts the approved protocol, and flyers do not supersede district protocols.

Additionally, the protocol states that, "individuals are advised to continue to keep 6 feet between themselves and others," but does not require 6 feet of distance, and also states, "Students who remove their mask should still appropriately social distance from others" Neither of these protocols makes student distancing mandatory or required.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZXeOzt8Q2iU32j9RJQOulVtPUigJXwPf/view>

Lastly, my husband and I are requesting an emergency meeting with you to discuss the official RRISD protocols above, published and voted upon by the Board.

Respectfully,

April & Justin Brinson

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Thanks,

Travis Mutscher, Ph.D.

*Principal, Ridgeview Middle School
2000 Via Sonoma Trail
Round Rock, TX 78665*

(512) 424-8406

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Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Denial of entry
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 18:14:49 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: superintendent_rrisd@roundrockisd.org, Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAAUL7T=YkOZ2b3bxy_A8H4qkccoXS42VaDmZaMiCn5BkUk6YA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 8e2b544b84530ca04ac88c4bf9e5cfc9

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My children can no longer wear a mask due to various physical and/or mental abilities. For example, my daughter is being evaluated for [REDACTED] and refuses to wear her prescribed glasses while wearing a mask. This has negatively affected her visual and academic development.

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Denial of Entry - amended
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 23:38:55 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ3L2rKqONAsnxmU8qOTj6r4QUUaYgboTQ1+ouGRsdQtw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: e8eac17fd03113d455a8a8a40a34cfbe

The words from your children break my heart. I believe all of the trustees need to hear from your kids so thank you for sharing this. I respect your decision to file a complaint.

Danielle

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 6:36 PM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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My children were all given the choice to wear a mask or begin virtual learning. However, virtual learning is not an option for my children. According to the Texas Education Agency, independent school districts must provide on-campus accommodations, but today we were denied.

My children stayed home today in protest to this discrimination and we will be filing a formal complaint with RRISD for violating our civil liberties and student rights.

Respectfully,

John & Rachel Keagy

Subject: Re: Level II complaint submission
Date: Sat, 24 Apr 2021 08:23:41 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT-TmzL25n_JxobjHOB9eCMDjwUuUP9-CduDYwy-bHWrw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6917b23edd79a1a107c8b3c3e05003de

Thanks John. I believe these need to be turned into RRISD's legal services office. Their e-mail address is:
legal_services@roundrockisd.org

Danielle Weston

On Sat, Apr 24, 2021 at 5:42 AM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Submission of level II complaint from parent.
Respectfully,
John Keagy

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: May you burn in hell, as you deserve, for your evil abuse of OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 23:03:46 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQc6Up8hcBUgjTTV=Swt7OuTYmWGqLEZ4wXdmq1mobRLA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: e8b18b68202171be68c40918ccfba5fe

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: May you burn in hell, as you deserve, for your evil abuse of OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 01:03:34 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-y2+ohmYrodwioxxe9uUBLWc7rXmKEeKMz=M2bSg1nMDQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 1fdbe167883a452cd89929fb1500b492

You EVIL 5, you will burn in hell for abusing children. YOU have NO RIGHT to cover OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN'S airways. You're sick, twisted & evil creeps who have no business coming into contact with or making personal bodily decisions for OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN. You can justify your child abuse all day and 10 ways to Sunday, but evil is evil. You ARE CHILD ABUSERS.

Subject: Notice that you shall not ever speak with or engage with [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 08:15:05 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: timothy_Meleck@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, david beinke <specialdmarine@yahoo.com>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-y=8-8dqZOjNHwvQScK7Uw8AkakDHPcCpvrCf-ZmmzrUA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: ea85eb355403a17b27c6e82aac1a219

Mr. Meleck,

Yesterday you told my son to pull up his mask or you were going to email me, his mother, and I would slap him.

#1 We're a nonviolent household. Do not ever suggest to my child, or any child, that responding in violence is appropriate. It is not, outside of self defense.

#2 We're free-breathers. No one in our family ever muzzles our airways *ever* outside the walls of RRISD.

What you said to my child is inappropriate and you shall not engage with him again. Should a reason arise in which you believe it necessary to communicate with my child, you are to immediately dial me at [REDACTED] and we will schedule a parent/teacher/principal conference to discuss your concerns.

Thank you,

April Brinson
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Notice that you shall not ever speak with or engage with [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 08:27:47 -0500
From: Timothy Meleck <timothy_meleck@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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MD5: 3e7275937e0665762881088d3e4fd619

[REDACTED] shall not be discriminated against or excluded from your Care Time group due to our families' sincerely held beliefs on forced masking. You are to allow him into your classroom and if you have any concerns regarding our families' ethical beliefs on forced masking or any concerns regarding my son therein, you are to dial me. You are not to share your opinions or speculation on this subject with my son for any reason. Thank you.

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Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 13:37:15 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSia3RaOHuoVbsbEeWQto_XR_DXOz9joAa5ToN4iJp29Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 444b146d5adee3e32e449ef35615903e

The one good thing that happened last night was that for anybody who is paying attention or cares, you can see exactly where your elected officials stand on various issues including respecting the time of citizens for public comments as well as this bizarre territory we have entered into on masking of children. It's hard to believe that as the state wide and municipal mask mandates have been lifted, the school district voted last night for more restrictive protocols.

Danielle

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Message-ID: <1654686860.3152882.1618604598285@mail.yahoo.com>
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Dear Board of Trustees,

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I hope that this board will consider removing him, or asking him to resign.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021, 02:27:55 PM CDT
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Subject: Re: Superintendent Selection Feedback
Date: Fri, 4 Jun 2021 09:30:47 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgR1SdAo0D4ZP6dBWU0fRVCryeTk=5_PgVt4Kr3tTb6dGg@mail.gmail.com>
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Good morning,

I appreciate your email. It's important for our parents and community to hold their elected trustees accountable and to ask questions like this.

I personally conducted a lot of research on all four of our finalists candidates. I watched board meetings from their current districts, looked at years of social media posts of their districts and of them personally (if they have an official professional social media account) and I spent a lot of time on the internet looking for media articles on current events in their districts over time. I also reviewed district, campus and student academic performance as reported and publicly available by TEA.

Between the time we narrowed our focus from seven to four candidates, two candidates withdrew from our search. One withdrew because his/her current board of trustees significantly increased his/her annual compensation upon learning of their interest in becoming our next superintendent. The second candidate withdrew to accept another job that he/she applied for three weeks prior to interviewing with us.

That left us with two finalists. After the research I did, Dr Azaiez was not my choice to be the next superintendent and that's why I voted "no".

Here are my reasons:

-Lack of relevant work experience and job performance.

Donna ISD is one of the poorest ISD's in Texas and has a homogeneous student body of 14k. RRISD is one of the wealthiest ISD's in Texas and has a heterogeneous student body of 48k students. I also did not see an established record of improving and sustaining student academic performance. TEA data is nuanced. A grade of "B" in one district doesn't necessarily equate to a "B" in another district. Allowances and adjustments are made in these ratings for things like the % of economically disadvantaged students. Furthermore, the 3 years Dr Azaiez spent as Donna ISD superintendent represents the entirety of his experience as a superintendent. I respect his work in Donna ISD but I do not believe that this enormous jump in size, scope, diversity and needed experience level is in the best interest of our students or community. I want to add that I have tremendous respect for Dr Azaiez' work in Donna ISD. My "no" vote for him is rooted in my commitment to finding a superintendent I believe is ready to serve in RRISD., right now. That is the standard on which I made my decision. My decision has nothing to do with my opinion on his work in Donna ISD and whether or not I believe he is doing a good job there.

-Concerning media articles I found about incidents and decisions made in Donna ISD during his tenure.

I shared the specifics of these concerns with my colleagues in our deliberations multiple times. One incident involved an SRO accidentally firing his weapon in a high school and the community's concerns about the timeline of their notification of this and the other is about the hiring of a principal in Donna ISD who was filmed on video dragging a student with special needs down a hallway while employed in another district. We asked Dr Azaiez about these incidents and I was not comfortable with the answers/explanations we were given.

If Dr Azaiez does come to RRISD as the next superintendent, I will do everything in my power to help him be successful. I want more than anything for my instincts on this decision to be wrong.

With regard to the other candidate that made our list of final two, I believe he/she had far more relevant professional experience (both in years and in districts more similar to RRISD is size, demographics, etc). Though no candidate is perfect, I believe the selection of the other candidate would have made a lot more sense to our community.

Thank you again for your email.

Danielle

On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 9:03 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Trustee Weston,

I was wondering if you could give me some insight into your vote of no for the new superintendent? Can you help me understand what concerns you had with Dr. Azaiez's qualifications?

Also, I understand there is a non-disclosure agreement, but without giving information that would disclose that person, can you tell me about the skills or qualifications about the runner-up candidate that would have made him/her a better choice?

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: CDC Mask Mandate and In-person Dining Study Results
Date: Tue, 6 Apr 2021 09:04:58 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgStq2bAxumk8mmcXquZ_4idi9+QkUfdG6Rc4AH8OkJwnQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 51783905599b159705e71d7b95b71c3a

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: CDC Mask Mandate and In-person Dining Study Results
Date: Tue, 6 Apr 2021 16:20:27 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSP_aJUF2yeA=rcDqRkSipG==b6QAOnW8WbaKxxvpuHVA@mail.gmail.com>
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Thanks for sending Dustin. I would encourage you to share this with the entire board so that all trustees can benefit from this. It may also be worth including in public comments at the 15 Apr meeting.

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 11:04 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ladies,

The link below takes you to a study quietly published on CDC.gov that shows a 1.8% or less correlation to a reduction in COVID cases when states instituted a mask mandate. In addition, it also shows a less than 2% increase in cases for states that opened up in-person dining. You'll notice that it mentions that masking provided what they call a "significant decrease" in cases, but 1.8% is hardly significant given the many variables.

I think this is great information for the argument to make masks optional, especially in areas like the classroom where students are seated, similar to restaurant dining.

[Association of State-Issued Mask Mandates and Allowing On-Premises Restaurant Dining with County-Level COVID-19 Case and Death Growth Rates - United States, March 1–December 31, 2020 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr-reports/2021/s41/mmwr41s41a01a.htm)

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Fwd: Year End & 2020-21 Updates
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 16:32:20 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
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From: **Superintendent Ken Gregorski** <communications@katyisd.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Year End & 2020-21 Updates
To: KATY ISD Recipients <recipients@katyisd.parentlink.net>



Dear Katy ISD Parents/Guardians and Staff,

The 2020-21 school year has undoubtedly been a memorable one. Like school districts across the country, we faced innumerable challenges- many of which, I know, were particularly difficult for families as we navigated the best way to serve and protect our children and staff amid a global pandemic.

Though, with only 5 ½ weeks left in the school year, we are almost at the finish line! And despite the stressors of this past year, there were so many accomplishments that continued our Katy ISD story of excellence and perseverance. Our teachers and staff provided extraordinary in-person and virtual learning experiences for all students when many schools across the nation could not. Our students participated in all campus programs including athletics, fine arts, and FFA. We continued to be rated as an A+ district by Niche, and Forbes ranked the district as the 2nd best employer in Texas. Plus, we will culminate a great year by hosting graduations in person at Legacy Stadium at 100% capacity!

Now, as we begin preparations for the fall semester, an end to the pandemic is finally in sight. TEA's 2020-2021 public health guidance for school districts expires at the close of the academic year. With the expiration of the TEA guidance, Katy ISD will return to completely normal operations on June 1. Students and staff will no longer be required to wear facial coverings, daily COVID-19 notifications will cease, the Katy Virtual Academy (as implemented this year) will end, and our campuses are especially excited to welcome back all of our parents and volunteers to begin planning for the 2021-22 school year!

Finally, I want to share how proud I am of the work of our exceptional staff and parents. I feel humbled by the commitment, flexibility and strength you have demonstrated on our campuses, outside of school, and at home in ensuring our students continued to have access to the educational experiences and supports needed at a time of great adversity. I am beyond grateful for your efforts in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

As our mission states, "together with family and community...inspire each student... to *create the future.*"

With appreciation,

Ken Gregorski, Ed.D.

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Subject: Another school going mask optional
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 15:41:57 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpuigVmu+7b9tBgeiRMFtZo2eB4Cc+jYx7SMMQW=zMhCnQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: d31bc26a93948024c14fcc9e6f05d1f1

<https://www.tomballisd.net/apps/news/article/1422325>

Subject: Re: Another school going mask optional
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 17:17:21 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQtbZZfB7fZyqHCzZQAoECg+e1SBvnHV2pLP_adk8um6g@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a5bdcc4eb6dcfb5e820492b442532723

Decisive leadership. Thank you for letting me know.

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 3:42 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

<https://www.tomballisd.net/apps/news/article/1422325>

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Please listen:) WE WANT MASK CHOICE IN SCHOOLS
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 17:59:06 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSLPAKxJdDuAEnQuEeh1MMzycrQ1=xy3JmFcv7Cizog@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 68c87e492c8734941f1514ecc0b6a514

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Danielle Weston

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I will say if the Board does not vote for a choice I am sure many will be returning] to virtual if not just leaving RRISD altogether.

Thank you for your time.

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: RE: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Please listen:) WE WANT MASK CHOICE IN SCHOOLS
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 23:27:57 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216798CFC233463FB9D2F58F94E9@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 1fbf7d12e124a457799c727b2c210c40

I'm 100% behind you in the fight!!! I'll be there tomorrow and be on board for legal action if it comes to that!!! Thank you for staying the course and fighting for our kids!

Jessica

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: 4/14/21 5:59 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Please listen:) WE WANT MASK CHOICE IN SCHOOLS

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From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSzQZ1eiGntspAGSey2z34mtY3-5fsH2kAGvOp_Q2JuAA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: c927ace198f8ab8c32cc754a4b922f57

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: FL dept of education
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 23:30:10 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmptyrwtpi8v=qTBoEsA8Ky_qEEtts4hx-3pLyQDKP5kmhw@mail.gmail.com>
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FY... maybe TEA will follow suit.

<https://alachuachronicle.com/fl-doe-asks-districts-to-make-face-coverings-optional-for-the-2021-22-school->

Subject: Re: FL dept of education
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 00:33:12 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT6A5uDWD2Nkyw=TAT1EnZMkAz9Y6hKYmY21ZHMgaB_eg@mail.gmail.com>
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Wow. This is big.

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 11:30 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

FYI... maybe TEA will follow suit.

<https://alachuachronicle.com/fl-doe-asks-districts-to-make-face-coverings-optional-for-the-2021-22-school->

Subject: Re: Mask Clarification
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 20:13:43 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTJD7RFJHfDG=vTLGJEF=eYshiEgvMwxkQSZ+-0dKFQ9g@mail.gmail.com>
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Mr Dustin Clark, Every word of what you have said in this email is true. Thank you for sending me what your child's principal sent you. Otherwise, I would not have known that that is what is being officially communicated to parents. The meaning of "should" and "must" has been known for centuries. The definitions of these words also have a clear legal definition. Thank you for alerting me to what this principal sent you. It's obviously very concerning to me.

Danielle Weston
RRISD trustee elected in Nov 2020

On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 6:16 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Ms. Sharpe, and Ms. Kim,

Thank you for your responses. This email does not make much sense to me, but I know that you did not write it since I have seen the same email from all of you, so I have cc'd others for awareness.

I intend to exercise my medical and civil rights by choosing to not have my children wear a mask at school. We plan to arrive at school with other parents on Friday 4/22/21, 30 minutes after the start of class, so as to not cause a scene on the first day. Virtual learning is NOT an option for my children, and the TEA requires you provide a non-campus education to my children.

After reading the district's email response, I see no authority for RRISD school to prevent children from attending class without a mask, and I expect that they will not be discriminated against, segregated or bullied, and will not be encouraged or coerced in any way by students or staff to wear a mask. If this occurs, my efforts will likely escalate to legal action.

1. The first paragraph states that the board approved RRISD's mask requirement, but that is not true. The motion that passed was to continue with the current RRISD COVID Protocol. I have reviewed the first link below called "mask requirement," but that is the link to a protocol document that never once uses the words must, required, or mandatory when referring to masking.

2. The second paragraph is grossly misleading because it says that the district's mask protocol "states" and goes on to quote the first sentence in the protocol document, but the second sentence mixes language that is not in the document with language that is. Protocol documents say what they mean, and mean what they say.

3. In the third paragraph, it mentions that parents "interpreted," not misinterpreted the phrase "should wear masks...." I think most of us parents and all of you are intelligent enough to know that should is not definitive. If I tell my child she should take an umbrella in case it rains, we both know that the umbrella is not required, but recommended. Telling me and other parents that we have misinterpreted this simple word insults our intelligence. Where this paragraph is accurate, is when it says, "Any student participating in on-campus learning for the duration of the school year must comply with the mask protocols." This is great news to me, because I read the word should for what it is, and my children will comply with the **recommendation** to wear it IF they want to.

4. The end of this email points to Williamson County and Cities Health Districts and Austin Public Health recommendations. Notice that they are **recommendations**, not mandates. There is no state of Texas mask mandate, and the city of RR mask mandate expires at midnight on Thursday 4/22.

I am taking this stand because the RRIS Board has given no indication to an end to their desire to require masking of students, and comments from multiple board members with implications to continue masking for next school year will not be tolerated. The desire to keep children masked flies in the face of all science and trending COVID data. Furthermore, facial recognition and facial que development is most critical to social development and well being from birth to at least 10 yrs of age. Lastly, a teen depression and suicide has risen significantly during this pandemic, any continued efforts to cling to a protocol that would keep school age children masked is abhorrent.

Respectfully

Dustin Clark

On Wednesday April 21, 2021, 04:04:27P M C D T, Denise Sharp <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:



As discussed and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Board's regular meeting on April 15, 2021, Round Rock ISD's [mask requirement](#) will remain in place for all District schools and facilities through the 2020-2021 spring semester.

The District's mask protocol states that students, staff members, and visitors should wear masks on buses, other District vehicles, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds. This requirement includes during District events that take place during and outside of school hours. The only exception is that students have the option to remove their masks during outdoor activities, such as P.E. class and recess, providing they can appropriately social distance from others.

The District administration is aware that some families have recently interpreted the phrase "should wear masks" as optional. It is not. This protocol has been an expectation and requirement for the entire school year, and that requirement has not changed. Any student participating in on-campus learning for the duration of the school year must comply with the mask protocols. Students who do not wish to comply may opt for virtual learning.

A complete overview of the District's mask protocols can be found in the [Health and Safety Protocols Guide](#). Round Rock ISD's current [COVID-19 mitigation strategies](#) are designed with the guidance of local health agencies. Currently, both [Williamson County and Cities Health District](#) and [Austin Public Health](#) recommendations regarding masks and social distancing have not changed.

In Partnership,
Denise Sharp
Principal

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Subject: RRISD mask policy
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 19:09:54 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, "dewayne_street@roundrockisd.org" <dewayne_street@roundrockisd.org>, "mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org" <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "amy_weir@roundrockisd.org" <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, "amber_feller@roundrockisd.org" <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "mary_bone@roundrockisd.org" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, "jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org" <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, "complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov" <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, "commissioner@tea.texas.gov" <commissioner@tea.texas.gov>, "teafeedback@tea.texas.gov" <teafeedback@tea.texas.gov>, "tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov" <tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov>, "tom@maynardfortexas.com" <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, "nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org" <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, "carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org" <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, "john_yonker@roundrockisd.org" <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, "natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org" <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, "rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org" <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>

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Dear RRISD board member,

I ask that you vote no to continuing your current masking policy. I beg you to review the medical

research below, and not follow the political rhetoric of the CDC.

I know that many parents have emailed you asking you to keep masks on our children, citing CDC

recommendations. The CDC recommends lots of things to prevent disease and death that you have

not made mandatory. Additionally, the following quotes from trusted, bedrock medical research

institutions run contrary to the CDC recommendations. In light of this scientific research, it appears

that the CDC recommendation is a political message, and not one rooted in science.

If masks work as well as the CDC says, then those who wish to wear them can continue to do so

and they will be protected.

Case counts are only one data point, and should not be used to make this decision. Using case

count data alone for your decision is poor leadership and lazy research. If you are waiting for

vaccinations to increase, the CDC has said that vaccinations do not prevent transmission, so where

is the goal post?

From the World Health Organization (WHO):

- “There is limited evidence that wearing a medical mask by healthy individuals in the households

or among contacts of a sick patient, or among attendees of mass gatherings may be beneficial as a

preventive measure.^{14- 23} However, there is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (whether

medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, including universal

community masking, can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including

COVID-19.”

- “Many countries have recommended the use of fabric masks/face coverings for the general public.

At the present time, the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not

yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence and there are potential benefits and harms

to consider.”

- Potential increased risk of self-contamination due to the manipulation of a face mask and

subsequently touching eyes with contaminated hands

- Potential self-contamination that can occur if non-medical masks are not changed when wet or

soiled. This can create favourable conditions for microorganism to amplify

The American Medical Association released a position paper on masks. It made several point that

bring the issue of the public wearing face masks into question, including...

- “Face masks should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory infection such

as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks should also be worn by healthcare

workers, by individuals who are taking care of or are in close contact with people who have

respiratory infections, or otherwise as directed by a doctor. Face masks should not be worn by

healthy individuals to protect themselves from acquiring respiratory infection because there is no

evidence to suggest that face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people

from becoming ill." [Medical Masks: https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2762694](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2762694)

Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

- "There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory

viruses, including COVID-19."

- “During the 2009 pandemic of H1N1 influenza (swine flu), encouraging the public to wash their

hands reduced the incidence of infection significantly whereas wearing facemasks did not.⁵ There is

no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses,

including COVID-19.” [Do facemasks protect against COVID-19?](#)

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jpc.14936>

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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jpc.14936>

New England Journal of Medicine- May 2020-

Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era “We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection.

Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6

feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some

say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing

interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking

is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic.” [Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19](#)

[Era - PubMed: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32237672/](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32237672/)

Respectfully,

Katy Hardin

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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS_OQ_d1+hcaOuTL8U66HmbsqO034tBi+k53Nt-5LDfdw@mail.gmail.com>
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 01:02:12 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmps+pfIJ-ZdiAgy6gKAS6YCYQHfOb1k2q_v1XzCEcqhreA@mail.gmail.com>
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You guys were amazing!!!! We are so proud of you for standing up for the concerned parents and actually making logical statements that supported the future of the district and the families with concerns about continuing to mask our children and staff.

I know this wasn't easy for you, but YOU HAVE the silent majority on your side.. and we will keep pursuing this.

Very inspiration ladies...for sure
-Shauna Kinningham

Subject: Schools with mask Optional - 128
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 23:15:11 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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FYI - The list continues....

128 Texas school districts with mask optional. Includes Katy ISD (79,740 students) and Cy-Fair (116,512)

1. Abilene-Wylie ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Wylie school board makes masks optional after spring break | KTAB - BigCountryHomepage.com
2. Aledo ISD – mask optional effective April 15 <https://aledoisdtx.swagit.com/play/04152021-854>
3. Alvord ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Update for Wednesday March 10, 2021 | Wise County Messenger (wcmessenger.com)
4. Amarillo ISD (32,829 students) – mask optional Prek – 5th effective April 19, all others effective May 17 <https://www.myhighplains.com/news/local-news/update-amarillo-isd-decides-to-make-mask-optional-for-students-and-staff-pre-k-through-5th-grade-starting-monday/>
5. Andrews ISD – mask optional effective March 15- (3) Andrews ISD - Posts | Facebook
6. Anna ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Texas school boards enter heated debate over mask requirements (dallasnews.com)
7. Argyle ISD – mask optional and no quarantine effective May 10 <https://www.facebook.com/ArgyleISD/posts/3887269571356916>
8. Archer ISD – mask optional <https://www.archercountynews.com/news/archer-city-isd-no-longer-mandate-masks>
9. Aristoi Classical Academy – mask optional https://www.aristoiclassical.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1696155&type=d&pREC_ID=1856988
10. Azle ISD – mask optional <https://www.facebook.com/azleisd/posts/1370653846643167>
11. Big Spring ISD – mask optional effective March 15 - Why Big Spring ISD decided to drop mask mandate (msn.com)
12. Birdville ISD – drops mask for PreK – 3rd grade effective March 10th - News / Letter from Superintendent - March 6, 2020 (birdvilleschools.net)
13. Blanco ISD – mask optional effective April 22, https://www.blancoisd.org/240783_2?articleID=75034
14. Bloomburg ISD – mask optional effective March 10 School district leaves it up to students, staffers to choose whether to wear a face mask (ksla.com)
15. Borger ISD – mask optional effective March 11 - Borger ISD Board of Trustees votes to remove the mask requirement at BISD | News | borgernewsherald.com
16. Boyd ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/update-for-wednesday-april-21-2021/>
17. Brazos ISD – mask optional effective April 1st <https://www.facebook.com/brazosisd/photos/pcb.241887437645608/241886467645705/>
18. Breckenridge ISD – mask optional effective immediately BISD Board lifts mask requirements for students and staff, announces Bus Driver of the Year – Breckenridge Texan
19. Bridge City ISD – masks optional <https://www.facebook.com/105501329482991/posts/4237684466264636/>
20. Brock ISD – mask optional, no contact tracing or quarantines effective March 10 - See copy of communication by Brock ISD Board of Trustees attached
21. Buffalo ISD – mask optional effective immediately Area school district makes masks optional on campus (kbtx.com)
22. Brownwood ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://www.brownwoodnews.com/2021/04/12/masks-optional-at-brownwood-isd-no-later-than-april-19/>
23. Buffalo ISD – mask optional effective March 16 <https://www.kbtx.com/2021/03/16/area-school-district-makes-masks-optional-on-campus/>
24. Caddo Mills ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://facebook.com/CaddoMillsISD/photos/a.304989959554836/3835451303175333/?type=3>
25. Canton ISD – mask optional effective March 8 - Canton ISD lifts mask mandate | The Canton Herald
26. Canyon ISD – mask optional effective April 5th - Canyon ISD and Dumas ISD to eliminate masks as a

- requirement for students and staff | KAMR - MyHighPlains.com
27. Callisburg ISD – mask optional
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3936238823156092>
 28. Celina ISD – mask optional 6th grade and below. Celina ISD alters face covering requirements | Celina Record | starlocalmedia.com
 29. Chico ISD – mask optional <https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/update-for-thursday-march-25-2021/>
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68. Lingleville ISD – mask optional - <https://facebook.com/groups/773865080083670/permalink/951811528955690/>
69. Lipan ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Lipan ISD - Masks are Now Optional at Lipan ISD (lipanindians.net)
70. Little Cypress-Mauriceville – mask optional <https://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/LC-M-latest-district-to-end-mask-mandate-16046979.php>
71. Louise ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Greyscale Letterhead (louiseisd.org)
72. LoveJoy ISD – mask optional <https://www.facebook.com/groups/342476386896411/permalink/474692460341469>
73. Lubbock-Cooper ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Texas School District Immediately Echoes Abbott: No More Masks Required | CauseACTION Clarion
74. Malakoff ISD – mask optional - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/702472410433280/permalink/709137936433394/>
75. Magnolia ISD – Board voted on March 8th to make mask optional effective April 1st to give staff an opportunity to get vaccinated - Magnolia ISD board of trustees votes to end mask mandate for students, teachers (msn.com)
76. Marion ISD – mask optional http://seguingazette.com/alert/article_5f43afe8-9335-11eb-bf23-af8e5e1a8d1d.html
77. McKinney ISD – no mask under the age of 10 - McKinney ISD Update on Policy Regarding Face Coverings | McKinney ISD
78. Memphis ISD – mask optional - https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3760956787273784&id=143331045703061
79. Melissa ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Melissa ISD makes face masks optional for students and staff (fox4news.com)
80. Miller Grove ISD – mask optional <http://www.mgisd.net/2021/03/changes-to-mask-policy/>
81. Millsap ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - UPDATE: Millsap ISD board votes to accept modified mask policy | Mineral-wells | weatherforddemocrat.com
82. Monahans-Wickett-Pyott ISD - mask optional <https://www.cbs7.com/2021/03/25/masks-to-be-optional-at-monahans-wickett-pyote-isd-starting-march-29/>
83. Morgan Mill ISD – mask optional effective March 18. MORGAN MILL ISD - Home (mmisd.us)
84. Muleshoe ISD – never had a mask requirement - Muleshoe ISD vows to begin school normally – Muleshoe Journal
85. New Diana ISD – mask optional See screenshot attached.
86. Normangee ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Normangee ISD says masks will be optional beginning Wednesday (kbtv.com)
87. North Lamar – mask optional <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Meeting/SupplementalResources/459828?orgId=1049&publicOrgName=North%20Lamar%20ISD>
88. Overton ISD – mask optional https://www.kilgorenherald.com/news/overton-isd-makes-mask-wearing-voluntary-at-campus/article_8e1aa23e-a205-11eb-bf57-ebf0e250eb69.html
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90. Palmar ISD – mask optional effective March 16 https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10159082320067962&id=262541767961
91. Paradise ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Mask Rule Changes - Effective March 10, 2021 -

News and Announcements - (pisd.net)

92. Peaster ISD never had a mask requirement all year - No one is stopping a Texas schools from flouting mask mandate in schools | The Texas Tribune
93. Pilot Point ISD – mask optional effective immediately
<https://www.facebook.com/1548885811999232/photos/a.1550586335162513/2821933071361160/>
94. Prairiland ISD – mask optional - https://theparisnews.com/free/article_b2998e20-8281-11eb-b86d-537b04debb36.html
95. Priddy ISD – mask optional confirmed by phone <http://priddy.sharpschool.net/home>
96. Princeton ISD – mask optional effective April 12 per Board meeting on 3/22/21.
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Princeton-ISD-Board-Notes-03-22-21.html?soid=1105280230475&aid=7zGCr9KLU7c>
97. Prosper ISD – mask optional Petition Prosper ISD, Return Mask Choice to Parents! (ipetitions.com)
98. Quanah ISD – mask optional
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3871836466262995/>
99. Rains ISD – mask optional effective April 13 <https://www.rainsisd.org/20623?articleID=74694>
100. Richardson ISD – mask optional at PE and recess, desk shield removed -
<https://web.risd.org/home/superintendents-update-march-25/elementary> students to remove masks during recess, PE classes | Community Impact Newspaper
101. Rockwall ISD – mask optional effective June 1 -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/342476386896411/permalink/472810193863029>
102. Rogers ISD – mask optional effective April 20
<https://www.facebook.com/rogersisd/posts/4249018438451332>
103. Rusk ISD – mask optional https://www.jacksonvilleprogress.com/news/rusk-isd-modifies-mask-policy-hires-two/article_71b67568-89ab-11eb-9a7f-eb943f05ceb1.html
104. Saint Jo ISD – Mask optional <https://www.saintjoisd.net/>
105. San Angelo ISD – mask optional effective June 1st
<https://www.gosanangelo.com/story/news/2021/04/19/san-angelo-independent-school-district-masks-appreciated-not-required-beginning-june/7296506002/>
106. Santa Fe ISD – mask optional
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&t=3h1m20s&v=OQsGmMP84oU&feature=youtu.be>
107. Seymour ISD – mask optional effective March 15 Seymour ISD - Home (seymour-isd.net)
108. Silsbee ISD – mask optional effective April 14
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3958480257598615>
109. Shallowater ISD – mask optional effective immediately - SISD Back to School Plan - Face Coverings/Masks (google.com)
110. Spring Branch ISD – mask optional next fall
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/freedommattersactiongroup/permalink/287789286139263>
111. Springtown ISD – mask optional
<https://www.facebook.com/SpringtownISD/posts/3831828986863456>
112. Stephenville ISD – mask optional effective immediately - The great mask debate: Stephenville ISD votes to make wearing face coverings optional. (beneaththesurfaceneeds.com)
113. Stratford ISD – mask optional effective March 11 Stratford ISD Vote To Remove Mask Related Requirements And Capacity Limits (highplainsobserverstratford.com)
114. Sweetwater ISD – mask optional effective March 10 SISD Lifts Mask Mandate Beginning March 10 | | sweetwaterreporter.com
115. Tarkington ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Many Tarkington ISD students return to class with no masks after Texas mask mandate ends (click2houston.com)
116. Tolar ISD – mask optional
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=256364739406835&id=107701307606513
117. Tomball ISD – mask optional effective May 27 -
<https://www.tomballisd.net/apps/news/article/1422325>
118. Trinidad ISD – mask optional
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3197133050389540&id=766655336770669
119. Van Alstyne ISD – mask optional effective March 16 Van Alstyne Independent School District - Posts | Facebook
120. Vidor ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Vidor ISD board ends mask mandate in district | News Break
121. Wall ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Wall ISD Announces Masks Will be Optional for Teachers and Students (sanangelolive.com)
122. Weatherford ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Weatherford ISD votes to make face coverings optional (yahoo.com)
123. Whitesboro ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Grayson County schools review face mask

policies - (kten.com)

124. Whitney ISD – mask optional <https://www.fox44news.com/news/local-news/whitney-isd-makes-masks-optional/#/questions/3264283>

125. Willis Point ISD – mask optional

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3948980941830133&id=273189576075973

126. Windthorst ISD – mask optional Return-To-School-Plan.pdf (windthorstisd.com)

127. Wink Loving ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Wink-Loving Independent School District (wlisd.net)

128. Zephyr ISD – mask optional - <https://zephyrisd.net/mask-update/>

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021, 3:59 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hello and thank you for your e-mail. Please see today's attached press release from Trustee Bone and I to the media.

Danielle

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 1:02 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

You guys were amazing!!!! We are so proud of you for standing up for the concerned parents and actually making logical statements that supported the future of the district and the families with concerns about continuing to mask our children and staff.

I know this wasn't easy for you, but YOU HAVE the silent majority on your side.. and we will keep pursuing this.

Very inspiration ladies...for sure

-Shauna Kinningham

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Unmask RRISD
Date: Sun, 11 Apr 2021 13:32:12 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRY2KmwunHqnsMWau0Q20K+WE0D2ZH935xOTZFa6-fHQw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 9e2dde193c6c0b9389c419048055d893

Jessica, Thank you for your e-mail and I agree 100%. I'm not certain that others on the school board agree with me. Please consider signing up to speak during public comments at the 15 Apr 2021 school board meeting.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee elected in Nov 2020

On Sun, Apr 11, 2021 at 1:06 PM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Please allow for an option for our students to unmask during school time. One of our kids has [REDACTED] and the other has [REDACTED]. Neither feel comfortable with the masks. The option for virtual was not working for us and their grades went up dramatically when they returned to in person school.. Speaking to a lot of other parents, we are not the only ones with this issue. Seeing as how the numbers have gone down and the governor has lifted the mandate for the state, please hear those of us requesting no more masks for our kids. They need to focus on education in a comfortable environment. Thank you for your time.

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RE: Statement on Tragic Events in Georgia
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 2021 10:33:33 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org, superintendent_rrisd@roundrockisd.org
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7T=+Q41W-ZINNN+c2cvszZEEUpACndHXyc388_VvqraNBw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 35cbe09b5a86eabba64a63cb33387cb2

To whom it may concern,

The writing of this email to all students, parents, and staff in RRISD is ridiculous and promotes racist thinking. I am ashamed to be a part of this former wonderful school district. Who thought that sending this email to 5 year olds in Kindergarten is a good idea? Every single person who drafted, edited, or reviewed this email needs to be fired! DO NOT SPREAD HATEFUL AND DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE TO OUR CHILDREN! AND I am now supposed to talk to my elementary aged children about why a self-proclaimed sex-adict decided to murder 8 people?

While the shootings in Georgia are indeed tragic and should be mourned, there is very little evidence to suggest they are racially motivated. As long as we continue to see race first, we will continue to be racist. STOP. RIGHT NOW. This community will not stand for the lack of dignity and selfishness you are displaying.

We are writing also to notify Round Rock Independent School District that we, John A and Rachel M Keagy, parents of [REDACTED], wish to immediately OPT OUT of ALL Round Rock Independent School District communications with OUR children based on race/race-baiting, political opinion commentary, or otherwise inappropriate correspondence with OUR children by Round Rock Independent School District. Their student emails are to be REMOVED from any and all distribution lists during ANY sort of correspondence offering political opinions or other opinion commentary on any subject. You may email OUR children ONLY when immediately and strictly relevant to pertinent functions of their status as a student in Round Rock Independent School District. As parents, we consider ALL political opinions or commentary to be irrelevant to OUR childrens' pertinent functions of their status as a student in Round Rock Independent School District.

Regards,
John and Rachel Keagy

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Please review
Date: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 20:55:22 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS8azFfpPi5joEuY6K1wSLCMXcoarvQLU-u7=wME=LJ=w@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a58db6ad1c44358269f1fb8a8e169eeb

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Current List of TX schools that lifted mask mandate - up to 128.
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 23:26:01 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpt2Kj-tCeXmhUzz7TgTGuyB34HKxvhGcQQ2pftf4_9UtA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 61804070d45a472db99f3333b4993a3e

128 Texas school districts with mask optional. Includes Katy ISD (79,740 students) and Cy-Fair (116,512)

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2. Aledo ISD – mask optional effective April 15 <https://aledoisdtx.swagit.com/play/04152021-854>
3. Alvord ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Update for Wednesday March 10, 2021 | Wise County Messenger (wcmessenger.com)
4. Amarillo ISD (32,829 students) – mask optional Prek – 5th effective April 19, all others effective May 17 <https://www.myhighplains.com/news/local-news/update-amarillo-isd-decides-to-make-mask-optional-for-students-and-staff-pre-k-through-5th-grade-starting-monday/>
5. Andrews ISD – mask optional effective March 15- (3) Andrews ISD - Posts | Facebook
6. Anna ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Texas school boards enter heated debate over mask requirements (dallasnews.com)
7. Argyle ISD – mask optional and no quarantine effective May 10 <https://www.facebook.com/ArgyleISD/posts/3887269571356916>
8. Archer ISD – mask optional <https://www.archercountynews.com/news/archer-city-isd-no-longer-mandate-masks>
9. Aristoi Classical Academy – mask optional https://www.aristoiclassical.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1696155&type=d&pREC_ID=1856988
10. Azle ISD – mask optional <https://www.facebook.com/azleisd/posts/1370653846643167>
11. Big Spring ISD – mask optional effective March 15 - Why Big Spring ISD decided to drop mask mandate (msn.com)
12. Birdville ISD – drops mask for PreK – 3rd grade effective March 10th - News / Letter from Superintendent - March 6, 2020 (birdvilleschools.net)
13. Blanco ISD – mask optional effective April 22, https://www.blancoisd.org/240783_2?articleID=75034
14. Bloomburg ISD – mask optional effective March 10 School district leaves it up to students, staffers to choose whether to wear a face mask (ksla.com)
15. Borger ISD – mask optional effective March 11 - Borger ISD Board of Trustees votes to remove the mask requirement at BISD | News | borgernewsherald.com
16. Boyd ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/update-for-wednesday-april-21-2021/>
17. Brazos ISD – mask optional effective April 1st <https://www.facebook.com/brazosisd/photos/pcb.241887437645608/241886467645705/>
18. Breckenridge ISD – mask optional effective immediately BISD Board lifts mask requirements for students and staff, announces Bus Driver of the Year – Breckenridge Texan
19. Bridge City ISD – masks optional <https://www.facebook.com/105501329482991/posts/4237684466264636/>
20. Brock ISD – mask optional, no contact tracing or quarantines effective March 10 - See copy of communication by Brock ISD Board of Trustees attached
21. Buffalo ISD – mask optional effective immediately Area school district makes masks optional on campus (kbtx.com)
22. Brownwood ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://www.brownwoodnews.com/2021/04/12/masks-optional-at-brownwood-isd-no-later-than-april-19/>
23. Buffalo ISD – mask optional effective March 16 <https://www.kbtx.com/2021/03/16/area-school-district-makes-masks-optional-on-campus/>
24. Caddo Mills ISD – mask optional effective April 19 <https://facebook.com/CaddoMillsISD/photos/a.304989959554836/3835451303175333/?type=3>
25. Canton ISD – mask optional effective March 8 - Canton ISD lifts mask mandate | The Canton Herald
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58. Hunt ISD – mask optional (1) Hunt ISD | Facebook
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60. Jim Ned ISD – ends mask requirement Jim Ned CISD 'is no longer requiring individuals to wear face coverings' | KTAB - BigCountryHomepage.com
61. Johnson City ISD mask optional effective immediately - Johnson City ISD won't require face masks starting Wednesday ([msn.com](#))
62. Joshua ISD – mask optional https://www.cleburnetimesreview.com/news/joshua-isd-votes-to-make-face-masks-optional-with-some-exceptions/article_2fb22cb2-9161-11eb-b71f-9b3513fab0cd.html
63. Katy ISD (79,740) – mask optional effective June 1 - <https://communityimpact.com/houston/katy/education/2021/04/16/katy-isd-to-return-to-standard-operations-in-june/>
64. Krum ISD – mask optional effective April 14 - https://dentonrc.com/coronavirus_outbreak/krum-school-board-scraps-mask-mandate/article_8ed89ab6-bb55-5ee8-ad18-13ef2f090b9e.html
65. Leon ISD – mask optional effective immediately Leon ISD
66. Lexington ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Johnson City, Lexington ISDs won't require face masks starting Wednesday | [kvue.com](#)
67. Liberty Hill ISD – mask optional <https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3956571534456154/>
68. Lingleville ISD – mask optional - <https://facebook.com/groups/773865080083670/permalink/951811528955690/>
69. Lipan ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Lipan ISD - Masks are Now Optional at Lipan ISD ([lipanindians.net](#))
70. Little Cypress-Mauriceville – mask optional <https://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/LC-M-latest-district-to-end-mask-mandate-16046979.php>
71. Louise ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Greyscale Letterhead ([louiseisd.org](#))
72. LoveJoy ISD – mask optional <https://www.facebook.com/groups/342476386896411/permalink/474692460341469>
73. Lubbock-Cooper ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Texas School District Immediately Echoes Abbott: No More Masks Required | CauseACTION Clarion
74. Malakoff ISD – mask optional - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/702472410433280/permalink/709137936433394/>
75. Magnolia ISD – Board voted on March 8th to make mask optional effective April 1st to give staff an opportunity to get vaccinated - Magnolia ISD board of trustees votes to end mask mandate for students, teachers ([msn.com](#))
76. Marion ISD – mask optional http://seguingazette.com/alert/article_5f43afe8-9335-11eb-bf23-af8e5e1a8d1d.html
77. McKinney ISD – no mask under the age of 10 - McKinney ISD Update on Policy Regarding Face Coverings | McKinney ISD
78. Memphis ISD – mask optional - https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3760956787273784&id=143331045703061
79. Melissa ISD – mask optional effective March 22 - Melissa ISD makes face masks optional for students and staff ([fox4news.com](#))
80. Miller Grove ISD – mask optional <http://www.mgisd.net/2021/03/changes-to-mask-policy/>
81. Millsap ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - UPDATE: Millsap ISD board votes to accept modified mask policy | Mineral-wells | [weatherforddemocrat.com](#)
82. Monahans-Wickett-Pyott ISD - mask optional <https://www.cbs7.com/2021/03/25/masks-to-be-optional-at-monahans-wickett-pyote-isd-starting-march-29/>
83. Morgan Mill ISD – mask optional effective March 18. MORGAN MILL ISD - Home ([mmisd.us](#))
84. Muleshoe ISD – never had a mask requirement - Muleshoe ISD vows to begin school normally – Muleshoe Journal
85. New Diana ISD – mask optional See screenshot attached.
86. Normangee ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Normangee ISD says masks will be optional beginning Wednesday ([kbtx.com](#))
87. North Lamar – mask optional <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Meeting/SupplementalResources/459828?orgId=1049&publicOrgName=North%20Lamar%20ISD>
88. Overton ISD – mask optional https://www.kilgorenewsherald.com/news/overton-isd-makes-mask-wearing-voluntary-at-campuses/article_8e1aa23e-a205-11eb-bf57-ebf0e250eb69.html
89. Paint Rock ISD – mask optional effective March 10 https://facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=4295480547132837&id=497065303641066
90. Palmar ISD – mask optional effective March 16 https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10159082320067962&id=262541767961
91. Paradise ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Mask Rule Changes - Effective March 10, 2021 - News and Announcements - ([pisd.net](#))

92. Peaster ISD never had a mask requirement all year - No one is stopping a Texas schools from flouting mask mandate in schools | The Texas Tribune
93. Pilot Point ISD – mask optional effective immediately
<https://www.facebook.com/1548885811999232/photos/a.1550586335162513/2821933071361160/>
94. Prairiland ISD – mask optional - https://theparisnews.com/free/article_b2998e20-8281-11eb-b86d-537b04debb36.html
95. Priddy ISD – mask optional confirmed by phone <http://priddy.sharpschool.net/home>
96. Princeton ISD – mask optional effective April 12 per Board meeting on 3/22/21.
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Princeton-ISD-Board-Notes-03-22-21.html?soid=1105280230475&aid=7zGCr9KLU7c>
97. Prosper ISD – mask optional Petition Prosper ISD, Return Mask Choice to Parents! (ipetitions.com)
98. Quanah ISD – mask optional
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3871836466262995/>
99. Rains ISD – mask optional effective April 13 <https://www.rainsisd.org/20623?articleID=74694>
100. Richardson ISD – mask optional at PE and recess, desk shield removed -
<https://web.risd.org/home/superintendents-update-march-25/elementary> students to remove masks during recess, PE classes | Community Impact Newspaper
101. Rockwall ISD – mask optional effective June 1 -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/342476386896411/permalink/472810193863029>
102. Rogers ISD – mask optional effective April 20
<https://www.facebook.com/rogersisd/posts/4249018438451332>
103. Rusk ISD – mask optional https://www.jacksonvilleprogress.com/news/rusk-isd-modifies-mask-policy-hires-two/article_71b67568-89ab-11eb-9a7f-eb943f05ceb1.html
104. Saint Jo ISD – Mask optional <https://www.saintjoisd.net/>
105. San Angelo ISD – mask optional effective June 1st
<https://www.gosanangelo.com/story/news/2021/04/19/san-angelo-independent-school-district-masks-appreciated-not-required-beginning-june/7296506002/>
106. Santa Fe ISD – mask optional
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&t=3h1m20s&v=OQsGmMP84oU&feature=youtu.be>
107. Seymour ISD – mask optional effective March 15 Seymour ISD - Home (seymour-isd.net)
108. Silsbee ISD – mask optional effective April 14
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unmuzzle/permalink/3958480257598615>
109. Shallowater ISD – mask optional effective immediately - SISD Back to School Plan - Face Coverings/Masks (google.com)
110. Spring Branch ISD – mask optional next fall
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/freedommattersactiongroup/permalink/287789286139263>
111. Springtown ISD – mask optional
<https://www.facebook.com/SpringtownISD/posts/3831828986863456>
112. Stephenville ISD – mask optional effective immediately - The great mask debate: Stephenville ISD votes to make wearing face coverings optional. (beneaththesurfacenews.com)
113. Stratford ISD – mask optional effective March 11 Stratford ISD Vote To Remove Mask Related Requirements And Capacity Limits (highplainsobserverstratford.com)
114. Sweetwater ISD – mask optional effective March 10 SISD Lifts Mask Mandate Beginning March 10 | | sweetwaterreporter.com
115. Tarkington ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Many Tarkington ISD students return to class with no masks after Texas mask mandate ends (click2houston.com)
116. Tolar ISD – mask optional
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=256364739406835&id=107701307606513
117. Tomball ISD – mask optional effective May 27 -
<https://www.tomballisd.net/apps/news/article/1422325>
118. Trinidad ISD – mask optional
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3197133050389540&id=766655336770669
119. Van Alstyne ISD – mask optional effective March 16 Van Alstyne Independent School District - Posts | Facebook
120. Vidor ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Vidor ISD board ends mask mandate in district | News Break
121. Wall ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Wall ISD Announces Masks Will be Optional for Teachers and Students (sanangelolive.com)
122. Weatherford ISD – mask optional effective March 10 - Weatherford ISD votes to make face coverings optional (yahoo.com)
123. Whitesboro ISD – mask optional effective immediately - Grayson County schools review face mask policies - (kten.com)

124. Whitney ISD – mask optional <https://www.fox44news.com/news/local-news/whitney-isd-makes-masks-optional/#/questions/3264283>
125. Willis Point ISD – mask optional https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3948980941830133&id=273189576075973
126. Windthorst ISD – mask optional Return-To-School-Plan.pdf (windthorstisd.com)
127. Wink Loving ISD – mask optional effective March 10 Wink-Loving Independent School District (wlisd.net)
128. Zephyr ISD – mask optional - <https://zephyrisd.net/mask-update/>

Subject: Re: Please review
Date: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 23:03:01 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpu5Hy8T3mLo+dohZ_vZYgqzWaDn2=NXygsgzNF7XRtcOQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 58c4d07c635ae1c3a85c0d38c4a1140f

That makes sense.

Personally, I would love if it just said not during physical (not specific to outdoors) activity because that's the biggest issue we have is PE is inside and therefore they are wearing mask doing that...but I get it is a difficult sell.

But yes, sounds good.

Thanks - Shauna

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021, 10:58 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good feedback. They say that for when people are wearing a mask. That's why I kept it to six feet.

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 10:55 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I think it looks great and is a reasonable compromise. However, the CDC now recommends three feet of distance in school. Not sure if it could be added now though.

Thanks,

Dustin Clark

On Apr 12, 2021, at 9:59 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dustin and Shauna,

I sent the below message to Pres Weir this evening.

Please take a look at my attachment to see what I am asking for in Thursday's meeting.

Danielle Weston

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Danielle Weston** <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>

Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:22 PM

Subject: Please review

To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>

Hi Amy,

After meeting with Danny and his team today, it occurred to me that it would be helpful for the trustees to see the current TEA Public Health Guidelines on masking (page 8 from this doc: <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>) and to be able to compare that with the edits I am suggesting we adopt.

I created this document to show what I am recommending (see attachment). Please review and let me know what you think. If you are amenable to this, I would like to add it as an attachment to the agenda item (L). Then I would like to let the trustees know about my suggested edits on the message board. Let me know what you think.

-dw

<TEA Public Health Guidelines edits.pdf>

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Please review
Date: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 21:03:15 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQRiM2SU+yC+N0+gzKFJsN7+Xi2wEpogRRxSrq5=bhYKA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 979d18f2507cf3537775349384b78dcc

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Pulling My 4 Kids from In-person to Virtual for the Remainder of the Year
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 09:07:36 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSL5Z-m5ka-TVx-Rdp98SBefZhu2cbxntgChWf_xJzkSA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: bc06b7fc57779686d3737a613a6be323

Thank you Dustin. I hope my fellow colleagues on the board read your email. They get bombarded with emails from parents threatening to move their children to virtual if children are allowed to unmask. I told my colleagues in our 1 Apr 2021 that it's unlikely that whatever decision we make will be favorable to all people. I told them that what I recommend and will be advocating for is to make decisions and invest our resources in what we do well. That is obviously learning in person on campus like we did before the pandemic. I told them that if we try to be all things to all people we will do nothing well. I think there is a real fear on this board that has more to do with money than anything else. If some people are going to be upset no matter what we decide, it's in the long term best interest of our school district to do what we do well. For those who don't like it, there are many online education options available.

-dw

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 8:56 AM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Board members,

If you refuse to allow parents and students to have the choice to mask when

seated in a classroom on 4/15 by continuing with your current mask policy

that is blatantly contrary to the scientific evidence, you leave me no choice

but to move my 4 children to virtual for the remainder of the year, and to

consider looking for another school option for next year, and I will work to

encourage other parents to do the same. This is not bullying you to get what

I want, it's the only tool I have left to get you to open your eyes to the real

science.

Contrary to the recommendations from local health agencies, and the CDC,

the world health organization has said, "There is currently no evidence that

wearing a mask (medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider

community setting, including universal community masking, can prevent

them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.” Now I

understand this statement is not true when we are talking about trained

medical professionals using N95 masks in a medical setting, and it is

important that you make a distinction between the two. In light of this well

known information, I encourage you to not blindly follow these

recommendations that are contrary to the scientific evidence. CDC

recommends lots of things like double masking, or diet and exercise to

prevent death from heart disease, diabetes, and strokes. But I don't see you

making these things mandatory for our children. Why is that?

The American Medical Association in 2020 also stated that, "Face masks

should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory

infection such as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks

should not be worn by healthy individuals to protect themselves from

acquiring respiratory infection because there is no evidence to suggest that

face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people

from becoming ill."

These are not conspiracy theories, these are direct quotes from trusted,

bedrock medical and scientific research institutions. I am attaching a

document that is a compilation of referenced material with links to medical

research and articles that support my position. I hope you will take the time

to read it ahead of tomorrow's meeting so that you can make an informed

decision on this important issue, and to help you in justifying to the

community why mask choice is rooted in science.

If you can point me to published research that is contrary to my position and

the research I am providing you, I welcome it, and would love to read it

ahead of the meeting.

Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

- "There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against

infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.”

- “During the 2009 pandemic of H1N1 influenza (swine flu), encouraging the public to wash their hands reduced the incidence of infection significantly whereas wearing facemasks did not.⁵ There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.”

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jpc.14936>

New England Journal of Medicine- May 2020- Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era “We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic.”

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32237672/>

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

254-285-8881

Subject: Re: Notice regarding [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 09:58:18 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED] david beinke [REDACTED]>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-yFU7h_z1_1-W5wvF9F5K4+zgtoKrxmpmUWt-jQEH-sww@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 1c519197d05368a943ed9ebcb9a0217e

Dr. Mutscher,

My son, [REDACTED] Brinson, just texted me saying that Dr. Mutscher, as well as Ms. Valdivia, has informed him that Ridgeview Middle School has overridden the RRISD Board of Trustees official, voted upon, Board policy and created their own campus specific policy only for RMS, which uses different language. Per TEA, only the school district's Board of Trustees has the authority to decide and vote upon mask policy for the district, not individual campuses. I'm writing to request that I be sent a copy of the official, new RMS specific mask policy that was apparently just implemented this morning. Please send it to me immediately.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 8:17 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Mutscher,

Please let us know in writing if/when you decide to deny our son, [REDACTED] Brinson, his legal right to free appropriate public education while in full compliance with official, voted upon, Board policy as written per Page 5. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZXeOzt8Q2iU32j9RJQOuIVtPUigJXwPf/view>

Our son does NOT have parental consent to wear a mask. We, as parents, know what the word "should" means in policy & protocol. If you see him with a mask on, that's a sign of coercion and bullying, please ask him to remove it immediately per his parents' instructions.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Apr 23, 2021, at 7:47 AM, Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I have communicated the expectation that within the school building, students and staff are required to wear a mask, unless it is one of the mentioned exceptions (snack and water breaks, lunch, physical activity, or outside time).

The issue will be treated as non-compliance without a mask and your student will again be asked to either wear a mask or have you come pick him up.

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 6:34 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

No. We know how to read. We know what the word “should” means. Should is a recommendation, not a directive per our family’s attorney. [REDACTED] shall attend school without a mask per RRISD official Board policy as written. Remote attendance is not an option for our family. TEA states clearly that every student may attend school on campus. [REDACTED] will not be discriminated against, coerced, bullied or retaliated against for exercising our right to choose that he not wear a mask in accordance with official RRISD Board policy as written. He will be treated respectfully and he will not wear a mask starting Friday, April 23.

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 5:06 PM Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good evening,

I just wanted to reply to your email that you sent on Tuesday. After clarification from the district, we will still be following our protocol of requiring a mask for all students and adults in the building with the exceptions of snack/water breaks, lunch, during physical activity, and when they are outside. I do need [REDACTED] to wear a mask if he is going to attend classes on-campus. If the decision is to not wear a mask, then there is a virtual option.

We have five weeks left in the semester. I do not see a reason to change and disrupt the processes that we have in place as safety precautions. My hope is that there will be an exit plan announced in the following months that will give more clarity on what the Fall semester will look like. Honestly, I think the Fall semester will be mask optional for those that feel it provides more safety, but that is just my opinion.

Thank you for understanding my viewpoint.

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 12:42 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Dr. Mutscher, Dr. Presley, and Board of Trustees,

This letter serves as notification that my child will not be wearing a mask beginning Friday, April 23rd, and I request that the school and RRISD immediately make a school/district wide clarification announcement that masking is not mandatory, but only recommended. Furthermore, I do not want my child to be encouraged or coerced to wear a mask by any RRISD teacher, administrator, staff member, or any RRISD employee, and that any mask bullying by any student or employee will be addressed immediately as would any other bullying. If any district employee encourages my child to wear a mask, legal action may be pursued.

It has come to my attention that during the RRISD Board of Trustees discussions regarding Agenda Item L, in the April 15th RRISD board meeting, a motion was made and passed to maintain current RRISD COVID protocols. In reviewing the current mask protocols from section 2, a., of the “A Parent/Guardian Guide for COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols - V.1.10.19.2020” (see link below), it clearly states that students, “should wear a face mask (no valves/vented masks) on buses or other school transportation vehicles, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds, including outside. Students may choose to remove or keep their masks on during outdoor activities such as P.E. class and recess.” These protocols do not mention the words must, required, or mandatory. I am aware that there is a link in this document to a flyer titled “Face Mask Expectations,” but the information in the flyer contradicts the approved protocol, and flyers do not supersede district protocols.

Additionally, the protocol states that, “individuals are advised to continue to keep 6 feet between themselves and others,” but does not require 6 feet of distance, and also states, “Students who remove their mask should still appropriately social distance from others” Neither of these protocols makes student distancing mandatory or required.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZXeOzt8Q2iU32j9RJQOuIvtPUigJXwPf/view>

Lastly, my husband and I are requesting an emergency meeting with you to discuss the official RRISD protocols above, published and voted upon by the Board.

Respectfully,

April & Justin Brinson

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Thanks,

Travis Mutscher, Ph.D.

*Principal, Ridgeview Middle School
2000 Via Sonoma Trail
Round Rock, TX 78665*

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Thanks,

Travis Mutscher, Ph.D.

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[\(512-464-5000\)](tel:512-464-5000).

Subject: Re: Mask Mandate Optional - Considering pulling my 2 kids from RRISD in Fall
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 10:49:25 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS45fQ1QyTWpVTs9zviQes9Bnx8wJv8TRsBe=Bs0XGn+A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 053c47e111f02cca0ce8ce3f94934876

I agree completely Shauna.

I am hearing story after story from teachers, parents and school nurses about the harm (psychological and physical) that has come to students as a result of this persistent requirement. They tell me that they never thought they would see this level of harm inflicted on children for so long. This is likely why the forced masking of children is specifically prohibited as a disciplinary tool by Texas law in the TEC. If it's wrong as a disciplinary tool, it's wrong period.

I have been struggling with how long to allow this to go on before pushing back. For those who believe "it's only 6 more weeks", I will caution you. There is a rising rhetoric in our community that children should be forced to wear a mask in our schools until every child is vaccinated. This would mean at least another full school year of masking children in schools. I reject that 100%.

Given that the number of local Covid cases have plateaued at a very low level for over a month now and given that the correlation between the number of Covid cases and Covid deaths has been uncoupled as a direct result of this vaccine, I can no longer participate in the misguided and harmful practice of requiring children to wear a mask in order to receive a free public education.

Danielle Weston
RRISD trustee elected in Nov 2020

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 9:46 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board members,

I saw on KXAN this morning that RRISD issued a statement that they are

not recommending adjusting the current mask mandate. This is

disappointing because it shows you aren't even taking into consideration the

public feedback that you will be receiving at the Thursday meeting.

On 4/15/21 at the board meeting IF you refuse provide a plan of action and

to allow students to have the "choice" to mask or not when seated in a

classroom (which is supported by TEA's guidelines) and you instead continue

with your current mask policy that is blatantly contrary to the scientific

evidence and what state and local entities are doing, you leave me no choice

but to consider **looking for another school option for my two children**

for next school year. I will work to *encourage other parents* who feel the

same to strongly consider this as well. Once they figure out that RRISD

doesn't have any intentions of removing the mask mandate anytime soon, I

can assure you they will be leaving the district as well. Especially IF they find

out that next fall RRISD is keeping the mask mandate, I would plan for a

large number of people to leave unenroll. And honestly with all the online

options for school now, it makes this an actual reality for the district.

I would encourage RRISD Board to come up with an actual **PLAN OF**

ACTION to show what criteria you are going to be using to get the school

back to normal. Set up a Phased approach and give the people that want

masks optional some indication of what actual criteria you will be using.

Liberty Hill ISD is a good example of a PHASED APPROACH. Here is their

information:

<https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/cms/lib/TX50000150/Centricity/Domain/4/P>

[arents Covid Protocol Updates 3 23 21.pdf](#)

The American Medical Association in 2020 also stated that, "Face masks

should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory

infection such as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks

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acquiring respiratory infection because there is no evidence to suggest that

face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people

from becoming ill.”

These are not conspiracy theories, these are direct quotes from trusted,

bedrock medical and scientific research institutions. I am attaching a

document that is a compilation of referenced material with links to medical

research and articles that support my position. I hope you will take the time

to read it ahead of tomorrow's meeting so that you can make an informed

decision on this important issue, and to help you in justifying to the

community why mask choice is rooted in science.

Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jpc.14936>

New England Journal of Medicine- May 2020- Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic."

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32237672/>

Sincerely,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

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Date: Tue, 6 Apr 2021 16:27:38 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, "amy_weir@roundrockisd.org" <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org" <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "amber_feller@roundrockisd.org" <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1871384106.414474.1617726458740@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 473b4025dad1cda55c917e228904fb64

Hello again board members,

I have learned that discussing RRISD policy as it relates to TEA guidance has been added to the agenda. Thank you for adding it. I know it has only been a little more than 24 hours, but I have only received responses from Trustee Danielle and Mary to my earlier email. I would like to request a meeting ahead of the April 15th meeting with any board member that is interested in addressing my concerns before the public session.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

On Sunday, April 4, 2021, 09:13:57 PM CDT, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Regards,

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Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Please listen:) WE WANT MASK CHOICE IN SCHOOLS
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 19:57:40 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: "Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org" <Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB52169863F01A11F7A579EAD2F94E9@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 58bae43a9d3f104398ef179b760f696a

Dear Board members,

I was disappointed to hear that RRISD issued a statement a statement that they are not going to recommend lifting the mask recommendation our kids. This is disappointing because it shows you aren't even taking into consideration the public feedback that you will be receiving at the Thursday meeting.

We are asking for a mask choice for our kids. If you refuse to provide a plan of action that gives a choice to mask in class, (which TEA supports and other school districts have already done), we **will be seeking other school options for our children**. I have spoken with many friends about this and they are already thinking of possibilities but since our tax dollars provide for our schools we would prefer to stay there.

I will say if the Board does not vote for a choice I am sure many will be returning] to virtual if not just leaving RRISD altogether.

Thank you for your time.

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Re: UIL Recap
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 2021 22:43:21 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Lisa Roebuck <lisa_roebuck@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Nolan Loyde <jager_loyde@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-x8aMzXpc+DaeimbFFJJjbQxUcKNpdazst0xFPz6CL8iA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: c8058e1064daf760a850d8e5ab6d4089

Yes, for sure! Unfortunate for all of the other RRISD students who attend other schools, but an amazing performance and educational opportunity for students who happen to attend Ridgeview! RMS Band represented RRISD extremely well, good thing since we were it for our district!

On Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 8:55 PM Lisa Roebuck <lisa_roebuck@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I couldn't agree more. I was so incredibly proud of our directors and the students. Wonderful performance and thanks for all your hard work. Congratulations.

On Wed, Mar 31, 2021, 6:13 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Mrs. Rhea!!!!²

I cannot thank you and Mr. Pena enough!!! They were sooooo good!! I can't believe you were up there directing so fabulously just days away from giving birth!! I'm so impressed!! Truly, it's been a rough year and RMS Band Directors have demonstrated bold, education-focused leadership and risen above the fray of this unfortunate school year to be the ONLY RRISD band at UIL competing for Region 26. You've made this year the best it could possibly be under all the insane constraints you were handed by RRISD and it SHOWED today, WOW!!! So so grateful to you Band Directors, thank you!!! Here are videos below, of course not sight reading since they don't allow videos of that. Six 1's across the board², congratulations RMS Band!!² Your hard work and determination definitely paid off today and your true LOVE for kids shined!!!²♡

https://youtu.be/BN_xOHVoo0Y
https://youtu.be/6tO9RPJ_9I8
<https://youtu.be/tEp6CLO0rzA>

On Mar 31, 2021, at 2:59 PM, Ashley Rhea <ashley_rhea@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you all SO MUCH for supporting your kids in this UIL preparation this year and thank you to those of you who joined us for the performance today! It was awesome to hear so much applause after the performances. The kids did a FANTASTIC job and deserve major kudos for the time and work that they put into preparing for this event. I'm so proud of all of them and so glad that our 8th graders got a chance to go to have this experience before leaving RMS!

The judges were very complimentary and impressed by the kids' performance! Each of the three judges gives us a rating of 1-5 for the concert performance and another rating for their sightreading performance. The kids got straight 1st from all judges! This is the highest rating they can earn.

Thank you again and congrats to the kids!

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Ashley Rhea
Director of Bands
Ridgeview Middle School

Subject: Requesting The Right To Choose to Mask Our Children
Date: Mon, 5 Apr 2021 02:13:57 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, "amy_weir@roundrockisd.org" <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org" <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "amber_feller@roundrockisd.org" <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <190282030.414525.1617588837676@mail.yahoo.com>
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Date: Mon, 5 Apr 2021 05:38:37 -0500
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: mary_bone@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <582E6BCB-6A2A-46FC-A75D-EDE1C29436EB@yahoo.com>
MD5: a767b1b8b92501f5495f6e81cfa3b1be

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254-285-8881

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Date: Mon, 5 Apr 2021 13:18:35 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQHqBnX3yCtYtSwwqfz2zQacyx0w7d49Q_Qngq=BYmd1A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 96b5afd4ef0c318ffabaadaf85f19177

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-dw

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254-285-8881

Subject: CDC Mask Mandate and In-person Dining Study Results
Date: Tue, 6 Apr 2021 16:04:51 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1699030728.404611.1617725091463@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 1d2be04bc2010686dbc23519ec4dce51

Ladies,

The link below takes you to a study quietly published on CDC.gov that shows a 1.8% or less correlation to a reduction in COVID cases when states instituted a mask mandate. In addition, it also shows a less than 2% increase in cases for states that opened up in-person dining. You'll notice that it mentions that masking provided what they call a "significant decrease" in cases, but 1.8% is hardly significant given the many variables.

I think this is great information for the argument to make masks optional, especially in areas like the classroom where students are seated, similar to restaurant dining.

[Association of State-Issued Mask Mandates and Allowing On-Premises Restaurant Dining with County-Level COVID-19 Case and Death Growth Rates - United States, March 1–December 31, 2020 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/6812a1.htm)

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: Fw: Saddened and Disappointed - Pulling My Students to Virtual
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 16:21:30 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ3Aht8Mxp0A3xOk6oZahcSVwCDZuWb18YFjoVghNe7PQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 61599873474ea3908b5a79e6bd9afb18

Elected trustees don't have the power to remove one of their colleagues. I agree that Trustee Xiao's comments last night were disappointing. I will tell you that he is receiving a couple of messages of affirmation of what he did last night.

The only way for a trustee to leave their seat is to resign voluntarily, not seek re-election or be removed by the voters next time they are on the ballot.

-dw

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 3:23 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board of Trustees,

I don't know how this works, but I believe that in light of Dr. Xiao's behavior last night, and his response to trustees and parents in the community, I am calling for him to step down, or for this board to remove him from his seat.

Dr. Xiao just sent me what I think was supposed to be an apology for last night, saying, "I do not intend to belittle anyone. If that's your impression, I apologize for my words." But instead of just saying he was in the wrong, he apologized only if it was just *my* impression.

He did intend to berate the public and the board last night, and he said as much when he started out by saying that what he was about to say would sound disrespectful, and it was. It was very evident what he thought of us and anyone who thought different than him. He went on and on belittling and berating people during his long-winded rant, and he did it in an email response to my friend Dr. Natalie Osborn as well when he responded to one of her emails with one line, "I wonder what kind of Dr. you are." And in his one and only email response to me he said, "I can no longer sit and watch shows in the name of science" referring to the information I was providing him as a show. I have spoken with numerous other people who have received similar emails like this from him.

His disdain for anyone who disagrees with him and questions his position permeates his email responses and was on full display last night. His behavior last night was an embarrassment for the RRIS Board of trustees, and was unbecoming of a public official elected by the people. He seems to lack the ability to respond with thoughtful dialogue and debate, and he lacks personal control as a professional. In my opinion, he is not fit to be a member of the RRIS Board of trustees, and I believe he should step down from his seat.

I do not know Dr. Xiao personally, and I was truly hoping that he would have presented scientific information to the public last night to support the position to continue masking, but he chose to attack people instead. I tried to have a healthy debate and discussion at the head of the meeting through email and/or a meeting that I requested, but he and others ignored my request and refused to respond with any intelligent refutation of my position.

I hope that this board will consider removing him, or asking him to resign.

Respectfully,

DustinC lark

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From: JunXiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>

To: DustinC lark <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021, 02:27:55P M C D T

Subject: Re: S addene d and D is appointed- Pulling My S tudentsto Virtual

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Dr. Xiao's unhinged behavior was disturbing and unbecoming of a board of trustee, verbally attacking parents and colleagues, telling us that no one but him knew how to read data, while at the same time providing no substantive refutation or any direct references to any medical or scientific research. During his personal attacks and ranting, he belittled and berated the community that opposed him by informing everyone that he was a "scientist," and that he knows best, while providing no scientific evidence, and no coherent presentation of information to support his and the four other board members decision to continue with a masking policy that is more restrictive than the State of Texas, the TEA, and the CoRR.

The L1 agenda discussion and the subsequent 5-2 vote last night was an embarrassment for RRISD last night. There was about a 50/50 split of for and against loosening restrictions, and almost all of those who came to request optional masking brought calm debate points citing medical journals and scientific research that supported our requests. However, I don't recall one person from the other side of this debate doing much else but citing feelings, "it's just not time," and shaming, calling those who did not agree with them racists.

The only justification I heard from any of the five that voted, especially Dr. Presley was that, (paraphrasing) "well, let's just get through to the end, there's only six weeks, let's just wait." Wait until when? When will you decide? The summer? What metric? What case count? What positivity rate? What % of Wilco vax rate do you want? You voted against us and gave us nothing! You gave no exit to mandatory masking, and from your rhetoric last night, I don't believe you intend to make it optional for the 2021-2022 school year.

In addition, your actions suppressed the free speech of many who wanted you to listen to them. You pushed this issue that was extremely important to the community to the end the night, playing a waiting game to see who would dropout, suppressing many from both sides, and discriminating against the very students you represent. Shame on all of you who voted to push our comments to the end. Many students woke up this morning disappointed in your leadership because the time you gave them to speak was well past their bed time.

You provided no justification for your decision to keep masking mandatory, and I hope that you will reply to me and the thousands of other parents with an exit plan or metrics that are needed

to make it optional. If not, there will be a wave of disenrollment for the next school year, I can assure you of that.

-Dustin Clark

Subject: Katy ISD Made the Right Choice
Date: Fri, 16 Apr 2021 22:10:55 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <345933396.3194042.1618611055403@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: eb45647babf37da1d499b4ca24d1501e

RRISD Board of Trustees,

Let's use some common sense and medical science and not be the last school district in Texas bitterly clinging to false and ineffective policies. Please do the right thing, and make a similar announcement that you plan to end the mask mandate at the end of this school year so that we don't have to waste time and financial resources in a legal battle in the courts. Katy ISD has realized that school mask mandates are not a legal battle that can be won.

[Katy ISD plans to end mask mandate on June 1 \(houstonchronicle.com\)](https://www.houstonchronicle.com)



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[Jacob Carpenter](#)

[With the decision, Katy becomes the state's largest district to set an expiration date...](#)

[Respectfully](#)

[Dustin Clark](#)

Subject: CDC.gov Published Report on Masking Mandate Effectiveness - 3.12.21
Date: Wed, 7 Apr 2021 18:50:33 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org" <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "amber_feller@roundrockisd.org" <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <1704475127.533927.1617821433149@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 0148f5994debe4ad85569c9b9027bfb2

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Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2021 09:06:33 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpvz75n1dDCMxY-BmworCaiG1tCyzW1PZe5azUmg4x9jCw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 1f0eae7947850f1158250a1f7922eed5

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Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSpHuUhaGf5SYgE_T-AA2r9LOSu6SkSnZc5YvTKgO2Qcw@mail.gmail.com>
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OPTIONAL
Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2021 07:06:46 -0700
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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT1d+G7RqmWhfUSi98+_005Gr3D0tVVK12VNI5jz6Y+tA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6f3e90440c31f2dc3e4cf7be191735c1

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2021 09:59:17 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmptiFjjxvo7LKyvN4zkzB5Jx_uBU2uXHi5u=rvW4WrA7Vg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 2ffcfb0e1cab7cbb7ff970c5bbbbe9b4

YES, I did send this to each one individually. and YES we did notice that .. YAY!!!!!!! You guys are amazing.

THANK YOU,
Shauna

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Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2021 09:43:49 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ=ufx-nifBigyHdc1_xXh+rNSaaN=KX0MrOc6bGQM1zw@mail.gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Petition to Make Masks Optional for Children
Date: Fri, 2 Apr 2021 14:19:26 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "mary_bone@roundrockisd.org" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSiK-cKiKmcPFii1F--+9u6krGviEx-Gnct5bN5_C2mzrw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 52ebe4daa0c25226ceebeba7394bd99aa7

Hi Dustin, I really appreciate your email. I completely agree with you that no data supports continuing the mandatory forced masking of children. It's time to make data driven decisions on this matter. I have asked for the administration to follow TEA guidance on the matter of masks as described in #2 on page 8 of this document. <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>

I have also requested that since RRISD is not following TEA guidance on masks, that the district put in writing why we are not following this guidance and make it available to the entire board and to the public. That hasn't happened yet.

In addition, on 29 Mar 2021, I submitted a formal request in writing to board president Amy Weir and Acting superintendent Dr Danny Presley (per board policy) asking for this to be on the agenda at our next meeting. I have not received a response yet. I will send a follow-up email by the end of the day today, 2 Apr 2021.

I encourage all members of the community to organize and advocate for things they care about. If you don't communicate your expectations to elected leaders, they won't know what you want.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 10:10 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Mary Bone and Ms. Danielle Weston,

I was wondering if there has been any talk amongst the board members to allow masking in RRISD to be optional for the children. If not, I am considering starting a petition to gather signatures to submit to the board. Can either of you provide any insight into this matter, and can I have your support for the petition if that is what is needed to move forward with this?

Additionally, I also wanted to ask if this matter can be raised in the next board meeting? I would be happy to speak if needed.

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Thank you for your service as an RRISD board member. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Regards,

Dustin K. Clark
254-285-8881

Subject: Re: Update on city mask mandate
Date: Fri, 9 Apr 2021 08:14:54 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQOLKNVJ=M6KJX_k9CRdmVFR74Sm7P+s7BYpx2ZWhiERw@mail.gmail.com>
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Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSS6h67ecKT4Q00NpQG+tSZ-3ROyzT2u80xOv=8f3d6hw@mail.gmail.com>
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Date: Sun, 11 Apr 2021 18:06:34 +0000
From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
To: "Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org" <Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SN6PR01MB5216F7073FA04DD233EC1B42F9719@SN6PR01MB5216.prod.exchangelabs.com>
MD5: 2ebc4ac22cc19de7bd88fb31dec20c0e

Please allow for an option for our students to unmask during school time. One of our kids has anxiety and the other has [REDACTED]. Neither feel comfortable with the masks. The option for virtual was not working for us and their grades went up dramatically when they returned to in person school.. Speaking to a lot of other parents, we are not the only ones with this issue. Seeing as how the numbers have gone down and the governor has lifted the mandate for the state, please hear those of us requesting no more masks for our kids. They need to focus on education in a comfortable environment. Thank you for your time.

Wes and Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Date: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 07:32:47 -0500
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To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmptzmTYdzyS8sAhqeBDcE2PfxkQhkFqxC680o-Mpn9fYxg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: f57b58e384f6ceb0dd6e0319b317393d

Hey Danielle,

Just wanted to follow up with you and share this article about a school that started with removing mask at recess and PE. What is the latest with the upcoming board meeting? Is it being scheduled for 3/25?

<https://communityimpact.com/dallas-fort-worth/richardson/education/2021/03/19/richardson-isd-to-allow-elementary-students-to-remove-masks-during-recess-pe-classes/>

Thanks-Shauna

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021, 6:58 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you for this Shaunna. You make great recommendations of a controlled, phased approach that I also want.

My preference would be for Dr Presley and his team to make these changes but if it's necessary to come to the board for discussion and action, we can go that route. I plan to talk with him and Pres Weir tomorrow in the agenda setting meeting.

Danielle

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Dear Board Members,

As you are aware, the Governor of Texas removed the state-wide mask mandate as of yesterday, 3/10/21. I'm writing to you to encourage the board to please strongly consider a phased approach to removing the school mask mandate in RRISD and making it optional.

I understand your concern for the health of the staff and students, and according to DSHS's March 3rd, 2021 announcement, all teachers and staff are now eligible to receive vaccines. I understand this will take a few weeks to give everyone the opportunity to receive both doses of the vaccine, so what I am suggesting is a phased approach to removing the mask mandate in schools and making them optional.

Here are some ideas that I would like you to consider that would be a compromise for those who want mask optional and for those who have health concerns and want them mandatory:

- 1) Set a reasonable deadline (30 days perhaps) for when you would like all interested staff to get immunized.
- 2) The City of Round Rock local mask mandate was extended to 4/29/21, so I suggest you try to have your schedule in line with this. Mayor Morgan indicated to me on Friday 3/5/21 that he is NOT expecting to extend the mask mandate deadline and he is optimistic based on the recommendations he got from his epidemiologist and also the increase in vaccine distribution.
- 3) Phase 1 - Make masks optional from outdoor recess and physical education where the kids are increasing their heart rate and breathing. My son (who is in 4th grade) says he has such a hard time breathing in PE and begs you to consider this for their safety.
- 4) Phase 2 - Make masks optional for elementary age children and monitor for a few weeks to make sure there are not any significant outbreaks.
- 4) Phase 3 - Make masks optional for middle schools and high schools and keep monitoring.

Here is a list of schools that have ALREADY removed the mask mandate (as of today).. and there are more and more coming out each day.

Comal ISD
Johnson City ISD
Magnolia ISD
Peaster ISD
Lubbock ISD
Hallsville ISD
Sweetwater ISD
Normagee ISD
Canyon ISD (on 4/5)
Lexington ISD

I would like to request that the topic of the removal of the RRISD school masks mandate be added to the March 25, 2021 agenda and that public input be allowed because I and many other concerned parents are genuinely concerned about the health of our children being forced to continue to wear these masks that inhibit their airflow and cause many other issues.

I'm very concerned that as temperatures rise and kids are outside playing with these masks on, they are going to get overheated. I'm sure the school district doesn't want to be liable for that since the state no longer has any mask mandate Here is a reference article on overheating with mask to consider:
<https://www.wkrg.com/health/coronavirus/dangers-of-wearing-masks-in-the-heat-and-humidity/>

Thank you for your time,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Conference needed - OPT OUT - invocation of PARENTAL RIGHTS - "Statement on Tragic Events in Georgia"
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2021 09:26:53 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, DeWayne_Street@roundrockisd.org, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>
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Good morning Dr. Mutscher, Ms. Kim, Dr. Presley & Mr. Street,

My husband and I need to schedule an urgent parent/principal/administrator conference with the 4 of you regarding *our* children. During Spring Break, *our children* were sent an unsolicited & unconsented to email (below) regarding a horrific, violent crime in another state involving a sex addict who had been previously seeking out sexual services at "massage parlors/spas" prior to committing multiple violent crimes in said sexual services establishments according to FBI Director, Christopher Wray, and local law enforcement who all have further stated that these crimes do not appear to be linked to race as a motive, but rather sex addiction. The investigation is ongoing, and regardless of any details determined throughout the course of the investigation of these violent crimes, ***this inappropriate content was sent to OUR CHILDREN by Round Rock Independent School District without parental consent.*** We, as parents, do not wish to highlight violent crime or sex addiction with our children. If these are subjects of which we ever do want to engage with our children, that is for us as parents to decide when, how and under what context, not RRISD. RRISD has violated our parental rights, and we want to meet ASAP to discuss the content of what was emailed to our children, and we want to further OPT OUT of any and all future correspondence of this nature.

Round Rock Independent School District *may* email OUR children ONLY when immediately and strictly relevant to pertinent functions of their status as a student in Round Rock Independent School District. As parents, we consider ALL news events outside of RRISD, particularly regarding violence, crime, addiction, sex/sex workers, and political opinions or commentary to be irrelevant to OUR children's pertinent functions of their status as a student in Round Rock Independent School District. We are invoking our parental rights and informing you that we wish to OPT OUT. Round Rock Independent School District, its employees or assigns do NOT have our parental consent to email our children this type of inappropriate content.

Please let us know your soonest availability for scheduling a conference.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 7:03 PM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:



Statement on Tragic Events in Georgia

The horrific shootings in Georgia this week are a chilling reminder of the racism and bias that continue to exist in our country and the evil and abhorrent deeds that hatred has spawned. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the victims of this senseless tragedy and with everyone affected by this terrible event.

As hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have escalated over the past year, it is our duty and responsibility to speak up and denounce not only these unspeakable crimes but every form of aggression, hate speech, and racism.

In Round Rock ISD, we are committed to working with all stakeholders and engaging in the challenging but necessary conversations around race. We will work tirelessly to achieve our goal of creating an equitable learning environment for all and celebrating everyone in our beautifully diverse community.

Respectfully,

DeWayne Street, Chief Equity Officer

Dr. Daniel Presley, Acting Superintendent



Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Mask Mandate Topic for 3/25/21 Agenda
Date: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 05:33:01 -0700
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTkr-KDdFeCKs9Ueh1=2Eue9FGbN5piGP6HRHK0o2hJ5w@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b9ddf72271022c48f789abac4e8d838b

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Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 19:06:09 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRZhsCP=2vkEE=JPMbtXKay6JmfNysWYZt7y29Dg_vk_g@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 83f871d3bc0b8a4cddac5e81d0a1b9e6

Thanks Shauna. Could you send this article to the entire board? On Friday, 12 March, I was in the initial agenda setting meeting for the upcoming 25 March board meeting.

Knowing that we don't have the votes to immediately turn off all masking rules, I communicated my desire to turn off the mask rule at recess right away. I then advocated for a phased approach to lifting the masking indoors as new Covid cases in both Williamson and Travis counties continues to plummet and our teachers have all had the opportunity to be vaccinated. I insisted that these masking decisions need to be tied to data. Dr Presley indicated that some revisions to the masking rules are in the works. Monday afternoon we will finalize the agenda. If I learn of the new masking rules and am satisfied, we will let the administration announce the changes and not add this to our board agenda. If no revisions are forthcoming, I will have to add it to the agenda for the 25 March meeting.

I hope it doesn't come to that as I am not very optimistic we have the votes on the board to make meaningful change. I hope I am wrong. Yesterday there were only 26 new Covid cases in all of WilCo (population 566k) and only 85 new cases in all of TravCo (1.3M population).

Danielle

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Hey Danielle,

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<https://communityimpact.com/dallas-fort-worth/richardson/education/2021/03/19/richardson-isd-to-allow-elementary-students-to-remove-masks-during-recess-pe-classes/>

Thanks-Shauna

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021, 6:58 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you for this Shauna. You make great recommendations of a controlled, phased approach that I also want.

My preference would be for Dr Presley and his team to make these changes but if it's necessary to come to the board for discussion and action, we can go that route. I plan to talk with him and Pres Weir tomorrow in the agenda setting meeting.

Danielle

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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgR3t1Lk1syGM9Z7Z+PnPD1s=x5B2QJm-GZS+1ez1T_zA@mail.gmail.com>
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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgR8A99SZmdDpqUmq2fUFAfQi5szhgcNmFKPBbvLx0ec3g@mail.gmail.com>
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Subject: Mask Mandate - YAY
Date: Tue, 23 Mar 2021 17:45:57 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpsrcU57tKyaMUwyH0+K4Vabns_JBGB6keqbURRRcSywHA@mail.gmail.com>
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Hello... I just saw the announcement from RRISD about removing the mask during outdoor recess and I wanted to say THANK YOU for all your hard work to get the district headed in the right direction. I think that is a great first step and will help to build the confidence of residents that are still fearful, as they see that things are still fine after letting the masks be optional.

Thanks again for supporting us. We really appreciate it. =)

Best Wishes,
Shauna Kinningham

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512-619-7921

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Following the science
Date: Fri, 12 Mar 2021 10:42:46 -0600
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Amanda Johnson <Amanda_Johnson@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <0A3B9191-DF71-4BAE-9762-A7BCF161CF74@gmail.com>
MD5: c765702dca8855d15382286e7b321848

You all need to stop hiding behind Covid to enable your laziness. I have asked over and over for something for the class of '21 and all you can give us is this BS "graduation walk"! What a bunch of horse poop and kick in the butt to these kids as you get in one more abusive dig in as you push them out. What is wrong with you all? Do you really think this is okay? Do you really think that a germ that doesn't kill kids is worth enacting policy that is killing kids' spirits? Do you really think that online mental health resources are a good solution? If so, you are not qualified for this job.

Dr. Presley, you produces and published a video on Facebook saying you are following the science. What science? Science fiction that is coming from a hysterical group of CNN viewers?

Hers is the real scoop that you are ignoring:

<https://nypost.com/2021/03/11/the-science-is-compelling-open-schools-now/?fbclid=IwAR1u0NT8M-sbPBi8pq1cdBDqnPiOZrs-mdnJXXuPYFTRqapKxpAVThQ6mBA>

I guess that is right in step with this imaginary and cop hating education.

Fasten your seatbelts. I have 9 weeks to exercise my civil right to speak against the BS poor leadership of Amy Weir, Dr. Presely, and Amanda Johnson. I want your resignations before the end of spring break.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Where is the frame on Facebook?
Date: Tue, 16 Mar 2021 13:41:36 -0500
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <5AEC8CD9-C66D-4B17-9654-03FD14A1FA66@gmail.com>
MD5: 65a30368ed0380058437c9933c2a76da

Thank you! I know Dianne as our children have gone to school together every year we were in Round Rock.

I was able to find the frame with the help of another parent. As you could see from my screen shot, it was not readily available. That may need to be fixed.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

On Mar 16, 2021, at 1:20 PM, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Lusby,

We are proud to offer a Facebook frame for each of our high schools. Associate Director of Marketing Communications Dianne Foletto would be happy to assist you. She is also a McNeil senior parent. You will see the frame on her profile. I believe you are Facebook friends with her.

Respectfully,
Jenny LaCoste-Caputo

On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 12:41 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

So, I went to add this to my Facebook profile because I am proud of my kid despite what your irrational BS has done to her.

Why does McNeil not have a frame? Is this some sort of discrimination because we have more impoverished minorities than other schools?

Add the frame back on. I am certainly NOT selecting the generic school district frame because you guys suck.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Re: Requesting The Right To Choose to Mask Our Children
Date: Sun, 4 Apr 2021 21:24:37 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ3otjyQsztB3w5iJ2_kqm2eKaDjWr_gezJkxOELNnDGQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Thank you for this Dustin and God Bless you! Our students deserve to benefit from the drastically improved Covid data in recent months. Instead they have been punished with unnecessary forced mask wearing in order to receive the FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education) they are entitled to. I am baffled that RRISD is not following TEA guidance published on 12 March 2021 without providing an explanation in writing and look forward to advocating for CHILDREN at the 15 Apr 2021 board meeting. I hope the community shows up as well. E-mails like yours are very important in this matter.

Danielle Weston

On Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 9:14 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello RRISD Board Members,

It is well past time for this board to allow us to choose if our students will wear masks in school. It is your responsibility and duty to make data driven decisions and policies on this matter, and not decisions and policies based on feelings of fear, culture, or politics. I ask that the right to choose be discussed and granted in your next session.

This administration is not following TEA guidance on the matter of masks as described in #2 on page 8 of this document <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>, and I would like an explanation as to why that is. Specifically that according to the TEA guidelines, masks are **only** required when the recommended social distancing is not feasible, which is also the masking ordinance for the City of Round Rock. My understanding is that currently, students sitting at desks in classrooms are maintaining the recommended 6ft of distance mentioned in the document, which is twice the CDC recommended 3ft. Based on this TEA policy and the City of Round Rock ordinance, mandatory masking for students in RRISD should cease immediately.

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Thank you for your service as an RRISD board member. I look forward to hearing from the board very soon.

Regards,

Dustin K. Clark

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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 09:52:14 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: DeWayne_Street@roundrockisd.org
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Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2021 19:08:43 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTW8bNKFh18cxcSY7NzSWdUYK0xZR3nmX1YKYzHffwmXw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 1494593d4a3788a64987b1879ee8a878

Wow thank you for that info about other districts Shaunna. And I am glad you talked to Mayor Morgan. Did you see the Williamson County Covid Dashboard today? We are down to 39 new cases for the day. That is the lowest I have seen that number since May 2020.

Please send an email to the entire board (board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org) and let everyone know what you want on the 25 March 2021 agenda and why. Mary and I asked for a mask discussion and possible action to be on the agenda at the end of the 4 Mar 2021 meeting. In addition, I want to share with you a message I sent Board Pres Amy Weir and Dr Presley earlier today. It's copied and pasted below. I have redacted the campus I cited to them as I do not want any retribution to come to the hard working staff at that campus.

Pres Weir and Dr Presley,

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Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2021 03:02:33 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SA0PR07MB764451E06F68004FE10B4B3AD0979@SA0PR07MB7644.namprd07.prod.outlook.com>
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I would love to chat with you. My number is 806-626-8454. If I don't answer leave me a message and I'll call you back. Sometimes I don't hear my phone. Thanks again!

Katy

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:52:56 PM
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
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Are you available to talk tomorrow in the early afternoon? We have a board meeting I need to leave for at 4:30pm so if we could briefly chat around 1 or 2 pm, please let me know. If tomorrow early afternoon doesn't work for you, my schis more open on Friday.
Let me know and send me your number.
Danielle

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 8:50 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Danielle!

It's awesome to hear of someone else who is on the same page. It feels like I'm fighting a losing battle these days because so many are filled with fear. I'm not afraid to bug the heck out of whoever I need to! I'll email them and share the message to all the other distressed mamas out there who feel the way I do. Thank you for your speedy response! If you have any other ideas of things we can do in the future to move this along please let me know.

Thanks so much!

Katy

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Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:55:43 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Katy and thank you for writing!

If you have been watching the school board meetings then you know that you and I are in agreement. Trustee Mary Bone and I have been on the losing side of multiple votes to direct this school district back to a normal, on-campus experience.

I encourage you to share your thoughts with the city of round rock city council and mayor. They imposed a mask mandate for the city last year and extended it last week. They have a meeting next week. Their emails can be found on the city's website. If they decide to rescind their mask mandate then I think it's time for our school board members to go on the record with where they stand on this.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

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As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

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We the parents are pleading for you to lift these restrictions and mandates since the TEA is leaving it up to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

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Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2021 16:13:10 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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Date: Fri, 5 Mar 2021 14:48:29 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRtiursTExgAr6hazCr9JzrYbn-5is1w5gWqUYBUtjkDA@mail.gmail.com>
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Hi April and thank you for taking the time to write in. Below I have copied and pasted the message I have sent in mt reply to a few folks who have written in to us asking us to withhold choice on masking in our schools.

I believe it's time for the elected trustees to weigh in on the masking of children in our public schools.

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Here's why.

Safety of our youngest students

Currently, some of our elementary schools are requiring these youngest students (K-5) to wear masks while running around outside at recess. This is absurd, unsafe and lacks any scientific basis or reasoning. It's also inconsistent with the city of Austin's public health guidance which reads:

Per Austin and Travis County ordinance:

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- a. any person younger than 10 years of age
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I believe strongly that young kids should not be wearing masks at recess especially as temperatures rise and will advocate to stop that.

Explosive Progress in Staff Access to the Vaccine

To the great credit of senior RRISD staff, in late January, 100% of our most vulnerable staff members (age 65+) were provided access to the vaccine. Out of 279 employees in that category, about 200 decided to be vaccinated. The number of teachers and staff in the 1b category (comorbidities) grows daily. Earlier this week the state of Texas added healthy teachers (no comorbidities) to the list of folks who can get the vaccine. RRISD admin has partnered with organizations including Vaccinate Austin and Family Hospital System to provide a direct link for our staff to be vaccinated. This Saturday, hundreds of healthy staff members will be vaccinated and the week of Spring Break will also be an opportunity for staff to have wide access to the vaccine. Our administration has been working very hard to link staff members to vaccines for months now and that work has been highly effective.

Given this progress, now is the time to plan a phased approach to making masks optional.

Increased Understanding of Covid-19 and Choice

A year ago, I and many others began making masks for community members. My children helped. We found a pattern on-line and started cutting fabric we already had and started sewing. We delivered masks to friends and others over the age of 65 in the community. In the summer of 2020, the Williamson County Mask Brigade stood up and we picked up their box of supplies, followed their directions/pattern and made MANY

specialized masks that were distributed to healthcare workers. In the last year, our understanding of Covid-19 has evolved. Citizens can decide for themselves what risks they are comfortable with. Older folks and folks with comorbidities should avoid crowds and wear a mask. All people should wash their hands regularly. As our understanding of the virus has evolved, our practices should evolve and folks should have greater choice.

I believe parents should have a choice about their children wearing a mask (as well as RRISD adult staff) and I favor a phased approach to extending this choice in RRISD.

No Prohibition on Voluntary Masking

I do not support prohibiting those who want to wear a mask from wearing a mask. I made many of the masks people in our community wear today.

TX Education Code Legal Exposure/Consequences

I would encourage you to read TEC 37.0023 Numbers 7b and 10.

<https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex. educ. code section 37.0023>

Prohibitive Aversive Techniques:

(7) impairs the student’s breathing, including any procedure that involves:

(B) obstructing the student’s airway, including placing an object in, on, or over the student’s mouth or nose or placing a bag, cover, or mask over the student’s face

(10) inhibits, reduces or hinders the student’s ability to communicate

Trustees are charged with protecting children and limiting the district’s legal exposure to lawsuits that could result in financial loss. There is a reason the law states that school districts cannot impose these “aversive techniques” on children. More and more research is being done on the emotional and physical harm that mask wearing brings to children. We can no longer ignore these unintended consequences of the prolonged masking of children.

Implementing a phased plan now to make masks optional is necessary to comply with the law.

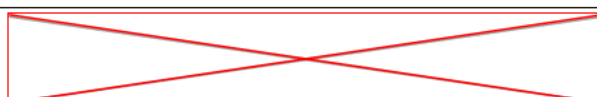
I hope this gives some insight as to where I am coming from. Thank you again for your e-mail.

Danielle

On Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 12:27 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good start at beginning to turn this nightmare from hell around. One major variable that impacts lots of people’s decision to come on campus, or not, is masks. I know tons of kids staying home purely to avoid wearing a mask all day. So I think there will be a significant amount of skewed data on this survey until that variable is clarified by RRISD (or TEA if y’all are chicken cowards on standing up for body autonomy & parental rights on choice). You just can’t leave out a major point of clarification variable, and expect accurate survey data in return. Does that make sense?

On Mar 5, 2021, at 8:13 AM, Round Rock ISD <noreply@qemailserver.com> wrote:



Dear Round Rock ISD Families:

Round Rock ISD is currently planning for the 2021-22 school year. Given the encouraging ramp up of vaccine distribution and data that shows low transmission rate of COVID-19 in classrooms with safety protocols in place, we are optimistic that Round Rock ISD will be able to return to fully in-person instruction and activities for the 2021-22 school year. We will continue to do all we can to ensure our staff members have access to vaccine administrations and expect that by the Fall semester, every adult on campus will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated.

As we plan our return to the on-campus experience our parents and students have come to expect from Round Rock ISD, we also understand that some students may need a virtual option for a longer period of time due to health concerns. To help us plan for a virtual option, we are asking our families to let us know if they plan to attend school in person or would prefer a virtual option for next school year. It is important to note that we do not yet know if the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will extend the waiver to allow us to offer virtual learning. If we are able to provide a virtual option for families of students who continue to have concern about the potential health impact of COVID-19, virtual students will be taught by a certified Round Rock ISD teacher in separate (all virtual) classes from in-person learners. Other important considerations are:

Virtual learning will be available for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

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Students learning remotely will no longer be enrolled in their home campus and will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities offered on their home campus.

The purpose of this survey is solely to gauge interest for planning purposes. Selecting virtual learning at this point does not commit your student to virtual learning for Fall 2021. The District will provide information on how to enroll your child in a virtual option - if allowed - after we have received more clarity from TEA.

[You can take the Virtual Instruction Interest Survey for \[REDACTED\] here.](#)

Thank you!

If you no longer wish to receive emails for this survey: [Click here to unsubscribe](#)

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQRPKSFYL114Qey7JTN7XUB80TsEANVnjyhMMF7ZUn9bw@mail.gmail.com>
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Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2021 09:12:05 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Nancy Guerrero <Nancy_Guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-ycAF_Sa8j0G15B9wJvUjnjZ8RAvg1_484D3eQpRxyg9g@mail.gmail.com>
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Absolutely!! I am their biggest cheerleader!! I'm so excited that at least RMS 8th graders got to experience UIL before leaving middle school. Sad for all the other RRISD middle schools' band students, of course. These hard working RMS students were grinning ear-to-ear throughout yesterday!! Especially getting to hear applause for the first time in over a year! And then even earning a trophy!!! So fun and memorable!! And the fulfillment of seeing their hard work and commitment pay off after showing up on time and ready for every rehearsal over the past few weeks to prepare. I was worried that they wouldn't be prepared after the setbacks from RRISD this year, but they were VERY competitive with our other Region 26 district's schools thanks to our phenomenal RMS Band Directors. Please attend their Spring Concert on May 20!! These kids cannot wait to show off their skills again and hear more applause! ☺

On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 8:38 AM Nancy Guerrero <Nancy_Guerrero@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Brinson,

I want to thank you for including me in your celebration of our amazing band directors at Ridgeview and the exceptional performance by the band students. I am so pleased the students had the opportunity and you were there to support and celebrate them. Again, thank you!

Have a wonderful end to your week.

Sincerely,

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Yes, it's not something I understand either. I'm just grateful that my son happens to go to the school with the best opportunities for band students. Lucky him! Maybe equity for other students will become a priority next year. One can dream. RMS will also host a Spring Band Concert on May 20, time TBD. Please attend!! We'd love to see you there!! :)

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Date: Fri, 2 Apr 2021 03:10:27 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: "mary_bone@roundrockisd.org" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, "danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <196889370.125070.1617333027788@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: d9f7c863bca9ee09d58450a5691e9399

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254-285-8881

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From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRfdx2EW-fzWgj89Qd+PYZQUb=EmkZRTWgOTYOm-z2-Fg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: f2ef36eb9f1eebd17c55858c69d23edc

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Records Request
Date: Sat, 1 Jan 2022 13:14:52 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: david_faltys@roundrockisd.org, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Garrett.Black@tea.texas.gov, jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, "ONeil, Tyler" <tyler.oneil@fox.com>
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MD5: 8cdf747b160e54733bfd73109ed9ee9
Attachments: TEA-Monitor-memo.webp

Jenny,

Please explain to me how an ORR that will get to me in TWO WEEKS at the earliest is the slightest bit helpful OR transparent for a meeting that's happening on Monday and is convening BECAUSE OF the letter in question? Does that make a bit of sense to you? Does that sound like ethical transparency in open government to you?

Thankfully Fox News is ON IT and got the letter within minutes from TEA since RRISD is CORRUPT and HIDES public information from the public. Here it is attached in case you're still kidding yourself that Dr. Abuser doesn't need to be FIRED IMMEDIATELY. All 7 of you capable of voting need to skip to the obviously inevitable conclusion and FIRE HIM NOW, stop wasting our taxpayers' money and OUR CHILDREN'S TIME on more paid anything for him. He's a monster and if you don't believe me, I'll be HAPPY to set up a meet & greet interview with the [REDACTED] AND for coming to YOU for HELP when she was being threatened by him and you TOLD HIM THAT-- a KNOWN abuser. She's an open book unlike deceitful, despicable, abusive ASSaiez. Get him the hell away from children, teachers, staff, and parents PERMANENTLY & IMMEDIATELY.

Madam Caputo, I think you know me well enough by now, don't talk to me like I'm stupid. It's NOT cute.

On Sat, Jan 1, 2022 at 12:34 PM Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Brinson,

Dr. Faltys forwarded me your email to him requesting a copy of a memorandum he provided to the Board of Trustees. In keeping with our protocols, please submit an open records request for this information by writing to open_records@roundrockisd.org. More information on submitting open records requests may be found [here](#).

Respectfully,
Jenny LaCoste-Caputo

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Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2021 23:23:11 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpuANnxT9d+sEkkpMNLm_boX0NM0_RcNhxHMjUZNffnA8w@mail.gmail.com>
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Hello Danielle, So at the meeting tonight I believe only 2 residents spoke in favor of keeping the mask mandate and 7 for removing it. They ended up all agreeing on 4/22 date, so they voted and were done. Yay!

Hopefully this helps set the tone for the board meeting next week. 欄

Thanks for speaking with me today & for all your encouragement.

Best wishes,
Shauna

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Dr. Mary Bone and Ms. Danielle Weston,

I was wondering if there has been any talk amongst the board members to allow masking in RRISD to be optional for the children. If not, I am considering starting a petition to gather signatures to submit to the board. Can either of you provide any insight into this matter, and can I have your support for the petition if that is what is needed to move forward with this?

Additionally, I also wanted to ask if this matter can be raised in the next board meeting? I would be happy to speak if needed.

No data exists to support the current RRISD mandatory mask policy for our children. The governor has removed the state mask mandate, and case counts continue to decline in spite of the mandate being lifted. Restaurants have not required masks for some time now when seated (similar to children seated in the classroom), and there is no data that I am aware of that shows any correlation to a cause in an increase in covid cases when children or adults are seated near each other when mask-less. The vaccine has been available to the vulnerable for quite some time, all adults are now eligible, and parents who disagree with removing the masks can opt to take advantage of the virtual learning option. Continuing this policy further harms the social cue and facial recognition development of our children. Please join me in calling for the freedom to choose whether or not our children wear a mask.

Thank you for your service as an RRISD board member. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Regards,

Dustin K. Clark
254-285-8881

Subject: RRISD - Mask Requirements
Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2021 16:52:32 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpuLn4kZSeivCA6EsMANOAAgExLJxwj0o7UxEOfA+LxOcg@mail.gmail.com>
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Take care,

Shauna

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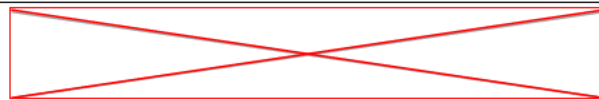
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Shauna Kinningham
Blackland Prairie Elem & Cedar Ridge HS (parent)

Subject: Re: Planning for 2021-2022 Virtual Instruction Interest Survey | Planeando para 2021-2022, Encuesta de Interés en la Instrucción Virtual
Date: Fri, 5 Mar 2021 12:27:02 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Round Rock ISD <Research_Web@roundrockisd.org>, cathy_malerba@roundrockisd.org, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
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MD5: d571c4dbad6e970bb793174b86387e4e

Good *start* at *beginning* to turn this nightmare from hell around. One *major variable* that impacts *lots* of people's decision to come on campus, or not, is masks. I know tons of kids staying home purely to avoid wearing a mask all day. So I think there will be a significant amount of *skewed data* on this survey until that variable is clarified by RRISD (or TEA if y'all are chicken cowards on standing up for body autonomy & parental rights on choice). ***You just can't leave out a major point of clarification variable, and expect accurate survey data in return. Does that make sense?***

On Mar 5, 2021, at 8:13 AM, Round Rock ISD <noreply@gemailserv.com> wrote:



Dear Round Rock ISD Families:

Round Rock ISD is currently planning for the 2021-22 school year. Given the encouraging ramp up of vaccine distribution and data that shows low transmission rate of COVID-19 in classrooms with safety protocols in place, we are optimistic that Round Rock ISD will be able to return to fully in-person instruction and activities for the 2021-22 school year. We will continue to do all we can to ensure our staff members have access to vaccine administrations and expect that by the Fall semester, every adult on campus will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated.

As we plan our return to the on-campus experience our parents and students have come to expect from Round Rock ISD, we also understand that some students may need a virtual option for a longer period of time due to health concerns. To help us plan for a virtual option, we are asking our families to let us know if they plan to attend school in person or would prefer a virtual option for next school year. It is important to note that we do not yet know if the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will extend the waiver to allow us to offer virtual learning. If we are able to provide a virtual option for families of students who continue to have concern about the potential health impact of COVID-19, virtual students will be taught by a certified Round Rock ISD teacher in separate (all virtual) classes from in-person learners. Other important considerations are:

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- | Dual language, special education/504, and talented and gifted (TAG) services will be provided for virtual learners.
- | Students learning remotely will no longer be enrolled in their home campus and will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities offered on their home campus.

The purpose of this survey is solely to gauge interest for planning purposes. Selecting virtual learning at this point does not commit your student to virtual learning for Fall 2021. The District will provide information on how to enroll your child in a virtual option - if allowed -

after we have received more clarity from TEA.

[You can take the Virtual Instruction Interest Survey for \[REDACTED\] here.](#)

Thank you!

If you no longer wish to receive emails for this survey: [Click here to unsubscribe](#)

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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSvsJ1iaaRWO3JiZGhqAkqQCfaE9=e2g8NLq8u6Or98Q@mail.gmail.com>
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 13:06:40 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpvn44QR1xoeVc-MSgjUfttEU23SjMkn-Gb-9g-1iN9LyQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Thank you Danielle for the information. I just sent an email to the board as you advised. Fingers crossed.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP,
Best Regards,
Shauna

On Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 7:08 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Wow thank you for that info about other districts Shauna. And I am glad you talked to Mayor Morgan. Did you see the Williamson County Covid Dashboard today? We are down to 39 new cases for the day. That is the lowest I have seen that number since May 2020.

Please send an email to the entire board (board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org) and let everyone know what you want on the 25 March 2021 agenda and why. Mary and I asked for a mask discussion and possible action to be on the agenda at the end of the 4 Mar 2021 meeting. In addition, I want to share with you a message I sent Board Pres Amy Weir and Dr Presley earlier today. It's copied and pasted below. I have redacted the campus I cited to them as I do not want any retribution to come to the hard working staff at that campus.

Pres Weir and Dr Presley,

Elementary kids across the state have been playing outside at recess for months mask-free and it has not been problematic. We need to let RRISD kids play mask free while outdoors at recess. This has to happen now and I am asking that it not have to play out at the dias. If I have to draft a resolution for the 25 Mar agenda that directs the district to allow elementary age children to be able to play outside mask free at this point, with all that we know about the virus, it will be very disappointing and demonstrate a lack of leadership from all of us as we should be solving problems at the lowest level possible. This shouldn't be a board issue or agenda item.

I'd also ask for the district to have a data driven plan that shows our path to a "mask optional" standard in RRISD. It's time to tie decision making to data. The number of active cases in the area, number of hospitalizations, % of at-risk staff provided access to the vaccine (over 65+), number of all staff vaccinated are some of the data points (among others) that can and should be used to make these decisions. We are past the point of making decisions because of how people feel. Again, I ask that this request for a plan not have to play out at the dias as it shouldn't be a board issue or agenda item.

I have no desire to set an arbitrary date to remove all masks from all campuses. The masks at recess are ridiculous. And since we won't be wearing masks in perpetuity, the community deserves a plan about what our decisions on masking going forward are based on.

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Danielle

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To: board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpvEjaSBN6jiUOW_C8o5KR5mWZx=xSsJkDmpUmOMoYW5-w@mail.gmail.com>
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I'm very concerned that as temperatures rise and kids are outside playing with these masks on, they are going to get overheated. I'm sure the school district doesn't want to be liable for that since the state no longer has any mask mandate Here is a reference article on overheating with mask to consider:
<https://www.wkrg.com/health/coronavirus/dangers-of-wearing-masks-in-the-heat-and-humidity/>

Thank you for your time,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Re: Is there a certain number?
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 2021 17:47:44 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>
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Thanks Ms. Weston. As we approach the 1 year anniversary, I've given up on RRISD. My kids have grieved the loss that their schools' buildings may still be physically standing, but their schools' heart and spirit are gone. I used to focus my efforts and energy and hope that RRISD leaders would see the light and serve the interests of the middle and high school students you mention, and who this mother lost, before it was too late. Now I just hope and pray they quickly find a better alternative to RRISD, and don't waste their children's precious *time* emailing this board like I spent so many months doing.

I've watched nearly every public board meeting over the past year and I heard Amber Feller make the comment you mention. To me it's pointless lip service, however, when actions don't match words. Same as the others besides Mary Bone & you who obviously see the path of destruction and devastation you're on, and have the guts to say so and stand up for our children's best interests regardless of whether it's popular. You and Dr. Bone are principled and genuinely student-focused based upon actions, it's obvious, and I'm deeply grateful to you. While I personally have given up on RRISD, I thank you so much for having bigger faith and hope than me. I've also heard Mandy Estes make many comments over the course of this year that gave me glimmers of hope including about separating the two educational models as you mention. But alas, Ms. Estes's hands are tied without intelligent leadership, teamwork and direction from the 7 of you. We just don't have that here so there's no realistic reason to keep hoping for something that's just not here. Smarter for parents to look elsewhere.

It's too little too late, honestly. I don't see any realistic reason to keep believing in RRISD improving as we enter the plural of *yearS*. I just please ask that when "this mother" inevitably comes before the 7 of you during public comment at a RRISD board meeting, none of you say anything to the effect of, "We never could have seen this coming." "How could we have known?" "There was nothing we could have done." Please at least have the respect to look her in the eyes and say, "*I am sorry we failed your baby.*"

On Sat, Feb 27, 2021 at 3:31 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

April,

I just watched this and I will tell you that as not only a trustee, but as a mother who values her children's lives more than anything else, this is my worst nightmare as we near the one year anniversary of the onset of virtual learning. The good news is our understanding of Covid-19 has evolved tremendously since March 2020 and we now have a vaccine. The bad news is that the toll on the mental health of our students is enormous and few middle and high school students have returned to campuses.

I will echo Trustee Feller's words from the 24 Feb 2021 board meeting when she said that it's her "hope that almost 100% of students will return to campus in August". And I will share that in a meeting I had with Dr Presley and Ms Mandy Estes earlier this month, Estes told me that her vision for virtual learning in RRISD in the 2021-22 school year (if the TX Leg approves it) is for virtual learning to be its own separate entity. This will preserve the virtual option for medically vulnerable students while making it more consistent with the realities of the longtime on-line education vendor experience to include fewer course offerings and proctored exams.

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Thank you for your e-mail and for sharing the video of a mother whose son committed suicide because of the prolonged isolation that virtual learning has brought. It is hard but important for all education professionals to watch.

Danielle

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Minute 4:00– Hear this mother’s testimony before her late son’s school board.² Some days I sit paralyzed and just quietly ask God how many more children’s lives? How many is enough? We’ve lost 0 of our RRISD children to covid in a year, and several to suicide plus ideation/attempts in treatment programs. Really, how many? Is there a certain number?

<https://youtu.be/RfhtWxAt16Y>

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Thank you for this Shauna. You make great recommendations of a controlled, phased approach that I also want. My preference would be for Dr Presley and his team to make these changes but if it's necessary to come to the board for discussion and action, we can go that route. I plan to talk with him and Pres Weir tomorrow in the agenda setting meeting.

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Thank you for your time,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Parental rights violation by RRISD on Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 8:59 AM
Date: Mon, 1 Mar 2021 10:16:26 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: david beinke <[REDACTED]>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-wU5yFvebAsFQKvWzGZG27Y8wnumTXjrpfX9a9zTXy9GA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: aa52daa1eab034811187a52e21eeb8f8

Board of TRUSTees & Dr. Presley,

The below email sent Fri, Feb 26, 2021, 8:59 AM by Round Rock ISD stating in reference to private Prom events being held outside of school hours on private property and under the supervision of parents, "Students who participate should wear a mask to the event and isolate for 14 days after."



This statement is a massive overreach on and violation of parental rights. Round Rock ISD has no authority to regulate, nor retaliate against, students whose parents authorize them to participate in private events held on private property outside of school hours and under the supervision of parents. Further, Round Rock ISD has no authority to provide medical advice in reference to a private event that is by your own admission in the sentence prior-- not affiliated with Round Rock ISD.

My child *shall* attend the private event mentioned in this inappropriate email correspondence, and she *shall* be in attendance on campus the following school day. Please inform me now if I should expect for her to encounter ANY form of illegal harassment, illegal retaliation, illegal dispensing of medical advice without a license, or illegal FAPE rights violations as a result of my exercising of my parental rights.

I demand a full written retraction of this inappropriate and illegal emailed correspondence made by Round Rock ISD with a written explanation sent to ALL who received this email clearly clarifying that Round Rock ISD, in fact, does NOT hold authority to regulate, nor to retaliate against, nor to provide medical advice for students who attend private events held on private property outside of school hours and under the supervision of parents.

Please send this retraction and correction out to parents and students immediately.

Thank you,
April Brinson

 Inspiring students to learn.
Empowering students for life.






Class of 2021 end of year updates

In a little over 12 weeks, the resilient and persistent young people who are the Class of 2021 will

become graduates. As these Seniors face a historic pandemic and, most recently, ruinous winter

storms, they continue to display impressive determination and adaptability.

This update provides Seniors and their families with the most current information about upcoming

events as the Class of 2021 finishes their final semester of high school. Due to the pandemic's

changing nature, including the promising emergence of vaccines, we continue monitoring the

situation and will remain flexible as conditions shift.

PROM

The health and safety of our students and their families are our paramount concern. As much as

we would like to provide our Seniors with the opportunity to celebrate prom, our health partners

remain steadfast in their position that holding large gathering events puts students, families, and

the community-at-large at risk. Given the circumstances, there will be no District- or school-

sanctioned proms this year. We know this news is disheartening, and we share your

disappointment.

We are aware that some parents/guardians are planning and selling tickets to senior formal

events. These events have no affiliation with Round Rock ISD and are not in line with current CDC

recommendations. Students who participate should wear a mask to the event and isolate for 14

days after.

CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

If your Senior will be participating in their school's Senior Commencement Walk, it's time to order a

cap and gown kit. Orders will be delivered to the schools in April. Schools will coordinate and notify

you about the pick-up process. Browse and shop for your school's graduation products online at

[Herff Jones Overall Recognitions website.](#)

COMMENCEMENT WALK (GRADUATION 2021) - SAVE THE DATE

The Class of 2021 will celebrate their graduation with Senior Commencement Walks at the [Kelly](#)

[Reeves Athletic Complex](#). Campus leadership determines how their event is organized, including

the music selection and how they want students to arrive, alphabetically or otherwise. These

events will follow the health and safety recommendations outlined at that time by our state and

county health officials, including the number of guests permitted for each graduate.

Early College - Monday, May 24, 8 -10 a.m.

Success - Monday, May 24, 6 - 8 p.m.

Round Rock - Tuesday, May 25

Stony Point - Wednesday, May 26

McNeil - Thursday, May 27

Cedar Ridge - Friday, May 28

Westwood - Saturday, May 29

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The challenges the Class of 2021 is faced with can be overwhelming. If you are a student or know

a student struggling with mental health, don't hesitate to make an appointment to see your

counselor. Find student support resources 24/7 on the [Round Rock ISD counseling services](#)

[website](#).

FAFSA

Every graduating senior should complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

regardless of income, GPA, or even if they're still evaluating their postsecondary options. When a

student files the FAFSA, they may become eligible for scholarships or grants (based on need and

merit), work-study programs, or low-interest loans. There is no cost to apply.

For more information about the FAFSA contact your student's counselor or visit the [District's](#)

[FAFSA information page.](#)

SENIOR SURVEY

As graduation approaches, the District sends seniors a survey. Senior feedback can directly impact

the experience for lowerclassmen. Although we hope that students have found fulfillment in their

academic journey and enjoyed their school experience, we know there is always room for

improvement.

District and campus communications will keep students and families informed as planning

advances. Please stay connected with your school by visiting their website and following them on

[social media.](#)



Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Class of 2021 Activities
Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 20:40:20 -0600
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Amanda Johnson <Amanda_Johnson@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <49398CC0-2428-444E-864A-999B93A1A84B@gmail.com>
MD5: 7617ea4143032584ab532459e3069458

Dr Presley, Thank you for agreeing to work with the Prom Moms from the various schools to spread the word about the parent sponsored prom this year. I applaud Trustee Weston for attempting to come up with a reasonable solution rather than more time in a board meeting. However, there is concern among the prom-moms that you are only giving us lip service, we have historical evidence to support our concern, but we are willing to give you an opportunity to lead and finally stop ignoring the class of '21.

I am writing because this is just a start, and I have a few other concerns:

1.) Please inform the board president that the school typically sponsors the prom. At some point, she is on record stating that the PIE gala is not a school sponsored event and neither is the prom. It is true that the PIE gala is not a school sponsored event but it is affiliated with the school district. The prom is actually a school event but was canceled by the school. Apparently the hypocrisy is lost on the board president. Apparently, it did not occur to the district when responding to KVUE that the excuse that the gala will be outside and adults only is stupid. Most of the students who attend prom are, in fact, adults, and I was BEGGING the principal at McNeil in August to have an outdoor plan B for prom (I have the emails if you would like to see them). What happened? Political aspirations above the class of '21? Yes. **I need you all to remember that this graduating class is owed your time and concern and are not disposable as they have been treated.**

2.) I attempted to organize a prom for McNeil, but I don't have the ability to reach the parents who would have been able to help. Because I wasn't getting anywhere without communication, I had to abandon the effort. Luckily, my child who went to Cedar Valley, will be going to the Round Rock "formal". If we had help and support from administration rather than the Heisman Trophy hand to the face, we would have had an outdoor event that would have included all students from McNeil who were interested. But, because RRISD has no interest in creative thinking to make this year special for this senior class to whom they owed their best, it is shot. I implore upon you to please get Amanda Johnson off of making excuses and ignoring suggestions and actually help get something going for these seniors as I have begged constantly all year. They are missing out because RRISD made a horrible decision to cancel prom and other events leaving them without the celebration that other schools now have. **Now is time to make it right for the kids at McNeil and Stoney Point especially after we were asking in AUGUST for the administration on the campus to make a move but were written off just like our kids.**

3.) If you all are serious about equity, did you not see how pulling out of your responsibility to ALL students in the class of '21 assured inequity? You all look at us mostly conservative moms with disdain as you think we are promoting a "super spreader event" out of "selfishness", but we are open to hosting ANY student who wants to attend. However, because of your resistance, we can't cross those social lines to be inclusive as we would like to be. The "privileged" kids have fared better this year widening the social and academic achievement gaps through this whole imaginary education failure. To be clear, YOU did this, not the "privileged" parents. Now is your opportunity to make it right. Actually do something this time for ALL students

4.) Why is the district inserting itself into an activity that it claims it doesn't want? Where is the email retracting the statements you all made about our kids who go to the prom needing to quarantine and wear a mask when they are there because these events will not be following "CDC standards"? You don't know that. In fact, you are wrong. Are you aware of the details? No, because you all gave up the authority to monitor any behavior when you gave up on the class of '21. **The district needs to retract this statement immediately and assure the students and parents that there will be no forced quarantine by the district from school or athletic activities just for prom attendance. Be helpful, not resentful.**

5.) In the email announcing that the principals were too busy playing hysteria politics to do anything for the class of '21 and were writing these kids off, you all made them sound like victims. THESE KIDS ARE NOT VICTIMS! Our kids have endured the abuse and neglect of the district leadership, but that makes the survivors not victims. They can't get this time back, and you all acted like it is okay to sacrifice the year long celebration they are owed. It is not okay. We looked forward to this as family since the day we brought our babies home from the hospital in 2002 and 2003, and for you to dismiss our kids and us like this is disgusting. I will not tolerate anyone from the district referring to my child or any of the other seniors as a victim. Many of us are watching this closely and will not tolerate language of victimization of any student even after our kids leave this system.

It is likely too late to plan a prom for McNeil and Stoney Point, so perhaps push the principals to have outdoor project graduation events? I have tried to volunteer for project graduation at McNeil, but there is no communication and meetings are called at the last minute. I volunteered in September, and in March, I have yet to be able to attend a meeting and have only been notified about 2 meetings that were to take place within the hour after the notice. If I am being excluded on purpose, this is unacceptable, and Ms Johnson needs to fix that immediately.

If no action is taken or is unacceptable in creating something for this class, I will press the school board to put this item on the agenda for you to answer to the public about why you choose negligence over service.

Please be ware that having a normal graduation ceremony is next on the agenda. I and several other parents are disappointed that you want to do the isolated graduation ceremony. When are you going to stop treating this class like dirty urchins? Stop being so tone deaf and ignorant of the science you say that you are following on todays FB video post. Our kids are not dying from Covid, and most adults aren't either. Time to get back to normal even if it is the whole class spaced out and outside. Stop ignoring us who want to get back to normal and who want our kids to have a real senior year. We pay taxes, too, and to ignore us is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to actual and meaningful support this time of these events for seniors of the class of '21.

Lisa Lusby
McNeil Senior parent
713-851-3317

Subject: Re: RRISD equity concern
Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 19:07:44 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, DeWayne_Street@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQG1zxsWB3Pmy_LYk_g8PRCK36-ezhmSr26wnPqF-hL2g@mail.gmail.com>
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April, These are valid concerns that I share. The inconsistencies are real.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 9:52 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mr. Street,

I'm writing to follow up on the below email that I sent back on Monday, March 8. I haven't received a reply from you so I'd like to reiterate my equity concerns. Can you please let me know when I can expect to hear back from you?

Thank you,
April

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:23 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mr. Street,

An equity concern is weighing heavy on my heart. It's actually two specific examples where I see MY kids on the "winning" side of inequity in the district. I could just stay quiet since MY kids are "good" and getting what *they* need within these two areas of equity concern, but my conscience says I should speak up for our districts' kids on the "losing" side of inequity. That's the whole concept of equity, right? To care about more than just MY kids getting what *they* need?

#1 - My son's middle school will be the ONLY RRISD band competing at UIL on the Klett Performing Arts Center stage at Georgetown High School on March 31. UIL is an important educational opportunity and deeply rooted in Texas tradition. Of course I'm so thrilled for the RMS Band, but my heart also hurts for all of the other RRISD students who are shut out of UIL simply because their RRISD school doesn't offer equal opportunity. Where is the equity here? I'm seeing major inequity and unequal opportunity between students and schools within RRISD and it's concerning.

#2 - My daughter's high school will be one of ONLY two RRISD schools whose students are provided the opportunity to attend Junior/Senior Prom. I realize that this year's proms were cancelled districtwide and really I don't understand why, but this longtime rite of passage that is traditionally organized within each high school, at the direction of designated teachers/staff members, and supported by a parent/student "Prom Committee," are still happening privately. But they're only happening for certain students who happen to be enrolled in certain schools. I'm again seeing major inequity and unequal opportunity between students and schools within RRISD and it's concerning. It feels like I'm seeing a *pattern* of inequity.

As RRISD Chief Equity Officer, do you believe that it's acceptable for only certain RRISD band students who happen to go to the "right school" to be allowed to compete at Band UIL with our surrounding ISD's? If so, why do you believe that? Shouldn't all of our RRISD band students

be afforded this important opportunity? Same question for Prom... do you believe that it's acceptable for only certain RRISD students who happen to go to the "right school" to be allowed to attend Prom, which is a special celebration deeply rooted in school tradition for decades?

Thanks for your time. I look forward to your reply.

April Brinson

Subject: Re: Mask Mandate - YAY
Date: Tue, 23 Mar 2021 18:08:54 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRjqYPWuF4SzYCQBO10sV44BPi9-yvevM8crX+7Q_JEDQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: f305a6ff3c739337058aa7f0b6f35e1e

You are welcome Shauna!

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 5:46 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello... I just saw the announcement from RRISD about removing the mask during outdoor recess and I wanted to say THANK YOU for all your hard work to get the district headed in the right direction. I think that is a great first step and will help to build the confidence of residents that are still fearful, as they see that things are still fine after letting the masks be optional.

Thanks again for supporting us. We really appreciate it. =)

Best Wishes,
Shauna Kinningham

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 1:24 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you Shauna!

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 9:53 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board Members,
I wanted to follow up with you about the upcoming discussion on updating the mask mandate in RRISD. There are now 68 school districts (and 7 private schools) in Texas that have eliminated their outdated mask mandates and made mask optional for their students. ATTACHED is a spreadsheet that has all of these schools information as well as links to their announcements.

These masking decisions need to be tied to data, and the data is showing SIGNIFICANT decreases in COVID cases in Williamson and Travis county over the last several months. Yesterday there were only 26 new Covid cases in all of WilCo (population 566k) and only 85 new cases in all of TravCo (1.3M population). Now that vaccines are available for all teachers and staff, the families attending in person should be allowed to decide for their own families if they would like to have their children wear a mask or not.

Please take into consideration the physical and psychological damage that this continued mask mandate is having on our children. At a minimum, I would like you to consider removing the mask requirements at recess and PE. Here is an example of a school that did just that
<https://communityimpact.com/dallas-fort-worth/richardson/education/2021/03/19/richardson-isd-to-allow-elementary-students-to-remove-masks-during-recess-pe-classes/>

Also, Peaster ISD is an excellent model of a school that has thrived during this pandemic NOT requiring mask. Please see the latest new story on their situation:
<https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2021/03/08/rural-peaster-isd-texas-masks-distancing-students-academically/>

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shauna D. Kinningham** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Mask Mandate Topic for 3/25/21 Agenda
To: <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org>

Dear Board Members,

As you are aware, the Governor of Texas removed the state-wide mask mandate as of yesterday, 3/10/21. I'm writing to you to encourage the board to please strongly consider a phased approach to removing the school mask mandate in RRISD and making it optional.

I understand your concern for the health of the staff and students, and according to DSHS's March 3rd, 2021 announcement, all teachers and staff are now eligible to receive vaccines. I understand this will take a few weeks to give everyone the opportunity to receive both doses of the vaccine, so what I am suggesting is a phased approach to removing the mask mandate in schools and making them optional.

Here are some ideas that I would like you to consider that would be a compromise for those who want mask optional and for those who have health concerns and want them mandatory:

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Thank you for your time,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Where is the frame on Facebook?
Date: Tue, 16 Mar 2021 13:52:18 -0500
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <86FBDA02-93B6-4189-9C51-622DD0BCDF27@gmail.com>
MD5: 99bf5e8843d63830c018cca4049c6318

Thank you! I appreciate that.

I am also still waiting for the email retraction that the private proms that parents are having to hold because the principals are either too lazy to do since they are used to not having to deal with those pesky, dirty kids or they think that kids just need to continue to keep suffering despite science that does not support their decision are not in compliance with CDC guidelines. The CDC, which changes its guidelines almost daily it seems, are a political and unreliable metric. You have no idea how we have gone out of our way to manage these guidelines and now that they are lifted, we are even more within "the rules". Your comments were slanderous and incorrect.

You have no business telling students and families how they need to manage their own risk. Your comments about spring break were out of line as well. My child will not quarantine unless she is sick, and you have no legal or moral ground to force it.

Please issue that apology today for your comments on prom and refrain from your fear-mongering instruction giving in the future.

Thank you.

On Mar 16, 2021, at 1:46 PM, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thanks so much. We will look into that.

On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 1:41 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you!

I know Dianne as our children have gone to school together every year we were in Round Rock. I was able to find the frame with the help of another parent. As you could see from my screen shot, it was not readily available. That may need to be fixed.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

On Mar 16, 2021, at 1:20 PM, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Lusby,

We are proud to offer a Facebook frame for each of our high schools. Associate Director of Marketing Communications Dianne Foletto would be happy to assist you. She is also a McNeil senior parent. You will see the frame on her profile. I believe you are Facebook friends with her.

Respectfully,
Jenny LaCoste-Caputo

On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 12:41 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:
So, I went to add this to my Facebook profile because I am proud of my kid despite what your irrational BS has done to her.

Why does McNeil not have a frame? Is this some sort of discrimination because we have more impoverished minorities than other schools?

Add the frame back on. I am certainly NOT selecting the generic school district frame because you guys suck.

Sent from my iPhone

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Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, MPAff
Chief of Public Affairs and Communications
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Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2021 18:50:16 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRbJ7f8kMLjRw+juog95xKjpVvcQ6tJhKrSgMS4JPjKyQ@mail.gmail.com>
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: TEA VIOLATION***** SAT Testing March 3rd Information for 11 Grade Students

Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2021 10:16:29 -0600

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: Kristin Harper <kristin_harper@roundrockisd.org>

Cc: Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Sharon Wilkes <sharon_wilkes@roundrockisd.org>, Brandy Hafner <brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov

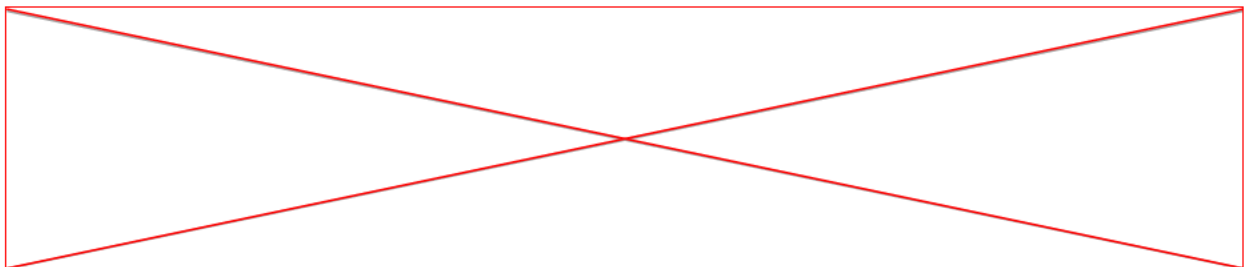
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The following statement is a TEA violation, as TEA articulates clearly that On Campus Attendance must still be offered on asynchronous days. Please promptly correct the record for students and families to come into compliance with TEA regulation. Thank you.

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On Mon, Feb 1, 2021 at 9:32 AM CRHS <kristin_harper@roundrockisd.org> wrote:



February 1, 2021

Parents/Guardians of [REDACTED] Brinson,

RRISD 11th-grade students will take the SAT on March 3, 2021.

In order for us to follow COVID-19 protocols, we need all 11th-grade students to fill out the

provided registration link.

[11 Grade SAT Registration Form](#) The deadline to register is Friday, February 19th at

5:00 pm

All students must fill out the survey, even if they do not plan to take the test.

Safety Protocols

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Testing rooms will have a max of 15 students to provide social distancing.

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Students and Proctors are required to wear a mask at all times except while eating or drinking.

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Students will eat their lunch in their testing rooms once the exam has concluded.

We anticipate testing to be completed approximately at 1:30 pm. Once all testing materials

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Sincerely,

Kristin Harper

College and Career Assessment and Testing Coordinator

Cedar Ridge High School

Round Rock ISD

[Cedar Ridge High School Assessment Web Site](#)

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Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2021 14:13:23 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTvW6gAzMqpS6BB5ctm8DNYCJsBuZykxyfrCTvshFnPZg@mail.gmail.com>
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2021 21:50:17 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSAfo_Xv+s-x0Bs8j_L3YNKj7YTGX+H7X4xzfFvPESL3Q@mail.gmail.com>
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Will do! I'll be calling from a 618 area code (my last active duty assignment). Will try to call around 1 or 1:30.

Danielle

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 9:02 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I would love to chat with you. My number is 806-626-8454. If I don't answer leave me a message and I'll call you back. Sometimes I don't hear my phone. Thanks again!

Katy

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:52:56 PM
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Are you available to talk tomorrow in the early afternoon? We have a board meeting I need to leave for at 4:30pm so if we could briefly chat around 1 or 2 pm, please let me know. If tomorrow early afternoon doesn't work for you, my schis more open on Friday. Let me know and send me your number.
Danielle

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 8:50 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Danielle!

It's awesome to hear of someone else who is on the same page. It feels like I'm fighting a losing battle these days because so many are filled with fear. I'm not afraid to bug the heck out of whoever I need to! I'll email them and share the message to all the other distressed mamas out there who feel the way I do. Thank you for your speedy response! If you have any other ideas of things we can do in the future to move this along please let me know.

Thanks so much!

Katy

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:55:43 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Hi Katy and thank you for writing!

If you have been watching the school board meetings then you know that you and I are in agreement.

Trustee Mary Bone and I have been on the losing side of multiple votes to direct this school district back to a normal, on-campus experience.

I encourage you to share your thoughts with the city of round rock city council and mayor. They imposed a mask mandate for the city last year and extended it last week. They have a meeting next week. Their emails can be found on the city's website. If they decide to rescind their mask mandate then I think it's time for our school board members to go on the record with where they stand on this.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

In fact, the mask mandate has been detrimental to my child's health. My son, who is a [REDACTED] at Cedar Valley, suffers from severe allergies and [REDACTED]. Due to three years of allergy shots (one in each arm at each appointment), we had finally gotten his [REDACTED] attacks under control. His [REDACTED] is aggravated by his allergies and he carries a rescue inhaler. Before masks, he hadn't needed his rescue inhaler in almost two years. He now has to use it several times per day because he cannot breathe and is inhaling his body's waste.

As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

They are running the school like it is a prison. They have hall monitors yelling at the kids to put masks over their noses, they are yelling at them for walking a different way than the arrows, and I was recently informed by my son that his assistant principal Mr. Fletcher has a stick that he pokes and harasses children with if he feels they are not socially distanced enough.

My son's mental health has declined drastically and comes home crying sometimes because he is unable to get the social interaction he craves. He's become extremely clingy when he is home. My other son, who is a [REDACTED] at Round Rock high refuses to even attend school because of the mask rule. However, my youngest son was failing his classes and due to his [REDACTED] he needs to be in school so he can receive accommodations and personal direction from his teachers.

Please do the right thing and at least make masks OPTIONAL. It is unconstitutional to demand this on any student. The science does not support a mask mandate for the kids either. Their infection rates are much lower, they are almost always asymptomatic, and the survival rate is almost 100%. We as adults are supposed to be a voice for these kids.

We the parents are pleading for you to lift these restrictions and mandates since the TEA is leaving it up to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RRISD - Mask Requirements per Gov. Abbot rescinding Mask Mandate
Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2021 09:03:18 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpsn+bin5cTkQu8bHa0+EEgSpmQJtmbBcQL=FZ7V9geARA@mail.gmail.com>
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Shauna Kinningham

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Subject: 60-90% FALSE POSITIVES - Round Rock ISD to offer COVID-19 testing to staff and students
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2021 13:16:07 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: ROUND ROCK ISD Recipients <recipients@roundrockisd.parentlink.net>
Cc: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Brandy Hafner <brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org>, Sharon Wilkes <sharon_wilkes@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Roebuck <lisa_roebuck@roundrockisd.org>, Jager Loyde <jager_loyde@roundrockisd.org>, jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org, Dwayne Weirich <dwayne_weirich@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
Message-ID: <EC6DDAA6-A5C1-46E4-B4B9-42933E7887EE@gmail.com>
MD5: c193a61a07f1440ac1ee3b3ff362ba48

Oh goody, and since we now know that 60-90% of "positives" are FALSE positives, this is just brilliant. RRISD sure is showing off some amazing judgement this year, wowza. 🤖👁️

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021 at 1:03 PM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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*Inspiring students to learn.
Empowering students for life.*
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Round Rock ISD to offer COVID-19 testing to staff and students

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, Round Rock ISD will offer free rapid COVID-19 testing by appointment to staff and students at the Raymond E. Hartfield Performing Arts Center, located at [5800 McNeil Drive, Austin, 78729](#).

Testing will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice. Please register in advance for a drive-through COVID-19 testing date using the [Round Rock ISD COVID-19 Testing Form](#).

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Round Rock ISD has remained committed to the health and safety of students, staff and the community. Providing testing will provide an important, additional layer of security. Testing is available to all staff and students, both on-campus and virtual.

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Attachments:



[messages/attachments/3741cca840dff151d1240dd6512fd0ba/PAC_Drive_Through_Testing_Map.pdf](#)
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From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmptj5kgVK5f902xs8FibXX5g6Y4yAiD1zkxY66LS5xE7WA@mail.gmail.com>
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yes, will do. thank you-Shauna

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Can you call me in about 15 min?
618.670.4739

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To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ1ku26bQOSWToOW11LVzgz-HTxayx8a7q+jHKOpof9VQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Resolution to condemn bullying & doxxing of those with whom we disagree?
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2021 15:41:10 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTW5x0-jUYtu0K_1kXW9s1etNJ_8DTcCR_avfVHRhBa2w@mail.gmail.com>
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Ms Brinson,

I really appreciate you taking the time to send this email. I assure you I played no role in its drafting or proposition. The contents of it boggles the mind. Let me know what you hear back from the others.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 3:28 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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ROUND ROCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2021 15:27:59 -0600
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Subject: Re: CKE(local) Policing Policy Follow Ups Discussed at First Reading
Date: Wed, 17 Nov 2021 18:17:10 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTXKDB+m1wBuaXi1ogBB9faPheSwTULr9x09D9mNyD=Zg@mail.gmail.com>
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Very helpful , thank you!

Danielle Weston

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I went back and watched the baord meeting of the first readings. Just wanted to provide these notes that I took for your review.

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Date: Wed, 17 Nov 2021 23:48:33 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <2136543565.2926029.1637192913821@mail.yahoo.com>
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Ladies,

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- Ms. McFeeders stated she would speak with TASB about how not implementing CKE local would impact other policies
 - She mentioned she could get you all the information about the community oversight reviews have gone
- Harrison concerns
 - Clear on equity and disproportionate impacts of policing in schools not reflected in the policy
 - Community oversight/ visibility for reporting back to the community
 - How complaints against the police officers are filed
 - Doesn't say where the complaint goes
 - Requested police procedures and wants to review them before approving the policy
 - Says they will work it out between now and the next meeting
- Feller
 - Wanted a robust discussion about the policy at the next meeting
 - A lot of questions, but the agenda is not posted for this, requests it to be an agenda item
 - Should have lines in the policy that references specific existing regulations or exhibits
- Azaaze
 - Will work with each of you to answer questions and provide more data
- Mary
 - Wants separate agenda item that says this is about the police department
 - Requested regulations and exhibits be sent to BoTs for review.
 - Wants the policy to mention that there will be some sort of oversight committee
 - Needs to be something about an internal audits on is the PD following their policies. Internal audit seems to already be in place, but it needs to be captured in the policy.
- Weston
 - Wants it plainly written in the agenda that the board is talking about the police force
 - Has been asking for a briefing on the budget and spending of the PD
 - Requested that an explanation be given at the next review of the policy on how the external "internal affairs process works; wanted it posted as such so that the community was aware and would tune in to hear it to better understand it
 - Needs to understand what a committee can and cannot do with regard to the fact that the PD is already heavily regulated
 - Wants a committee to review data points to ask questions
- Amy sums it up near the end
 - Regulations and exhibits need to be sent to the board as soon as possible
 - Recognizes that Harrison wants committee oversight and disproportionality added to the policy
 - (Harrison chimes in as says that if those are addressed in regulations and exhibits then it doesn't need to be added to policy)
 - Remove 5 and 6 and tweak 8

Subject: RRISD official Facebook page is now blocking the public from commenting on many numerous public posts.

Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2021 11:58:16 -0600

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Re: Reports of a gang rape or sexual assault involving 8 males & 1 female occurring in a CRHS restroom
Date: Mon, 15 Nov 2021 00:25:35 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Over the weekend, my daughter and I spoke further and very honestly about the out-of-control situation with the goings on in the bathrooms and other areas of her school. As we began discussing root causes and *what's really going on*, it's more than apparent to me that the *culture* and *messaging* in her school is at the true root and heart of the matter.

When you're operating a school system that bombards CHILDREN day-in and day-out ad nauseum with sex and sexual orientation and gender and gender identity and choosing pronouns and every possible type and variety of sex on a seemingly endless sex menu, that IS going to come back to you. *And you deserve it.* Just the same as you deserve the "guest educator" shortage as a result of creating a hostile, bullying work environment. Just the same as you deserve the learning loss as a result of putting kids in front of screens for over a year. Just the same as you deserve getting sued ten ways to Sunday as a result of violating people's Constitutional and human rights. These are called self-inflicted problems. Cause and effect. And I could go on for days with examples of self-inflicted problems here in RRISD.

Additionally, you get what you give. RRISD is *giving* children a steady diet of sex in every imaginable form and fashion- repeatedly asking CHILDREN, ***whether overtly or covertly***, everything from what gender they are, what gender they identify as, which pronouns they want to be called in reference to a malleable gender, which sexual orientation, which type of sex they like, how they like their sex, where they like their sex, with whom they like their sex, with what might they like their sex, explicit instructions on exactly HOW to perform specific sex acts in the school library, and on and on and on. It's an all day SEX SHOW in RRISD. That's where we're at. And THIS, what you're seeing, is what you *get*. Congrats.

These kids are behaving exactly as YOU taught them. Do not dare, so help me God, put the negative results of YOUR gender & sex obsessed school culture and messaging onto the students, nor the parents, nor the media, nor the internet, nor ANYWHERE other than squarely where the blame belongs:



Subject: Re: RRISD official Facebook page is now blocking the public from commenting on many numerous public posts.

Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2021 13:33:33 -0600

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>

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No, your canned PR response is not helpful, Ms. Caputo, nor is it accurate. I notice that all posts *since after* I called you out on this are *now* allowing comments. I still see a few further back that have comments blocked. We're not stupid nor naive, we know darn well that you will illegally limit citizen speech IF ONLY you can get away with it. Well you can't. Not on my watch. Don't even think about pulling this shenanigan again. "Let the public in!"

Additionally, RRISD Trustee Vessa routinely allows personally doxxing and personally degrading & bullying comments about ME on her Trustee page that are entirely unrelated to the issue being discussed in the post. I hold no employment or office in RRISD, there's zero reason to allow vile, personally doxxing hate speech about ME, or people who share my opinions. I recommend you share your community standards of engagement *with your own Trustee* if you actually purport to hold the district to these standards. Trustee Vessa falsely told me that it's illegal for her to moderate her own public Trustee Facebook account comments whatsoever, and that she MUST by law allow harassment, bullying, doxxing, profanity, threats, privacy violations, personally derogatory comments, EVERYTHING... and she does. Trustee Vessa, that's a lie. You absolutely can delete comments that personally bully and doxx me and others, yet you choose to encourage those comments against me, and all like me, by falsely claiming it's illegal to moderate your own account, meanwhile babbling on about "hate." YOU, Madam, are the intentional enabler of hate.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:57 PM Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hello all,

The Round Rock ISD Facebook page is open for community members to offer positive and negative points of view.

Our news feed posts often include news celebrating our students and staff, and we have community rules of engagement on those posts. Those rules are pinned to the top of the page and can include hiding comments that aren't relevant to the post. These rules are necessary as visitors use posts about students and staff to become belligerent towards each other, post misinformation, or repeatedly spam and post the same comment. We also use Facebook's profanity filter which automatically hides comments using profanity.

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have many examples of negative comments that remain visible.

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I hope this information is helpful.--




Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, MPAff

Chief of Public Affairs and Communications

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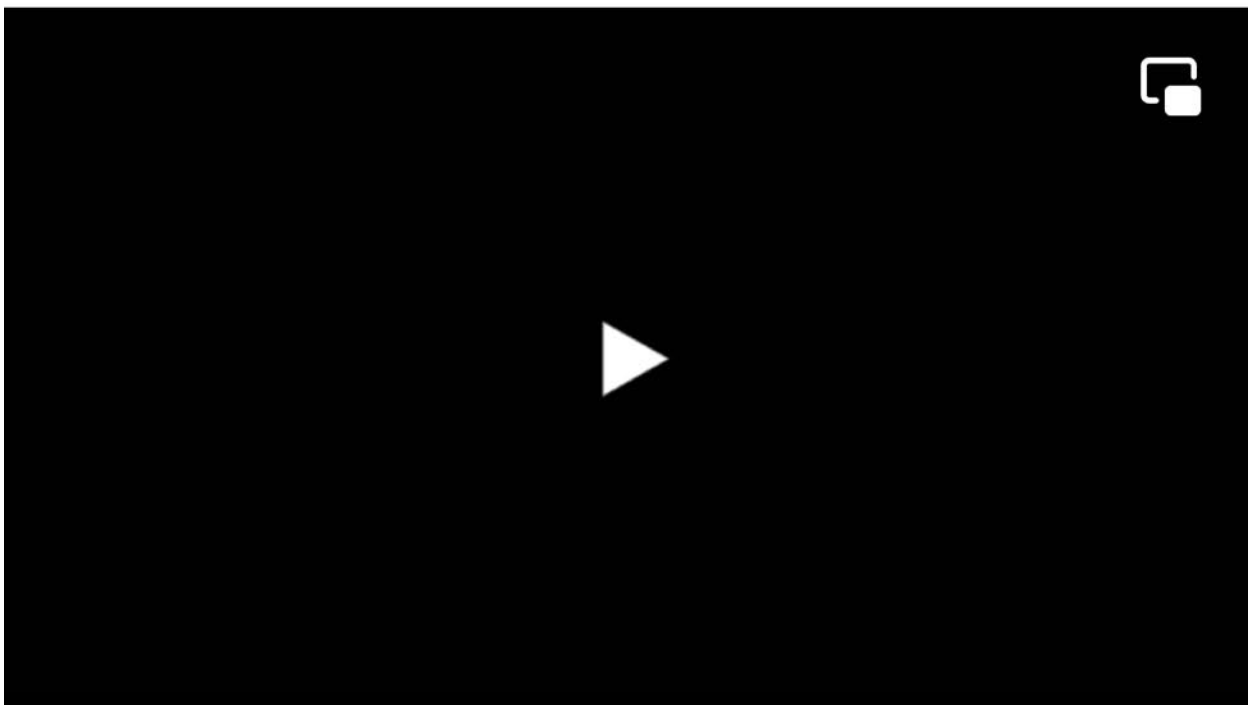


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At the end of the day, we are a public school district that serves students who follow us on social media. We want students to observe good digital citizenship habits while interacting with their schools and the District online.

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Subject: Fwd: WCCHD Board Meeting today (10 Nov 2021)
Date: Mon, 15 Nov 2021 16:28:58 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 4:07 PM
Subject: Re: WCCHD Board Meeting today (10 Nov 2021)
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

Dr Azaiez,

Today your staff sent out an email to the community announcing that effective today, the district will follow a CDC color coded matrix that was developed in Atlanta, GA as the premises for the masking of children in RRISD. Your staff announced that you are making this change because the WCCHD has abandoned its color coded gating criteria. I do not understand what is going on with this announcement. They board never discussed or voted on utilizing the CDC's color coded system to make mask decisions. The WCCHD is not recommending any color codes anymore, it simply offers a link to an out-of-state federal agency as an FYI to visitors to their website. To be clear, the WCCHD does not recommend any color codes to anyone. This is evidenced by the fact that not a single WCCHD board member wore a mask in last week's (10 Nov 2021) board meeting (held in a very public setting) in which they announced their abandonment of recommending any color codes effective 15 Nov.

Making a policy change without board approval is one problem. Another problem is making a policy change (disregarding APH and utilizing the CDC) that means that Covid will have to be virtually eliminated in order for masks to be optional in RRISD. Is that your goal?

We never get to numbers that low with the flu and yet never ask students to wear masks during flu season. Not even in the 2014-2015 flu season when over 800 children died of the

flu: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/2014-2015.html>

According to the CDC website, 595 children have died of Covid over the last two years: https://data.cdc.gov/widgets/9bhg-hcku?mobile_redirect=true

I have tried to operate within the confines that exist in common sense and problem solving on this. But I find you unreceptive to reacting appropriately to the facts as demonstrated by today's announcement from your staff.

According to the document passed by the board on 22 Sep, the only entity listed with a color coded guide for mask recommendations is APH. Moving the goal posts around is not acceptable in my view, undermines trust in our community and does not serve children.

Do I need to go into the fact that you just had 350 members of a RRISD high school band on a trip out of state and they were often crammed into a confined space in a convention center with scores of other enormous bands from across the country and less than 5% were ever wearing a mask? I have the pictures. And this goes for the staff and the many parents (several of whom are employed by RRISD) up there mask free. Help me understand how students are supposed to make sense of the hypocrisy? Because that's who I care about. Not being a hypocrite in front of children.

The change from WCCHD today represents an opportunity to pivot on this issue, unite our community and move forward. Why do you instead double down on modeling hypocrisy to students?

Pres Weir,

How do you recommend we proceed if the superintendent is not following the motion that the board approved in the 22 Sep 2021 meeting? I provided time stamps and detailed motion language from that meeting higher up in this thread.

I will remind all of you that no other school district in Williamson County has mandated masks for weeks. There has been no escalation in cases, hospitalizations or deaths as a result. ZERO.

How can we move forward on this?

Daniele Weston

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 6:28 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez,

I appreciate your response but it seems that you didn't understand my email or are dismissing what I am briefing you on and asking you. I can't tell which of these is the case. I have notified you that WCCHD announced yesterday that they will have no color based guidance effective 15 Nov. This is a big, significant change and requires action.

Are you going to now follow APH's guidelines (screenshot from today attached) as your mask matrix says? Or are we calling a meeting to revisit the mask issue? Which path are we pursuing?

The landscape has changed with the WCCHD no longer issuing guidance. As of 15 Nov, they are only reporting data, not issuing guidance.

Please tell me which of the two paths we are going down. We need clarity in our community.

Danielle Weston



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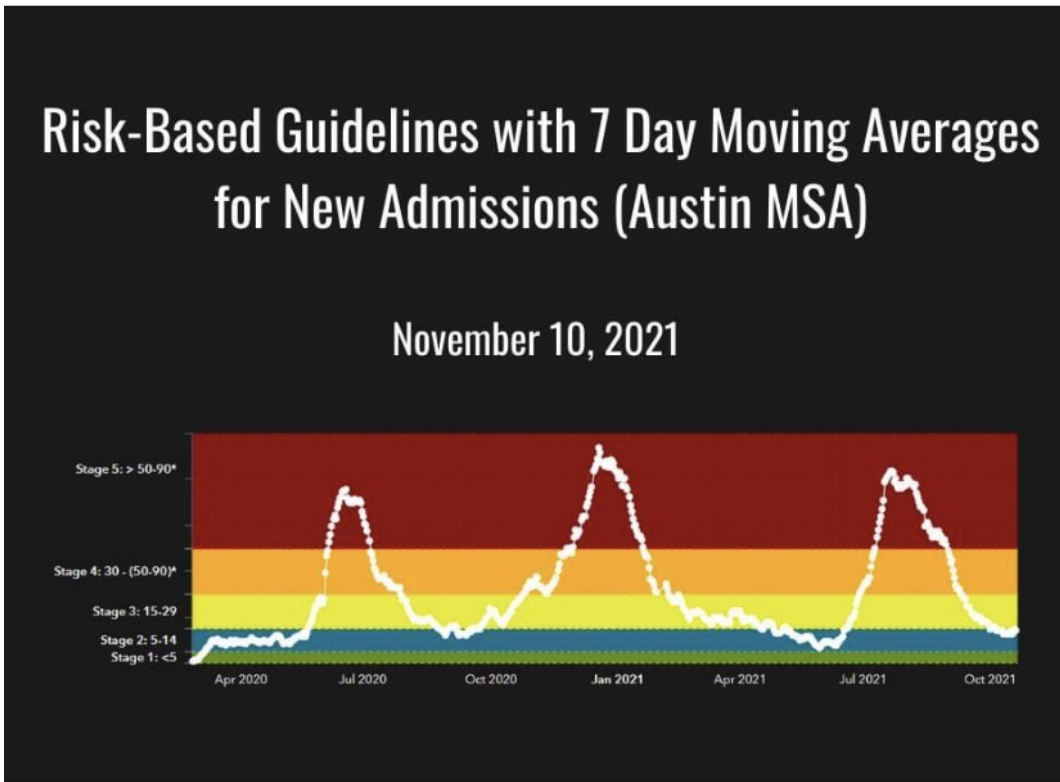


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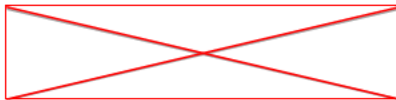
Good evening Trustee Weston,

Thank you for sharing this information with us. Our plan is to adjust our district's matrix to remain in line with APH and WCCHD's guidance.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 4:54 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir,

It's been over 24 hours and I have not heard back from you on this consequential matter. Will we be going with APH's stages (as your matrix says) or holding another meeting on masks?

I just watched the 22 Sep 2021 board meeting again. I would point you to the minutes of the meeting so you'd know what was voted on and when but the approval of the minutes for this meeting have not come to the board for approval.

At the 2:52:00 mark, Dr Azaiez says, "we aligned the matrix with the Williamson County and Cities Health District and Austin Public Health. We'd like to get your support for this mask matrix."

At the 2:57:00 mark, Trustee Feller says, "

At the 3:12:30 mark, Trustee Xiao makes the following motion, "I move that the board direct the administration to make future decisions regarding masks in accordance with the matrix presented and or legally issued court orders or TEA enforcement."

At the 3:15:40 mark Trustee Feller says, I like that this is tied to a matrix and that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We entered into stage 4 in Austin yesterday. If the decline keeps going, we could be in stage 3 in two weeks. That;s what I've supported, wearing masks until community spread is less."

Then at the 3:18:10 mark the sound goes out, hands are raised apparently in a vote on the motion made by Xiao. Again, we have no minutes to offer to confirm anything. It appears to an observer that the board passed Xiao's motion.

I have included a screenshot from the WCCHD covid dashboard for data (number of cases) from Sep to Nov 2021. As you can see, around the time of the 22 Sep 2021 board meeting, the data was at its peak. It has since fallen like a rock in Williamson county. I also have a screenshot of every single day of data from the WCCHD website which captures the number of new daily cases. I see that the peak was on Sep 15 (551 cases) and Sep 23 (427 cases). Again, the data has fallen like a rock. Today the number of new cases in WillCo with it's 650k residents is 54 new cases. As evidenced by the fact that no other ISD in WilCO is asserting they are in "Red", there is no reason based on the data that RRISD should still be in Red.

As I told you yesterday in this email thread, the color coded chart that the WCCHD adopted in Sep 2020 has been abandoned by the WCCHD. Effective 15 Nov, they will no longer use it or have it on their website. This is the chart your board approved matrix is based on when you listen to the motion made by Xiao in the 22 Sep meeting. Again, either the matrix needs to now just rely on APH (as is listed on the matrix) or we need another meeting ASAP to address this. Please let me know what you decide. We need resolution quickly.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 11:34 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir,

The Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) met today at 10 am at the Round Rock Public Library. The meeting was open to the public and I attended.

Item 5 on the agenda was the WCCHD gating criteria. They announced that the WCCHD is no longer assigning colors to interpret data. This comes as a surprise to no one paying attention. I have shared multiple times that the WCCHD has been embroiled in controversy for a long time and all board members have been replaced. The WCCHD even recommended that Leander ISD close its doors to students for 10 days back in Aug 2021. Insanity. Luckily for the students and families in LISD, that advice was soundly rejected. And as I have asked before, who is the bigger fool...the person who hands out bad advice or the person who follows bad advice?

This is significant for RRISD because in the 22 Sep 2021 board meeting, the board voted 5-2 to approve a mask matrix, which I have attached to this email.

The WCCHD is specifically cited on the matrix, " *Color-coded stages based on WCCHD gating stages".

Given this significant new development today, it appears to me that we have two choices. Either go with APH's stages (also cited on the matrix) or hold a Mask Wars Part IV meeting.

Danielle Weston

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Re: Parental rights violation by RRISD on Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 8:59 AM
Date: Mon, 1 Mar 2021 11:05:02 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Ms Brinson,

I am surprised to see RRISD opining quarantine/medical advice in official communication about one of many non-RRISD events. All of our students have had a school year mired in fear, distance, isolation, learning loss, etc. Many have lost hope.

I would like to see all of our efforts being put towards salvaging everything possible for these students in the remaining weeks of the school year. I have hoped and prayed that a campaign to bring high school students back for the last 9 weeks would emerge and have asked for it. What a wonderful ending to a difficult year it would be for students to be back on campus to spend the last few weeks of their secondary education with students and teachers they haven't seen since half way through the second semester of the last school year. How wonderful that would be. It would also be wonderful and appropriate to fully endorse and support a prom for these students. Make it extra special, memorable and OPTIONAL.

Our understanding of who is most at risk for Covid-19 in Mar 2021 has evolved tremendously since Mar 2020. Every RRISD staff member in the high risk group (age 65+) has had the opportunity to be vaccinated and most decided to be vaccinated. Our vaccinated employees in the 1b group (those with comorbidities) grows by the day. Leaders in both political parties are urging a return to school for the vast majority of students.

Airplanes full of people are criss-crossing the country, the city of Round Rock hosted hundreds of people at its annual Daddy/daughter dance last weekend, restaurants are full, football and soccer teams are crashing into each other. And the unvaccinated elderly and medically vulnerable are staying home and avoiding crowds as they should.

I am student focused and believe these students deserve a prom and whatever else can possibly be done to salvage this school year and leave our seniors and their families with good memories and a positive impression of RRISD. I stand ready to help in any way I can.

Danielle Weston

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Subject: Parental Rights Notice for [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2021 10:32:52 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Milton Perez <milton_perez@roundrockisd.org>, Donna Pruet <donna_pruett@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Laurie Chamblee <laurie_chamblee@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]> david beinke <specialedmarine@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-zjDzF-FCF=H2PZ6M1jG1B5QZnj3R2JaCgO_aQ5=1dtZQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 54e2757522f01c7a279a203c4d1d59a6

Good morning,

[REDACTED] spent yesterday as an out-of-district transfer student in Hutto ISD.

He definitely sees the educational benefits of moving to HISD with the band playing together as a band, holding concerts, on-campus students in classes to themselves and not attached to screens all day in the same room with teachers, access to manipulatives & physical hands-on learning tools, and being allowed to breathe freely throughout Athletics workouts. But there's also a social/emotional side to school that is too much change at this time mid-year for a child who struggles with change under normal circumstances, let alone extraordinary and traumatic circumstances.

He found yesterday that he's profoundly behind in Band. His 7th grade peers at Farley MS have played *together* as a band all year, held normal concerts all year, and teachers & staff excitedly told me about their wonderful Christmas/holiday concert in their school's commons area that added so much holiday spirit to their school in December. [REDACTED] told me how they didn't cut ridiculous holes in masks to wear while playing their instruments. They just played. As they have all year. **In order to transfer to HISD, [REDACTED] will need to go back to Beginning Band class with the 6th graders because he's so far behind after this year in RRISD. This was emotionally devastating for him to hear.**

I asked the administration, teachers and staff in HISD to please pray that RRISD leadership gets its act together for the sake of our children's education and futures over here. I didn't know how else to respond to their confusion.

Our final breaking point for deciding to make this move was reckless airway obstruction during exercise. We, as parents of [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson, are now represented by David Beinke of Cirkiel & Associates, P.C. We're informing you now in writing that our children's airways are to *never* be obstructed during *any* intensity level of exercise or during recovery from exercise. We are invoking our parental rights, you are on notice that this reckless treatment of our child(ren) *shall never* occur again. If *EVER* anyone in RRISD is inclined to in any way obstruct our children's airways during exercise or during recovery from exercise, you are to dial us immediately at [REDACTED]. Our children also *shall not* face discrimination, exclusion or retaliation from normal class activities as a result of our invocation of our parental rights.

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RRISD - Mask Requirements per Gov. Abbot rescinding Mask Mandate
Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2021 20:09:11 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpufPsgZ_mFKpHahCSfQwhnT-5tXzU+ZfEjt7tSTCTTX6A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: bfb71a25ec10aaf5dedd2f35682dd3fb

Thank you very much for getting back to me Danielle. I will contact them tonight.

Best Wishes,
Shauna

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 5:44 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Shauna,

Thank you for writing and I agree with you completely. Please keep in mind that the Round Rock city Council still has a mask mandate for the city in place. I recommend you reach out to the mayor and the city Council to let them know your thoughts on their mandate. They are meeting next week. If the city decides to lift the local mask mandate, I think it will be time for the board of trustees to make a public decision on the matter regarding masks in our schools.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 2:13 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Board of Directors,

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I know there will be pressure from fearful parents, but I ask the board to please consider that if the Governor of our state thinks this is the right course of action for the residents of Texas, that RRISD also follows suit with removing this policy from all the schools and making mask wearing OPTIONAL. The children are suffering having to wear these mask all day every day. There are so many studies on just how bad physically and mentally this is for them.

I also urge the board to consider getting the schools back to regular schedules where the children can switch between classes like they used to. Our High school student is doing virtual school currently because we are still waiting for school to go back to normal.

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham
Blackland Prairie Elem & Cedar Ridge HS (parent)

Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Parental Rights Notice for [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson
Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2021 08:33:05 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBg1z1WzegDWR7-kBeo+merHRwdj=NAiwCmdI2p0hPwRqVQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 1be6b29ecace35a2f82cf3c77bb544d5

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RRISD - Mask Requirements per Gov. Abbot rescinding Mask Mandate
Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2021 14:13:08 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpsKzY2xQpVOsLDFgjU+VcsmMi_+MpN+r8q_sW1e_85Z4w@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 3ded2f08000ae7657898cce76d635128

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Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2021 17:44:29 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgI_h+zkYCKN9EO-BvcoYtWRWde5qz1zwRH=H1+NqRJrow@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 534ac276ed638752891d65f662040798

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Shauna Kinningham
Blackland Prairie Elem & Cedar Ridge HS (parent)

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Removal of Mask Mandate
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2021 17:04:26 -0600
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: superintendent_rrisd@roundrockisd.org, Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAAUL7TnPLqaNv6q0dVReZNwTAC-oHPBqyi_Ric5ysQQ5oiZMfA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 56bd2e9793de58b86aaf123d41aa4ad9

Dear Superintendent and Board of Trustees,

I implore you to uphold the recent removal of the mask mandate by Governor Abbott. They do nothing to help children or teachers and have been found to be detrimental in multiple ways. Please give us, the parents, the option to decide what is best for our children and not a board of trustees who have consistently shown that they have no interest in what is best for our children during this entire pandemic. We are being forced to live under the rule of Round Rock ISD and an unelected public health official who has been wrong on every single prediction he has made which has only hurt the students of RRISD. We pay the taxes, and as such, should be able to decide what is best for our children, especially when every single shred of scientific evidence shows that RRISD has been wrong about how they have treated our children both in-person and virtually. Please end this madness and let our kids go back to being kids.

This is unacceptable.

Regards,

John Keagy

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Removal of Mask Mandate
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2021 17:40:50 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTkD-t+ubHn8Q_r_fVDBPxFnFUePvhHbAgS3NRU+kW5yQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 84ef198fd14a0e1d64878451e0edf312

Hi John, If you have been watching the school board meetings then you know that you and I are largely in agreement. Trustee Mary Bone and I have been on the losing side of multiple votes to direct this school district back to a normal, on-campus experience.

Many students have left our district because of what you are talking about. Unless we reverse course, I think that continued enrollment decline is on the horizon. I do appreciate you sending this email and would encourage you to share your thoughts with the city of round rock city council and mayor. They have also imposed a mask mandate. They have a meeting next week. Their emails can be found on the city's website. If they decide to rescind their mask mandate then I think it's time for our school board members to go on the record with where they stand on this.

-dw

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 5:04 PM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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This is unacceptable.

Regards,
John Keagy

Subject: THANK YOU!!!!
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2021 11:49:13 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Ashley Rhea <ashley_rhea@roundrockisd.org>, Andres Pena <andres_pena@roundrockisd.org>, Matthew Morey <matthew_morey@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-xtg8WWeq_ESASt-d5wqtK78ip4J3iPr4MVhXzn53G4uw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: d1813d5efb9cec4498984c3f68c55477

Just a quick, but sincere THANK YOU for not ruining this beautiful photo with kids' faces covered up and looking ridiculous for no reason whatsoever!! Love it, gorgeous children, thank you so much for all you do everyday!!! ♡



Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2021 19:55:43 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRxtc19oUwrakY2jkfokvB7L7Rx8TeC=c8EJ6ihOL9z6g@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: e6eeee1d24118bea64e6de1a5b0d1187

Hi Katy and thank you for writing! If you have been watching the school board meetings then you know that you and I are in agreement. Trustee Mary Bone and I have been on the losing side of multiple votes to direct this school district back to a normal, on-campus experience.

I encourage you to share your thoughts with the city of round rock city council and mayor. They imposed a mask mandate for the city last year and extended it last week. They have a meeting next week. Their emails can be found on the city's website. If they decide to rescind their mask mandate then I think it's time for our school board members to go on the record with where they stand on this.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

In fact, the mask mandate has been detrimental to my child's health. My son, who is a [REDACTED] at Cedar Valley, suffers from severe allergies and [REDACTED]. Due to three years of allergy shots (one in each arm at each appointment), we had finally gotten his [REDACTED] attacks under control. His [REDACTED] is aggravated by his allergies and he carries a rescue inhaler. Before masks, he hadn't needed his rescue inhaler in almost two years. He now has to use it several times per day because he cannot breathe and is inhaling his body's waste.

As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

They are running the school like it is a prison. They have hall monitors yelling at the kids to put masks over their noses, they are yelling at them for walking a different way than the arrows, and I was recently informed by my son that his assistant principal Mr. Fletcher has a stick that he pokes and harasses children with if he feels they are not socially distanced enough.

My son's mental health has declined drastically and comes home crying sometimes because he is unable to get the social interaction he craves. He's become extremely clingy when he is home. My other son, who is a [REDACTED] at Round Rock high refuses to even attend school because of the mask rule. However, my youngest son was failing his classes and due to his [REDACTED] he needs to be in school so he can receive accommodations and personal direction from his teachers.

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to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2021 01:49:47 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: "Board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org" <Board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SA0PR07MB7644593B72EA57BBA998467AD0979@SA0PR07MB7644.namprd07.prod.outlook.com>
MD5: 49a4b2b87fab151c8f78d1dab90e0120

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Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Re: Texas Government Code Section 551.007 violation
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2021 13:35:13 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com>
Cc: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTGyQmJXRecj8Wx+udC_LcC6rHHD1akMLsEi2qrcpKS7Q@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 16d8a7bc57500552e61be7878aac4a83
Attachments: Screen Shot 2021-08-23 at 10.18.21 AM.png

I just verified Ms Brinson's screenshot from 3 hours is accurate. This is what appears on our on-line agenda.

Does our agenda comply with the law or not?
 Are public comments allowed or not? Is action allowed or not? These are simple questions.

Danielle Weston
 RRISD Trustee

On Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 10:47 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Your own agenda states that you may reconvene in open session and take action. Your agenda states, **"Following the Closed Session, the Board will reconvene in Open Session and may take action on any item discussed in Closed Session."** You're breaking the law.

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the BoardDocs website. The URL is go.boarddocs.com/tx/rrisd/Board.nsf/Publ. The page header includes the address 1311 Round Rock Ave | Round Rock, Texas 78681 | (512) 464-5000 | f (512) 464-5055 and the navigation menu with options: FEATURED, MEETINGS, AGENDA, POLICIES, and LIBRARY. The search bar contains 'Search Agenda'. The agenda items are listed as follows:

- A. CALL TO ORDER
 - 1. Call to Order
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE
 - 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
- C. CLOSED SESSION
 - 1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Under Section 551.071, the Board will meet in consultation with attorney regarding the Superintendent's contract.
- D. CALL BACK TO ORDER
 - 1. Call Back to Order
- E. ADJOURNMENT
 - 1. Adjournment

The 'Agenda Item Details' section for item C provides the following information:

- Meeting: Aug 23, 2021 - ROUND ROCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALLED BOARD MEETING
- Category: CLOSED SESSION
- Subject: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Under Section 551.071, the Board will meet in consultation with attorney regarding the Superintendent's contract.
- Type: Information

The details section also includes a paragraph: "Such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date and place given in this Notice as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the above mentioned sections and purposes." and a concluding sentence: "Following the Closed Session, the Board will reconvene in Open Session and may take action on any item discussed in Closed Session."

Open public comment in accordance with the law. You're in violation of the law and I'm reporting you.

On Sat, Aug 21, 2021 at 8:21 AM Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I have confirmed with TEA that "If there is not action set to be taken, then there is not a need to post/accept public comment".

The call to order, pledge, call back to order, and adjournment will, of course, be open to the public.

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:53 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I just spoke with an assistant to the TEA Deputy Commissioner of Governance and he said that we the public do have a legal right to speak even if the only agenda item is in closed session. The Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Call Back to Order & Adjournment are all public and so is Public Comment. I would like my legal right to give public testimony granted please, thank you.

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:23 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms Brinson,

I sent an email inquiry to board Pres Weir yesterday asking for public comments to be added to the agenda of next week's 23 Aug 2021 board meeting, the one in your screenshot. She replied that the law allows for her to omit public comments from the agenda for a meeting that only has closed session items on the agenda. I planned to reply to Pres Weir asking for a reference to the TGC or TEC that she is referring to.

Pres Weir, can you please provide that citation here on this email thread and then to the entire board?

-Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:09 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board of TRUSTees,

I just got off the phone with TEA regarding Monday's called Board meeting, which denies the public their legal right to provide testimony:

<image1.jpeg>

They instructed me to email you and direct your attention to Texas Government Code Section 551.007 and then call back once you reply as to whether you'll be allowing the public their legal right to provide testimony.

Will you be allowing public comment/testimony during Monday's called board meeting?

Thank you,

April

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Amy Weir

Round Rock ISD Board President

Trustee Place 5

Subject: Re: Is there a certain number?
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 2021 15:25:37 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT-oRo+sWO21XbW3HNonA1uOQkA6mz42KED3sADqYt+tQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: bbd30de68cd87699e5c3b07c1a8096f7

April, I just watched this and I will tell you that as not only a trustee, but as a mother who values her children's lives more than anything else, this is my worst nightmare as we near the one year anniversary of the onset of virtual learning. The good news is our understanding of Covid-19 has evolved tremendously since March 2020 and we now have a vaccine. The bad news is that the toll on the mental health of our students is enormous and few middle and high school students have returned to campuses.

I will echo Trustee Feller's words from the 24 Feb 2021 board meeting when she said that it's her "hope that almost 100% of students will return to campus in August". And I will share that in a meeting I had with Dr Presley and Ms Mandy Estes earlier this month, Estes told me that her vision for virtual learning in RRISD in the 2021-22 school year (if the TX Leg approves it) is for virtual learning to be its own separate entity. This will preserve the virtual option for medically vulnerable students while making it more consistent with the realities of the longtime on-line education vendor experience to include fewer course offerings and proctored exams.

I will tell you I am eager to learn more about this from our administration as many in the community (students, teachers, parents) are desperate to understand RRISD's Fall 2021 plan so that they can plan accordingly as well.

Thank you for your e-mail and for sharing the video of a mother whose son committed suicide because of the prolonged isolation that virtual learning has brought. It is hard but important for all education professionals to watch.

Danielle

On Sat, Feb 27, 2021 at 2:33 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Minute 4:00– Hear this mother's testimony before her late son's school board.^[2] Some days I sit paralyzed and just quietly ask God how many more children's lives? How many is enough? We've lost 0 of our RRISD children to covid in a year, and several to suicide plus ideation/attempts in treatment programs. Really, how many? Is there a certain number?

<https://youtu.be/RfhtWxAt16Y>

Subject: Re: RRISD - Mask issue (school ref)
Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 17:12:51 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
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THANK YOU SHAUNA! Keep in mind that I'm actually prohibited by the Open Meetings Act from communicating with all of the trustees outside of an open meeting and that includes via email. Thus, I'm not able to share this information. But the good news is that you can! And I hope you do.

Danielle

On Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 5:08 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,
Just wanted to share with you this updated document of TX schools (and references) that have lifted their mask mandate so you can share with the board.

Thanks-Shauna

On Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 7:08 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Wow thank you for that info about other districts Shauna. And I am glad you talked to Mayor Morgan. Did you see the Williamson County Covid Dashboard today? We are down to 39 new cases for the day. That is the lowest I have seen that number since May 2020.

Please send an email to the entire board ([board of trustees@roundrockisd.org](mailto:board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org)) and let everyone know what you want on the 25 March 2021 agenda and why. Mary and I asked for a mask discussion and possible action to be on the agenda at the end of the 4 Mar 2021 meeting. In addition, I want to share with you a message I sent Board Pres Amy Weir and Dr Presley earlier today. It's copied and pasted below. I have redacted the campus I cited to them as I do not want any retribution to come to the hard working staff at that campus.

Pres Weir and Dr Presley,

Elementary kids across the state have been playing outside at recess for months mask-free and it has not been problematic. We need to let RRISD kids play mask free while outdoors at recess. This has to happen now and I am asking that it not have to play out at the dias. If I have to draft a resolution for the 25 Mar agenda that directs the district to allow elementary age children to be able to play outside mask free at this point, with all that we know about the virus, it will be very disappointing and demonstrate a lack of leadership from all of us as we should be solving problems at the lowest level possible. This shouldn't be a board issue or agenda item.

I'd also ask for the district to have a data driven plan that shows our path to a "mask optional" standard in RRISD. It's time to tie decision making to data. The number of active cases in the area, number of hospitalizations, % of at-risk staff provided access to the vaccine (over 65+), number of all staff vaccinated are some of the data points (among others) that can and should be used to make these decisions. We are past the point of making decisions because of how people feel. Again, I ask that this request for a plan not have to play out at the dias as it shouldn't be a board issue or agenda item.

I have no desire to set an arbitrary date to remove all masks from all campuses. The masks at recess are ridiculous. And since we won't be wearing masks in perpetuity, the community deserves a plan about what our decisions on masking going forward are based on.

As an aside, when I was at XXXXXX campus two weeks ago, there were teachers on break sitting outside mask free. When they saw me coming, they all quickly put their masks on. I asked them why they did that. They said they didn't want to get in trouble but are done with wearing masks and that they hate being forced to wear it. I shared with them that I am not the mask police and personally believe we are at a point where people can choose whether they want to wear a mask. I told them that as a trustee, I preferred to make official decisions based on data and that I believe the data points to us being able to plan for moving to a mask optional standard. Then I went inside and an administrator in the office quickly put her mask on when she saw me enter the office. This has become a game that serves no one, especially not children. We need to recognize human reality that is going on and deliver a plan that shows the path to lifting the mask rule in a data driven, controlled and phased manner. Forcing this to play out at the dias doesn't reverse the decline in the mental health of students nor does it address the learning loss of students. My preference is for our time at the dias be focused on those two priorities as well as other items that require the time of the trustees by statute.

Danielle

On Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 4:13 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I just wanted to follow up with you. I spoke to Mayor Morgan last Friday and he said the decision of masks in schools should be decided strictly by the board and not dependent on what the city does. He explained to me the situation with the City of Round Rock keeping their mask mandate until the end of April, but he did say he spoke to an epidemiologist and was very optimistic things were going to be much better by the end of March into April.

How do we go about requesting a Board Meeting that has public input and have this on the agenda? A lot of parents are really concerned about the continued mask mandate, especially with the rising temperatures and them being required to wear them playing outside.

Here is a list of schools that have ALREADY removed the mask mandate (as of today).. and there are more and more coming out each day.

Comal ISD
Johnson City ISD
Magnolia ISD
Peaster ISD
Lubbock ISD
Hallsville ISD
Sweetwater ISD
Normagee ISD
Canyon ISD (on 4/5)
Lexington ISD

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 4:52 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

Just following up per our conversation today. Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me. I really appreciate it.

I emailed Amber and she responded. She is going to call me to chat this weekend. She did say the following "We have teachers and staff with underlying medical conditions for which COVID could be quite deadly. I will not be able to support a removal of all masks in the classroom until all staff have had

the choice to have the vaccine or not."

I responded and mentioned that the DSHS announced yesterday all Texas teachers and childcare workers are now eligible for the covid vaccine.... so with this news, along with the Governor's recent order that appears to prevent the city from even having a city wide mask mandate, the board will be in a better position to make this decision based on the recent events.

Just keeping you in the loop.

Also, this is a great article on a North Texas school district (Peaster ISD) that could be an example for the entire country.

<https://www.texanswakeup.com/post-1/peaster-isd-masks-off-a-case-study-for-all-of-texas?fbclid=IwAR3WpFG9I337euMLLfIW2SK98DWOTGlehGT9VFIWIRr7Xy3ingwYZOI748A>

Take care,

Shauna

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:06 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

yes, will do. thank you-Shauna

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:05 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Can you call me in about 15 min?
618.670.4739

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:03 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I wanted to follow up with you. Per your recommendation I contacted all of the RR city council members as well as the Williamson County and Cities Health District. Governor Abbott's executive order says schools must follow "guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency." and I'm sure you are aware that TEA announced yesterday that they are leaving the decision up to the local school boards, so I'm assuming that means the ball is in your court now. I read Governor Abbot's executive order GA 34 and it says that there shall only be a mask mandate IF there are 7 consecutive days in which the number of COVID hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15% or more. Therefore, the city of Round Rock will not legally be able to continue having the mask mandate.

Moving forward, how else would you advise I get involved? When is the next board meeting? I'm new to working with the board so any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 5:44 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Shauna,

Thank you for writing and I agree with you completely. Please keep in mind that the Round Rock city Council still has a mask mandate for the city in place. I recommend you reach out to the mayor and the city Council to let them know your thoughts on their mandate. They are meeting next week. If the city decides to lift the local mask mandate, I think it will be time for the board of trustees to make a public decision on the matter regarding masks in our schools.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 2:13 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Board of Directors,

I was very excited to hear that Governor Abbot rescinded the state-wide mask mandate this afternoon effective Wednesday 3/10/21. I'm assuming RRISD will be updating their policy to reflect this new decision.

I know there will be pressure from fearful parents, but I ask the board to please consider that if the Governor of our state thinks this is the right course of action for the residents of Texas, that RRISD also follows suit with removing this policy from all the schools and making mask wearing OPTIONAL. The children are suffering having to wear these mask all day every day. There are so many studies on just how bad physically and mentally this is for them.

I also urge the board to consider getting the schools back to regular schedules where the children can switch between classes like they used to. Our High school student is doing virtual school currently because we are still waiting for school to go back to normal.

Thank you for your time,

Shauna Kinningham

Blackland Prairie Elem & Cedar Ridge HS (parent)

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Graduation
Date: Fri, 12 Mar 2021 09:11:53 -0600
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Amanda Johnson <Amanda_Johnson@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <C154DD7C-55D5-44D5-8E13-A07C30435B06@gmail.com>
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This morning, I participated in your coffee with the principal.
Just so you know, the Graduation Walk and mask wearing are seriously anti-climatic and are BS!
Shame on all of you for trying to sell this as okay. THIS IS NOT OKAY!!!!

What is wrong with you all?!

You all have ruined the senior year for this class so much and you continue to just make this a living hell.

I don't know how you can possibly look these kids in the eye.

Lisa Lusby

Subject: Re: Urgent assistance with transferring all SpEd records & IEP for [REDACTED] Brinson to Hutto ISD
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 18:09:48 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org, mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org, travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you for your reply and acknowledgement, Ms. Harrison. You and 4 other current Board members have miserably failed my child's, and so many other children's, education since your swearing in ceremony, and caused and continue to cause covid to be a much more traumatic experience with dramatically deeper and longer lasting impacts than what is or was necessary. The 5 of you will require a profoundly honest reckoning with the truth to earn our trust and child back. I'm convinced it won't happen until after RRISD hits rock bottom. Similar to ERCOT's board dysfunction really. When RRISD hits the proverbial 4 minutes, 37 seconds to "black start," or worse - and if, and after, the hard work to come back occurs, maybe we'll reconsider RRISD if our child isn't yet an adult. I can't even type this email without a blast phone call reminding me that Monday is yet ANOTHER trash, no education, wasted day for my children after countless days off and wasted, poor quality instruction all year.

Having double covid pneumonia was an absolute walk in the park compared to the utter hell and incompetent "leadership" of this school year in RRISD. Never once did it ever cross my mind, even in the hardest days of debilitating pneumonia when I heard my lungs audibly gurgling and my fever hit 103, that it was justification to ruin our children's lives, education and futures. In fact, how dare you, and how dare the rest of you? I would gladly have it again everyday of the week to give our children the futures they deserve. Hutto ISD does indeed seem to see the bigger picture and hold deep respect for those who *do* wish to go to campus and receive high quality in person instruction. We have no desire to flee RRISD, like so many others in our position, who were forced between a rock and a hard place as responsible parents. It's criminal. You, Cory Vessa, Amy Weir, Jun Xiao & Amber Feller should be embarrassed and ashamed of the deplorable quality of on campus education RRISD is providing and has provided over the past year. Absurd and appalling. History and God will judge the 5 of you harshly. And you deserve it because you've earned it. Your volunteer service is causing RRISD's children far more harm than good.

On Feb 25, 2021, at 5:01 PM, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you for your email, Mrs. Brinson. I do hear your heart. I will read and re-read. I hope that you find what you are looking for in Hutto and that you will consider returning to Round Rock ISD as the situation improves to fit your needs.

I hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and well!

Thank you,

Tiffanie Harrison
Round Rock ISD Trustee
Board Secretary | Place 6

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Board, I cc'd you because I heard *talk* last night about a supposed desire to understand the *why* students are fleeing RRISD. Crazy that concrete data isn't being actively collected on the *why* already, but not surprising. I personally remain unconvinced that any of you genuinely care about the *why* outside of Danielle Weston, Mary Bone, and I have a gut feeling Mandy Estes sincerely cares, and I've accepted that at this point because it's out of my control. I wish I could impart the care for children, but that's wholly on you. I definitely tried. We're obviously cutting our losses and moving on. I figured I'd give you a data point as we exit on the *why* since your lip service last night claimed you care. We all tuning in know you don't actually care based upon actions. The level of tone deafness and just plain out-of-touch-ness in 5 of 7 of you is astounding and depressing. I worked so hard to make it better from the very beginning of the new board election filings until now, I gave so much time, effort, and energy to RRISD as a regular mom in the district, but I give up, you win. I hope you're happy. I must assume that families like ours who care deeply about children and quality of education with high standards are ones you're happy to see leave. You'd probably claim that's not true, but wow, I just can't reconcile that with reality in my mind. From my perspective, improving RRISD is a losing battle and a tremendous waste of time & energy.

I hope you find your way. Not for my kids' sake, they'll be fine because of devoted parents who will always do whatever needs to be done. I think a lot about the children whose parents are working multiple jobs to put food on the table, drug & alcohol addicted, mentally or physically ill, living in poverty, or just too overwhelmed to be an advocate for their child. Those beloved gifts from God are in YOUR hands. You say that you care about *every* child. I know that's not true because you failed MY child. If you failed mine, you're even more likely failing them, the children without parental advocates. I have no doubt my email will be deleted, discarded, ignored, trashed, but on the off chance you read until here, you might want to re-read what I've said. A few times. Let it sink in. Read it again. Keep re-reading until it clicks. These children are real people depending upon YOU to prepare them with a solid start in life, and the knowledge and skills to make a good living and life for themselves. They have aspirations for a successful life and career, and it benefits all of us in society when they succeed. *Please help them*, in every way you can, to succeed in their *outcomes* when they're ready to *leave* RRISD. Read it again. Please.

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Please let me know if there is anything else Hutto ISD needs from the Special Education team. They are more than welcome to email me directly as well.

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is waiting upon me providing this information so I ask for your prompt reply. If/when RRISD gets its act together at some future date, we will consider [REDACTED] return to RRISD so please do maintain his SpEd records, thank you. We hope RRISD's district level leadership improves dramatically, and if it does, we may work together again in the future.

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Thank you for taking the time to send this e-mail April. You are correct that last night multiple trustees requested a data collection endeavor to learn why students are leaving RRISD and your feedback is extremely helpful. I will continue to advocate for RRISD to recommit to our core competency (on campus education) and leverage our competitive advantages (sports, fine arts, CTE courses, etc) to regrow our enrollment back to where it can and should be.

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amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, amber_feller@roundrockisd.org,
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jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org,
mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org
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Minute 4:00– Hear this mother’s testimony before her late son’s school board.^{🗨️} Some days I sit paralyzed and just quietly ask God how many more children’s lives? How many is enough? We’ve lost 0 of our RRISD children to covid in a year, and several to suicide plus ideation/attempts in treatment programs. Really, how many? Is there a certain number?<https://youtu.be/RfhtWxAt16Y>

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Fwd: English IV Scope and Sequence and TEKS
Date: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 10:56:41 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgS6k+WG2oZoshEzh4152-Tika4Vd8iNKjJ6216QkD4NTw@mail.gmail.com>
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Hi Lisa,

What we have learned about virtual learning in the past 11 mos is that the quality and quantity of instruction erodes and it accelerates learning loss. There are vendors in the marketplace who do it well for some students but it requires specialized training and infrastructure for both the teachers and the learners. RRISD has never been equipped to do on-line learning well or for the long term. This is why I have regularly advocated to bring an end date to virtual learning. Sadly, only Trustee Mary Bone is with me on this. We have been on the losing side of two votes on this issue.

What has gone on this year has not been good for many students of all ages. But it's particularly painful for this years senior class given the finality of their k-12 career. The on-campus experience offered to them was so undesirable that most preferred to "just stay home" and watch these precious days tick off the calendar as they near their last day in RRISD.

Based on what I have seen in my own home with a "virtual learner" and what I read in e-mails from parents throughout RRISD, my guess is that your daughters experience in this class is a typical case of lowering academic standards in order to make virtual learning work. Until virtual learning ends, I don't see this mediocrity changing. Many parents are planning accordingly now.

I feel terribly that I can't fix this. The only thing I can offer you is to ask you to consider filing a grievance. It's a simple process explained on the website along with the Level 1 form. If you aren't satisfied with the outcome of Level 1 you can appeal to Level 2. Then appeal to Level 3 if you like which puts you in front of the entire board.

<https://roundrockisd.org/legal-services/grievances-and-complaints/>

I wish I had more to offer you and am frustrated by all of this. I do appreciate your e-mails.

-dw

On Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 10:21 AM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustees,

I realize you all are not in the position to determine the scope and sequence of any course, but I am frustrated that the administration at McNeil continues to stonewall when I ask valid and informed questions about what is going on in my child's English IV class. If you all are okay with campus leadership protecting the dismal imaginary education, then you need to step aside so those of us who are willing to do the hard and unpopular tasks of fixing this problem.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: English IV Scope and Sequence and TEKS

Date: February 11, 2021 at 10:16:00 AM CST

To: Amanda Johnson <amanda_johnson@roundrockisd.org>

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Thank you for the follow up. I have more questions:

I am curious how the summary is considered instruction because if the kids are not identified as needing specially designed instruction, why do they need a summary?

I was told that she is using the novel to address the TEKS. How is the summary she is giving addressing the TEKS?

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I understand that you guys are feeling like the rope in a tug-o-war, but I am concerned that my child is getting the education that she is entitled to before she graduates in three months. I am working in public school too this year, and we are not making excuses because we are busy making it work, so I am not asking anything more than what I and my colleagues are doing for our students. I also get that Ms. D is not comfortable with this digital platform and has senior-ites herself, but that doesn't mean that this is okay for the students. If she needs your support, then so be it.

This is exactly why I keep repeating that you all have lost this year's senior class, and I am so frustrated that you all seem to not care. It may not be the case, but that is how it appears with half baked efforts, excuses, and responses that basically tell me that you have no answer to my questions and would like me to just take this imaginary education and be happy that you are serving my child at all.

I am listening in on most of [REDACTED] classes because on the days I work from home, we are in close proximity. There is SO much I haven't brought to your attention, and I have been patient with Ms. Duchesneau, but this is dragging on for no reason that I can see is reasonable given that the other teachers have moved on.

Again, it is time for this class to move forward. I still haven't heard from anyone on your campus about lesson plans to get all of this in. I hear excuses from you and everyone else, and that is not okay. At the very least, other teachers are at the very least touching on topics that are in keeping with at minimum the spirit of the purpose of course and the TEKS. But this English IV class has turned into a book club that has gone on way too long.

Please get back with me on a plan to get the Canterbury Tales in as well as the balance of the TEKS before graduation.

Thank you for your help in this matter,
Lisa Lusby

On Feb 11, 2021, at 9:45 AM, Amanda Johnson <amanda_johnson@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

After speaking with the teacher to get clarification, the students did not read for the entire synchronous instructional time. Students were asked to read and then she provided a summary followed by a discussion and the final assignment.

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 2:33 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for your response. I will most assuredly take my concerns up the chain.

But you didn't answer another key question: how are you going to get THIS class back on track with the "AARC"? They are over a month behind other classes! Yesterday, the class sat in silence during synchronous leaning time while they were reading this book. Are we just writing these kids off?

Sure seems like it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2021, at 2:10 PM, Amanda Johnson <Amanda_Johnson@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Mrs. Lusby-

Our team will continue to follow the TEKS as well as the RRISD AARC developed by our district curriculum specialist with the support of many of our RRISD subject specific teachers. We will continue to support our students academic growth and success by supporting the skills needed and required by the TEKS. Should you need further assistance about our curriculum, please reach out to our district curriculum specialist, as they may be able to better assist you.

Kind regards,
Ms. Johnson

On Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 6:31 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for your response. I apologize for taking so long, but I have been busy serving my own students.

I have included the school board members because I have publicly questioned the instructional quality since August, and my concerns continue.

I am not satisfied with your response for several reasons. Primary among those is that, pandemic or not, this year's seniors are the victims of poor planning and management on your part, and once again, this proves it. Using the pandemic as an excuse to not present the full range of the curriculum is EXACTLY why the current instructional delivery does not work either in person or distance.

To be clear, I do not blame Ms. Duchesneau because at the beginning of the year, she sent an email listing the works that would be included this school year which included the classics across the periods of time, and I am happy to share that with you if you need it. I blame the instructional leaders, you and your instructional coach included, for this disaster and making the decision to make this imaginary education equally crappy for everyone.

I don't understand why "getting novels into the hands of students" is a problem. Didn't you all promise that with "reimagining education" that the remote delivery would maximize technology? If so, have you all not heard of digital books? In special education, we have been using them for years. Some kids do better with them particularly if they can listen to the text as well as read it.

In fact, here is a link to one such book that would normally be on the reading list:

<https://www.amazon.com/Dantes-Inferno-Divine-Comedy-Hell-ebook/dp/B002ZZU3FK>

So, again, how is getting this work into the hands of students problematic? Money? Really? How much did you all save by not having to replace damaged books this year? How much did you save on

electricity, diesel fuel, and custodial and trash services this year? Perhaps a vendor would be willing to work with a school district as large as ours. Who know, do you?

You will also notice that the digital book comes in a variety of platforms for students to pick from including hard copies that can be mailed to the students' homes. There are even websites that translate the old English versions for asynchronous reading. Again, I don't see the problem you mention.

There is always the option of creative teaching in the absence of materials that we were told would be part of this imaginary education. In 33 years, I have practiced creativity in the persistent absence of adequate supplies and materials with great success. Apparently, in a pandemic, it is a lost art.

As far as Just Mercy goes, why are the students still reading this book, that they started in SEPTEMBER in FEBRUARY?! I have had special education students, with support, finish novels in a third of the time. The kids in this class are not identified as in need of specially designed instruction, so what is taking so long? These are 17-18 year olds who are supposed to be graduating into the world of work or college. They could read the whole Bible in less time.

WHY are the students behind because the teacher was out? Do you mean to tell me if you have another teacher out on maternity leave that the instruction stops for those kids till she returns 6-10 weeks later? No, then what happened here? You admit that our kids are penalized because you all couldn't get Ms. Duchesneau's classes covered or otherwise engaged while she was out? Don't pin that one on her. This administration's bag to hold.

Perhaps if time was used wisely, there would be time for Homer and Dante, and Shakespeare like is traditionally taught in a world-class school. Canterbury Tales does not satisfy the TEKS as the TEKS mentions "across literary periods". This is only ONE literary period, and my guess is that you are not even going to cover the whole work. You have APs and hall monitors who don't have discipline to deal with or duty, so they can't step in and sub in those classes? What about bus drivers who we are paying to do nothing? I know you have a fancy new police officer with nothing to guard since no one is there. What are the teachers doing since they only have to work half of the time with students that they normally do? They can't pick up another class while a coworker is absent? What in the world is going on at the schools when you only have 20% of the students in person but you can't manage to cover the whole range of the scope and sequence?

Do you all NOT get that the seniors don't have the summer to make up for McNeil's horrible instructional choices? And ACC college readiness is okay with Just Mercy over SIX MONTHS and not the classics at all? If so, the instructional standards at ACC are horrible, too, and should not be our standard. I understand that in on level English IV you are teaching the lowest performing students, but do we have to do it at the expense of those who are going on to a four year degree at universities that are going too have higher expectations of their freshman class next year? What do you expect may daughter to do with this when she gets to Tech next year? Waste time and money taking a remediated class that you all should have taught with my tax dollars? What happened to differentiated instruction? What happened to our "world class" school? How do her English professors build on the literary foundation that she is not getting this year?

And thank you for attaching the TEKS. Trust me, I am familiar with them, even the new ones. I read them again before emailing you. I am a little smarter than my current level of disgust with the district would lend you to believe.

Again, "British Literature across literary periods" is going to be addressed when exactly? We are 2/3 through the school year and they are stuck on one piece of American literature that, while important, promotes a continued racial theme and is not a complicated text. This is a far cry from any British literature lesson. I think we get it. Enough. I don't have a problem with the book itself, but the exaggerated period over which this is being presented is a huge waste of time. British Literature is typically taught over the school year so you can get in all of the "across periods" part that involves

complicated language and isn't optional just because of a pandemic. So, please spare me that excuse that British literature is just a small part of the TEKS.

The writing and reading elements that you mention are also easy to teach with the classics. I have done it, and I am sure with her experience, Ms. Deuchesneau has, too. So, why is Just Mercy even part of the English IV reading list? Also, why is poetry being taught using a poem read at the former vice president's inauguration rather than Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Keats, or Shelley? This smacks of a political agenda that is not appropriate in English IV.

That said, keep in mind that "British" does not necessarily equate to a particular race, so saying that British literature excludes our multicultural student body is just a flimsy excuse. If there is a need to include multi-race British authors, here is a good place to start: [21-top-black-british-authors-you-should-read](#)

I was unable to access the Google link you sent with the curriculum notes. I still want to see this along with the plan to close the gap between what the seniors are entitled to and the unacceptable watered down waste of time they are getting this year. Please forward that to me before the end of this week along with a plan for how a teacher, who I am sure has more sick days she plans to use before she retires, is going to be covered so her students do not fall behind any more than you have allowed to happen. Again, she is entitled to these days, but her students need to keep moving forward and it is administration's job to make that happen.

I don't want any more excuses that have been proof read by someone with an overpriced degree and a fancy title. I have those, too. I WANT RESULTS for ALL students. Education is the ultimate social justice for all of the students at McNeil. As a special education teacher who devoted a majority of her career to working in schools where most of my students didn't look like me, I was able to at least give them a foundation for any future endeavors even if it was just to impress a girl with his recognition of who Beowulf is or ability to recite a line from Keats. My point is British lit has a place. The idea of education is to elevate, not deflate, and deflating all does not elevate even one.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

On Feb 2, 2021, at 8:22 AM, Kristina Carssow <kristina_carssow@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning Mrs. Lusby,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns with English IV. I have consulted with our ELA instructional coach and the district curriculum and wanted to respond to your questions.

With the pandemic, we knew that getting novels into the hands of students would be an issue. Therefore our ELA department talked about reading two novels this year, one each semester. One of those novels is Just Mercy. Ms. Duchesneau was out at the end of first semester and thus it took a little longer to finish the novel. They are still discussing Just Mercy because of the ACC college readiness project that all seniors in RRISD complete. The writing assessment has two parts. Part I includes an argument essay. The ELA IV team decided to analyze capital punishment due to the interest of the students with Just Mercy. For part II of the ACC assessment, they will be analyzing another work.

Regarding your concern that last year they didn't finish reading Just Mercy, that was due to the fact that after Spring Break, teachers were not permitted to introduce new content.

With regards to your concern about ELA IV and the lack of British Literature: ELA IV has new TEKS this year. The TEKS are skills based, rather than focused on a specific time period/literature focus. It is no longer titled "British Literature". The curriculum organizes skills into units. Teachers have the autonomy to select short stories, poems, plays, novels and incorporate those skills. The only TEK that mentions British literature is (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to: (A) read and analyze British literature across literary periods. The grade level plans to read Canterbury Tales this semester.

This is a link to the new TEKS <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/ch110c.html> and the link to the Round Rock ISD AARC <https://curriculum.roundrockisd.org/>.

Thank you again for reaching out with your concerns and questions. I hope you and your family are safe and well.

Kristina Carsow

On Sun, Jan 31, 2021 at 6:05 PM Amanda Johnson <amanda_johnson@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Mrs. Lusby,

Thank you for your email. I've copied my Assistant Principal who's over ELA and we will look into this and get back to you.

Kind regards,
Ms. Johnson

On Sat, Jan 30, 2021 at 12:48 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Ms. Duchesneau,

Congratulations on your pending retirement! As a retired educator myself, I can tell you that this side of TRS is everything you are hoping for!

I also know that in the home stretch, there is the tendency just like the seniors to want it to just be over. I have been there, and [REDACTED] is now, too. However, we have four more months to get in everything these kids are going to need, Covid or not, as they move on to college next year.

I am DEEPLY concerned about many things that the school district has done during this wasted imaginary education year, but at this point, I am most concerned that my daughter [REDACTED] is ready for college next year. As a former English teacher, I know that it shouldn't take 4 months to read a novel especially with seniors in high school. Just Mercy, a socially and literary important novel, is not the full body of senior English, but for some reason, it has been with [REDACTED] class.

I reviewed the TEKS for English IV, and I am having difficulty understanding why it is that when the only literature type specifically noted is British literature why Just Mercy has dominated the scope and sequence. I get that you are talking about character development and the soft skills of analyzing the author, the characters, and the events in relationship to the plot, but I don't understand why dragging this particular piece of literature out for the whole school year, leaving little time for the TEKS stated British literature, is the only way to accomplish this goal.

I am aware that other classes have finished this novel and have moved on. I also understand that you

told the class that your class last year did not finish this book. I have taught resource English classes that read and finished more complex novels much more quickly than what this appears, so needless to say, I am more than a little alarmed.

If you would, please forward to me the justification or perhaps lesson plans for the lessons for the rest of the semester in connection with the TEKS and scope and sequence designed by the district in relation to this book. I would like the specific TEKS noted on both the lesson plans and scope and sequence. I would also like a list of the British literary works that will be studied in the coming months. Perhaps that would help me understand how this is going to get [REDACTED] the exposure to the TEKS despite what appears to be a deviation from the TEKS.

Thank you!
Lisa Lusby --

Amanda Johnson
Principal, McNeil HS
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Subject: Re: Urgent assistance with transferring all SpEd records & IEP for [REDACTED] Brinson to Hutto ISD

Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 15:32:34 -0600

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: Jenny Corley <jenny_corley@roundrockisd.org>

Cc: Milton Perez <milton_perez@roundrockisd.org>, Donna Pruett <donna_pruett@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]> david beinke <spcialedmarine@yahoo.com>

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Thank you, Jenny. I appreciate your prompt reply, I will keep you posted on any additional SpEd questions or needs that arise during the transition to Hutto.

Board, I cc'd you because I heard *talk* last night about a supposed desire to understand the *why* students are fleeing RRISD. Crazy that concrete data isn't being actively collected on the *why* already, but not surprising. I personally remain unconvinced that any of you genuinely care about the *why* outside of Danielle Weston, Mary Bone, and I have a gut feeling Mandy Estes sincerely cares, and I've accepted that at this point because it's out of my control. I wish I could impart the care for children, but that's wholly on you. I definitely tried. We're obviously cutting our losses and moving on. I figured I'd give you a data point as we exit on the *why* since your lip service last night claimed you care. We all tuning in know you don't actually care based upon actions. The level of tone deafness and just plain out-of-touch-ness in 5 of 7 of you is astounding and depressing. I worked so hard to make it better from the very beginning of the new board election filings until now, I gave so much time, effort, and energy to RRISD as a regular mom in the district, but I give up, you win. I hope you're happy. I must assume that families like ours who care deeply about children and quality of education with high standards are ones you're happy to see leave. You'd probably claim that's not true, but wow, I just can't reconcile that with reality in my mind. From my perspective, improving RRISD is a losing battle and a tremendous waste of time & energy.

I hope you find your way. Not for my kids' sake, they'll be fine because of devoted parents who will always do whatever needs to be done. I think a lot about the children whose parents are working multiple jobs to put food on the table, drug & alcohol addicted, mentally or physically ill, living in poverty, or just too overwhelmed to be an advocate for their child. Those beloved gifts from God are in YOUR hands. You say that you care about *every* child. I know that's not true because you failed MY child. If you failed mine, you're even more likely failing them, the children without parental advocates. I have no doubt my email will be deleted, discarded, ignored, trashed, but on the off chance you read until here, you might want to re-read what I've said. A few times. Let it sink in. Read it again. Keep re-reading until it clicks. These children are real people depending upon YOU to prepare them with a solid start in life, and the knowledge and skills to make a good living and life for themselves. They have aspirations for a successful life and career, and it benefits all of us in society when they succeed. *Please help them*, in every way you can, to succeed in their *outcomes* when they're ready to *leave* RRISD. Read it again. Please.

On Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 1:55 PM Jenny Corley <jenny_corley@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Attached is [REDACTED] IEP and FIE, which includes the speech and OT evaluations, as well as the Addendum to the FIE that addresses the OHI Form (the addendum has the OHI Form embedded). I have also included the [REDACTED] evaluation from 2018, just in case.

Please let me know if there is anything else Hutto ISD needs from the Special Education team. They are more than welcome to email me directly as well.

On Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 1:23 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon,

[REDACTED] is urgently transferring to Hutto ISD as an out-of-district student due to a multitude of concerns over the past year since March 2020, and culminating in a final breaking point of reckless endangerment relevant to RRISD policy requiring airway obstruction during exercise. He has been accepted to Farley Middle School (acceptance letter attached), I'm completing his enrollment documents right now, and I need to upload his SpEd records/IEP. Please send me the most efficient and complete file I can provide HISD to quickly and completely bring them up to speed on [REDACTED] Special Education services and accommodations. Completing his enrollment is waiting upon me providing this information so I ask for your prompt reply. If/when RRISD gets its act together at some future date, we will consider [REDACTED] return to RRISD so please do maintain his SpEd records, thank you. We hope RRISD's district level leadership improves dramatically, and if it does, we may work together again in the future.

In the meantime, our son, [REDACTED] is tremendously excited to finally play together with the band in his new school! He's far behind in his trumpet skills after losing a year of quality instruction and playing together with bandmates, hearing all instruments live in sync in musical pieces. The joy in his face at the mere thought of playing together as a band again (in Hutto) brought me to tears. We both burst into tears of relief, and bravely exhaled a year of pain and trauma, when we drove up to his new school yesterday for the first time. Additionally, he's so excited to look at teachers' physical eyes and faces rather than screens, as Hutto ISD teachers teach on-campus or at-home students in separate class periods so on-campus students experience a normal unplugged environment when communicating with teachers. A large majority, in excess of 60%, of his classmates will be there with him physically in classes, and he looks forward to making new friends. He cannot wait to re-engage with manipulatives, hands-on learning tools, and labs especially as a person with [REDACTED]. He's very far behind academically, but FMS teachers and staff are committed to helping him recover from his learning loss in RRISD, and bringing him back up to true 7th grade level asap. Of course, it goes without saying that he, and my husband and I, will sleep better at night knowing that his fundamental right to control his own airways and access full oxygen to his brain during Athletics class will be respected at all times in HISD, which made this incredibly difficult decision very easy.

Thank you to all who have supported [REDACTED] inside and outside of SpEd at RMS, and thank you for promptly guiding me to the SpEd file to provide to his new school, of course including his IEP.

April & Justin Brinson

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I just got off the phone with TEA regarding Monday's called Board meeting, which denies the public their legal right to provide testimony:

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

C. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Under Section 551.071, the Board will meet in consultation with attorney regarding the Superintendent's contract.

D. CALL BACK TO ORDER

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E. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment

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Will you be allowing public comment/testimony during Monday's called board meeting?

Thank you,
April

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Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Re: English IV Scope and Sequence and TEKS
Date: Sun, 7 Feb 2021 18:31:35 -0600
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Kristina Carssow <kristina_carssow@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amanda Johnson <amanda_johnson@roundrockisd.org>, Denise Duchesneau <Denise_Duchesneau@roundrockisd.org>, Kristina Carssow <kristina_buffincarsow@roundrockisd.org>, Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
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Thank you for your response. I apologize for taking so long, but I have been busy serving my own students. I have included the school board members because I have publicly questioned the instructional quality since August, and my concerns continue.

I am not satisfied with your response for several reasons. Primary among those is that, pandemic or not, this year's seniors are the victims of poor planning and management on your part, and once again, this proves it. Using the pandemic as an excuse to not present the full range of the curriculum is EXACTLY why the current instructional delivery does not work either in person or distance.

To be clear, I do not blame Ms. Duchesneau because at the beginning of the year, she sent an email listing the works that would be included this school year which included the classics across the periods of time, and I am happy to share that with you if you need it. I blame the instructional leaders, you and your instructional coach included, for this disaster and making the decision to make this imaginary education equally crappy for everyone.

I don't understand why "getting novels into the hands of students" is a problem. Didn't you all promise that with "reimagining education" that the remote delivery would maximize technology? If so, have you all not heard of digital books? In special education, we have been using them for years. Some kids do better with them particularly if they can listen to the text as well as read it.

In fact, here is a link to one such book that would normally be on the reading list:
<https://www.amazon.com/Dantes-Inferno-Divine-Comedy-Hell-ebook/dp/B002ZZU3FK>

So, again, how is getting this work into the hands of students problematic? Money? Really? How much did you all save by not having to replace damaged books this year? How much did you save on electricity, diesel fuel, and custodial and trash services this year? Perhaps a vendor would be willing to work with a school district as large as ours. Who know, do you?

You will also notice that the digital book comes in a variety of platforms for students to pick from including hard copies that can be mailed to the students' homes. There are even websites that translate the old English versions for asynchronous reading. Again, I don't see the problem you mention.

There is always the option of creative teaching in the absence of materials that we were told would be part of this imaginary education. In 33 years, I have practiced creativity in the persistent absence of adequate supplies and materials with great success. Apparently, in a pandemic, it is a lost art.

As far as Just Mercy goes, why are the students still reading this book, that they started in SEPTEMBER in FEBRUARY?! I have had special education students, with support, finish novels in a third of the time. The kids in this class are not identified as in need of specially designed instruction, so what is taking so long? These are 17-18 year olds who are supposed to be graduating into the world of work or college. They could read the whole Bible in less time.

WHY are the students behind because the teacher was out? Do you mean to tell me if you have another teacher out on maternity leave that the instruction stops for those kids till she returns 6-10 weeks later? No, then what happened here? You admit that our kids are penalized because you all couldn't get Ms. Duchesneau's classes covered or otherwise engaged while she was out? Don't pin that one on her. This administration's bag to hold.

Perhaps if time was used wisely, there would be time for Homer and Dante, and Shakespeare like is traditionally taught in a world-class school. Canterbury Tales does not satisfy the TEKS as the TEKS mentions "across literary periods". This is only ONE literary period, and my guess is that you are not even going to cover the whole work. You have APs and hall monitors who don't have discipline to deal with or duty, so they can't step in and sub in those classes? What about bus drivers who we are paying to do nothing? I know you have a fancy new police officer with nothing to guard since no one is there. What are the teachers doing since they only have to work half of the time with students that they normally do? They can't pick up another class while a coworker is absent? What in the world is going on at the schools when you only have 20% of the students in person but you can't manage to cover the whole range of the scope and sequence?

Do you all NOT get that the seniors don't have the summer to make up for McNeil's horrible instructional choices? And ACC college readiness is okay with Just Mercy over SIX MONTHS and not the classics at all? If so, the instructional standards at ACC are horrible, too, and should not be our standard. I understand that in on level English IV you are teaching the lowest performing students, but do we have to do it at the expense of those who are going on to a four year degree at universities that are going too have higher expectations of their freshman class next year? What do you expect may daughter to do with this when she gets to Tech next year? Waste time and money taking a remediated class that you all should have taught with my tax dollars? What happened to differentiated instruction? What happened to our "world class" school? How do her English professors build on the literary foundation that she is not getting this year?

And thank you for attaching the TEKS. Trust me, I am familiar with them, even the new ones. I read them again before emailing you. I am a little smarter than my current level of disgust with the district would lend you to believe.

Again, "British Literature across literary periods" is going to be addressed when exactly? We are 2/3 through the school year and they are stuck on one piece of American literature that, while important, promotes a continued racial theme and is not a complicated text. This is a far cry from any British literature lesson. I think we get it. Enough. I don't have a problem with the book itself, but the exaggerated period over which this is being presented is a huge waste of time. British Literature is typically taught over the school year so you can get in all of the "across periods" part that involves complicated language and isn't optional just because of a pandemic. So, please spare me that excuse that British literature is just a small part of the TEKS.

The writing and reading elements that you mention are also easy to teach with the classics. I have done it, and I am sure with her experience, Ms. Deuchesneau has, too. So, why is Just Mercy even part of the English IV reading list? Also, why is poetry being taught using a poem read at the former vice president's inauguration rather than Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Keats, or Shelley? This smacks of a political agenda that is not appropriate in English IV.

That said, keep in mind that "British" does not necessarily equate to a particular race, so saying that British literature excludes our multicultural student body is just a flimsy excuse. If there is a need to include multi-race British authors, here is a good place to start: [21-top-black-british-authors-you-should-read](#)

I was unable to access the Google link you sent with the curriculum notes. I still want to see this along with the plan to close the gap between what the seniors are entitled to and the unacceptable watered down waste of time they are getting this year. Please forward that to me before the end of this week along with a plan for how a teacher, who I am sure has more sick days she plans to use before she

retires, is going to be covered so her students do not fall behind any more than you have allowed to happen. Again, she is entitled to these days, but her students need to keep moving forward and it is administration's job to make that happen.

I don't want any more excuses that have been proof read by someone with an overpriced degree and a fancy title. I have those, too. I WANT RESULTS for ALL students. Education is the ultimate is social justice for all of the students at McNeil. As a special education teacher who devoted a majority of her career to working in schools where most of my students didn't look like me, I was able to at least give them a foundation for any future endeavors even if it was just to impress a girl with his recognition of who Beowulf is or ability to recite a line from Keats. My point is British lit has a place. The idea of education is to elevate, not deflate, and deflating all does not elevate even one.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

On Feb 2, 2021, at 8:22 AM, Kristina Carssow <kristina_carssow@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning Mrs. Lusby,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns with English IV. I have consulted with our ELA instructional coach and the district curriculum and wanted to respond to your questions.

With the pandemic, we knew that getting novels into the hands of students would be an issue. Therefore our ELA department talked about reading two novels this year, one each semester. One of those novels is Just Mercy. Ms. Duchesneau was out at the end of first semester and thus it took a little longer to finish the novel. They are still discussing Just Mercy because of the ACC college readiness project that all seniors in RRISD complete. The writing assessment has two parts. Part I includes an argument essay. The ELA IV team decided to analyze capital punishment due to the interest of the students with Just Mercy. For part II of the ACC assessment, they will be analyzing another work. Regarding your concern that last year they didn't finish reading Just Mercy, that was due to the fact that after Spring Break, teachers were not permitted to introduce new content.

With regards to your concern about ELA IV and the lack of British Literature: ELA IV has new TEKS this year. The TEKS are skills based, rather than focused on a specific time period/literature focus. It is no longer titled "British Literature". The curriculum organizes skills into units. Teachers have the autonomy to select short stories, poems, plays, novels and incorporate those skills. The only TEK that mentions British literature is (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to: (A) read and analyze British literature across literary periods. The grade level plans to read Canterbury Tales this semester.

This is a link to the new TEKS <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/ch110c.html> and the link to the Round Rock ISD AARC <https://curriculum.roundrockisd.org/>.

Thank you again for reaching out with your concerns and questions. I hope you and your family are safe and well.

Kristina Carsow

On Sun, Jan 31, 2021 at 6:05 PM Amanda Johnson <amanda_johnson@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Mrs. Lusby,

Thank you for your email. I've copied my Assistant Principal who's over ELA and we will look into this and get back to you.

Kind regards,
Ms. Johnson

On Sat, Jan 30, 2021 at 12:48 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Ms. Duchesneau,

Congratulations on your pending retirement! As a retired educator myself, I can tell you that this side of TRS is everything you are hoping for!

I also know that in the home stretch, there is the tendency just like the seniors to want it to just be over. I have been there, and [REDACTED] is now, too. However, we have four more months to get in everything these kids are going to need, Covid or not, as they move on to college next year.

I am DEEPLY concerned about many things that the school district has done during this wasted imaginary education year, but at this point, I am most concerned that my daughter [REDACTED] is ready for college next year. As a former English teacher, I know that it shouldn't take 4 months to read a novel especially with seniors in high school. Just Mercy, a socially and literary important novel, is not the full body of senior English, but for some reason, it has been with [REDACTED] class.

I reviewed the TEKS for English IV, and I am having difficulty understanding why it is that when the only literature type specifically noted is British literature why Just Mercy has dominated the scope and sequence. I get that you are talking about character development and the soft skills of analyzing the author, the characters, and the events in relationship to the plot, but I don't understand why dragging this particular piece of literature out for the whole school year, leaving little time for the TEKS stated British literature, is the only way to accomplish this goal.

I am aware that other classes have finished this novel and have moved on. I also understand that you told the class that your class last year did not finish this book. I have taught resource English classes that read and finished more complex novels much more quickly than what this appears, so needless to say, I am more than a little alarmed.

If you would, please forward to me the justification or perhaps lesson plans for the lessons for the rest of the semester in connection with the TEKS and scope and sequence designed by the district in relation to this book. I would like the specific TEKS noted on both the lesson plans and scope and sequence. I would also like a list of the British literary works that will be studied in the coming months. Perhaps that would help me understand how this is going to get [REDACTED] the exposure to the TEKS despite what appears to be a deviation from the TEKS.

Thank you!
Lisa Lusby --

Amanda Johnson
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Kristina Carssow
Assistant Principal
Alpha group: A-Day
McNeil High School
School Office Number: 512-464-6315

Subject: Re: TEA VIOLATION***** SAT Testing March 3rd Information for 11 Grade Students

Date: Tue, 2 Feb 2021 22:10:34 -0600

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>, DeWayne_Street@roundrockisd.org

Cc: Kristin Harper <kristin_harper@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Sharon Wilkes <sharon_wilkes@roundrockisd.org>, Brandy Hafner <brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov

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No, it doesn't help. It's presumptive and arrogant to fully assume that TEA will agree to allow RRISD to lock our *most vulnerable students* out of the building. Even more concerning is the fact that you would want to lock them out in the first place. Hopefully Commissioner Morath and his staff have better judgment and a deeper commitment to equity than RRISD.

On Feb 1, 2021, at 4:48 PM, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Brinson,

The Texas Education Agency allows districts to request waivers for asynchronous instruction on testing days. District administrators are in the process of preparing that request. In an attempt to give her parents as much advance notice as possible, Ms. Kim provided this information to her campus community. Should the waiver not be approved (which is unlikely) or the district or school decide on a different approach, the campus would communicate that to parents. But, as I said before, this information was provided to convey the most likely circumstances, allowing parents plenty of time to prepare. I hope this information helps.

Respectfully,

Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, MPAff
Chief of Public Affairs and Communications

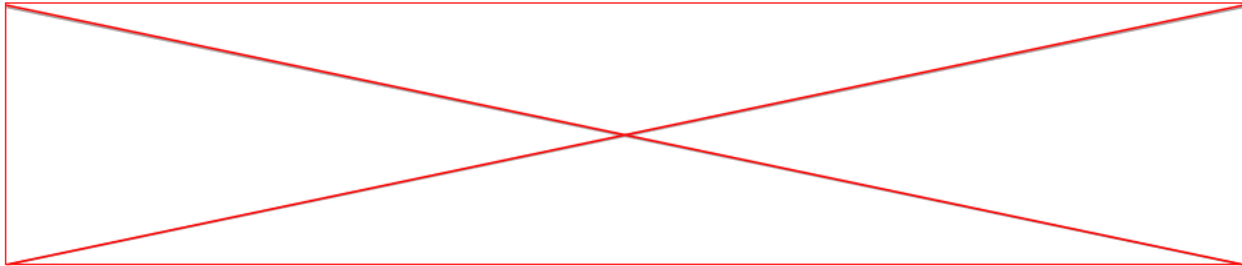
On Mon, Feb 1, 2021 at 10:16 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

The following statement is a TEA violation, as TEA articulates clearly that On Campus Attendance must still be offered on asynchronous days. Please promptly correct the record for students and families to come into compliance with TEA regulation. Thank you.

NOTE: Only Juniors who are testing are allowed to be on campus on March 3rd, 2021, all

other learners will be required to attend class at home asynchronously. Additional information will be provided to staff, students, and the community as it gets closer to the test date.

On Mon, Feb 1, 2021 at 9:32 AM CRHS <kristin_harper@roundrockisd.org> wrote:



February 1, 2021

Parents/Guardians of [REDACTED] Brinson,

RRISD 11th-grade students will take the SAT on March 3, 2021.

In order for us to follow COVID-19 protocols, we need all 11th-grade students to fill out the

provided registration link.

[11 Grade SAT Registration Form](#) The deadline to register is Friday, February 19th at

5:00 pm

All students must fill out the survey, even if they do not plan to take the test.

Safety Protocols

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Testing rooms will have a max of 15 students to provide social distancing.

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Students and Proctors are required to wear a mask at all times except while eating or drinking.

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Students will eat their lunch in their testing rooms once the exam has concluded.

We anticipate testing to be completed approximately at 1:30 pm. Once all testing materials

have been collected and turned in students who walk, drive, or are car riders can sign

themselves out and leave campus.

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Sincerely,

Kristin Harper

College and Career Assessment and Testing Coordinator

Cedar Ridge High School

Round Rock ISD

[Cedar Ridge High School Assessment Web Site](#)

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Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: SpEd Town Hall ended 23 minutes early
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2021 18:48:41 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
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I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2021 20:52:56 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
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Are you available to talk tomorrow in the early afternoon? We have a board meeting I need to leave for at 4:30pm so if we could briefly chat around 1 or 2 pm, please let me know. If tomorrow early afternoon doesn't work for you, my schis more open on Friday. Let me know and send me your number.
Danielle

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 8:50 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Danielle!

It's awesome to hear of someone else who is on the same page. It feels like I'm fighting a losing battle these days because so many are filled with fear. I'm not afraid to bug the heck out of whoever I need to! I'll email them and share the message to all the other distressed mamas out there who feel the way I do. Thank you for your speedy response! If you have any other ideas of things we can do in the future to move this along please let me know.

Thanks so much!

Katy

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:55:43 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Hi Katy and thank you for writing!

If you have been watching the school board meetings then you know that you and I are in agreement. Trustee Mary Bone and I have been on the losing side of multiple votes to direct this school district back to a normal, on-campus experience.

I encourage you to share your thoughts with the city of round rock city council and mayor. They imposed a mask mandate for the city last year and extended it last week. They have a meeting next week. Their emails can be found on the city's website. If they decide to rescind their mask mandate then I think it's time for our school board members to go on the record with where they stand on this.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

In fact, the mask mandate has been detrimental to my child's health. My son, who is a [REDACTED] at Cedar Valley, suffers from severe allergies and [REDACTED]. Due to three years of allergy shots (one in each arm at each appointment), we had finally gotten his [REDACTED] attacks under control. His [REDACTED] is aggravated by his allergies and he carries a rescue inhaler. Before masks, he hadn't needed his rescue inhaler in almost two years. He now has to use it several times per day because he cannot breathe and is inhaling his body's waste.

As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

They are running the school like it is a prison. They have hall monitors yelling at the kids to put masks over their noses, they are yelling at them for walking a different way than the arrows, and I was recently informed by my son that his assistant principal Mr. Fletcher has a stick that he pokes and harasses children with if he feels they are not socially distanced enough.

My son's mental health has declined drastically and comes home crying sometimes because he is unable to get the social interaction he craves. He's become extremely clingy when he is home. My other son, who is a [REDACTED] at Round Rock high refuses to even attend school because of the mask rule. However, my youngest son was failing his classes and due to his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he needs to be in school so he can receive accommodations and personal direction from his teachers.

Please do the right thing and at least make masks OPTIONAL. It is unconstitutional to demand this on any student. The science does not support a mask mandate for the kids either. Their infection rates are much lower, they are almost always asymptomatic, and the survival rate is almost 100%. We as adults are supposed to be a voice for these kids.

We the parents are pleading for you to lift these restrictions and mandates since the TEA is leaving it up to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Re: No Privacy Policy on personal data collection - txrapidtest
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2021 22:34:38 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Brandy Hafner <brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Sharon Wilkes <sharon_wilkes@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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Thank you very much for your reply, and that's actually what I expected you to say based upon a little research. It appears that the State gets a pass on otherwise industry and legally standard accountability requirements for privacy when collecting personal information data, so essentially it is highly likely that txrapidtest is providing a "service" at no or very low cost to the State in exchange for conducting a data grab. They will then be free to sell all the personal information data they've collected on the open market for a large sum of money. Granted, RRISD and the State will be absolved from wrong doing because of laws that give the State a pass, however, it's highly unethical. I will reach out to TDEM to express my concerns and disapproval. Any private company operating outside the protection of the government would not be allowed to operate a data grab without disclosing that data grab and intent to sell personal information data in their Privacy Policy. The fact that txrapidtest isn't displaying a Privacy Policy while collecting personal information, tells us (anyone who values their privacy), everything we need to know. Have a nice evening.

On Sat, Jan 30, 2021 at 10:01 PM Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms. Brinson,

The site you're referring to (txrapidtest) is part of the Texas Department of Emergency Management. As part of the Nation's Coronavirus Testing Strategy, the United States Health and Human Services Department has distributed 150 million of the Abbott BinaxNow rapid test kits. The state of Texas has begun receiving its weekly allotment of these tests for utilization in settings that need rapid testing. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), in coordination with the Texas Education Agency (TEA), has been directed to ensure the effective distribution of these kits to Texas school systems to further this national effort. As a part of this project, school systems are provided with delivery of the Abbott BinaxNow test kits, personal protective equipment, product training, and support to refill supplies as available. Independent School Districts and Private Schools which opt into this program will be required to report all test results; positive, negative or inconclusive; as required by law. The information requested is in compliance with the law. There is no requirement to fill out the form unless you wish to receive a test. Any concern about the information collected should be directed to the Texas Department of Emergency Management. I hope this information is helpful.



Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, MPAff
Chief of Public Affairs and Communications

On Sat, Jan 30, 2021 at 9:47 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To clarify, I'm not referring to Google's reCAPTCHA privacy. I'm referring to this company, txrapidtest, that is collecting the data's Privacy Policy. Thanks!

On Jan 30, 2021, at 9:21 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustees & Dr. Presley,

I went to complete the txrapidtest form sent to me by RRISD (<https://register.txrapidtest.org>), and although I'm prompted to enter excessive amounts of personal information, I'm never presented with any opportunity to review the Privacy Policy. Where is the Privacy Policy? Why would my personal information be collected without a Privacy Policy? Typically whenever one is prompted to enter personal information without a Privacy Policy, that's a red flag for a "data grab." Is that what's going on here? Is there any chance that my data is being collected to then sell? Without a Privacy Policy, I must assume so. Please clarify whether I can be assured that there's *no* chance that my data is being collected for future sale, as well as where the Privacy Policy is and why it's not presented within the pages collecting my data.

Thank you,
April Brinson

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To clarify, I'm not referring to Google's reCAPTCHA privacy. I'm referring to this company, txrapidtest, that is collecting the data's Privacy Policy. Thanks!

On Jan 30, 2021, at 9:21 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustees & Dr. Presley,

I went to complete the txrapidtest form sent to me by RRISD (<https://register.txrapidtest.org>), and although I'm prompted to enter excessive amounts of personal information, I'm never presented with any opportunity to review the Privacy Policy. Where is the Privacy Policy? Why would my personal information be collected without a Privacy Policy? Typically whenever one is prompted to enter personal information without a Privacy Policy, that's a red flag for a "data grab." Is that what's going on here? Is there any chance that my data is being collected to then sell? Without a Privacy Policy, I must assume so. Please clarify whether I can be assured that there's *no* chance that my data is being collected for future sale, as well as where the Privacy Policy is and why it's not presented within the pages collecting my data.

Thank you,
April Brinson

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Subject: Re: 60-90% FALSE POSITIVES - Round Rock ISD to offer COVID-19 testing to staff and students
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2021 21:32:06 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: ROUND ROCK ISD Recipients <recipients@roundrockisd.parentlink.net>
Cc: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Brandy Hafner <brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org>, Sharon Wilkes <sharon_wilkes@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Roebuck <lisa_roebuck@roundrockisd.org>, Jager Loyde <jager_loyde@roundrockisd.org>, jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org, Dwayne Weirich <dwayne_weirich@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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If you cared about accuracy, you'd at least be utilizing the the anal swab test.
<https://gizmodo.com/china-deploys-anal-swabs-for-covid-19-testing-says-its-1846139690?fbclid=IwAR1aaBuOgX6MUPsEcC0USz-0bPPxF6hqb3Y6Lh-N0bzqcGq-m8i2JUyb-8>

On Jan 29, 2021, at 1:16 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Oh goody, and since we now know that 60-90% of "positives" are FALSE positives, this is just brilliant. RRISD sure is showing off some amazing judgement this year, wowza. 🤔👀

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021 at 1:03 PM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

 Inspiring students to learn.
Empowering students for life.




Round Rock ISD to offer COVID-19 testing to staff and students

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, Round Rock ISD will offer free rapid COVID-19 testing by appointment to staff and students at the Raymond E. Hartfield Performing Arts Center, located at [5800 McNeil Drive, Austin, 78729](#).

Testing will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice. Please register in advance for a drive-through COVID-19 testing date using the [Round Rock ISD COVID-19 Testing Form](#).

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Round Rock ISD has remained committed to the health and safety of students, staff and the community. Providing testing will provide an important, additional layer of security. Testing is available to all staff and students, both on-campus and virtual.

Students and staff must bring their Round Rock ISD school or employee ID badge. Students over the age of 18 and staff can sign their own consent form, while students younger than 18 will need parental consent. To speed up the process, [pre-register your test kit](#) and save your individualized QR code to your phone to show staff at the testing site.



Attachments:



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(225.9 KB)

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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RRISD - Mask Requirements per Gov. Abbot rescinding Mask Mandate
Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2021 09:05:16 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSQcboXW5gG97Pw+7su05KRhFuBCbe9C3MuY1hO6QaFbw@mail.gmail.com>
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Can you call me in about 15 min? 618.670.4739

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:03 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I wanted to follow up with you. Per your recommendation I contacted all of the RR city council members as well as the Williamson County and Cities Health District. Governor Abbott's executive order says schools must follow "guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency." and I'm sure you are aware that TEA announced yesterday that they are leaving the decision up to the local school boards, so I'm assuming that means the ball is in your court now. I read Governor Abbot's executive order GA 34 and it says that there shall only be a mask mandate IF there are 7 consecutive days in which the number of COVID hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15% or more. Therefore, the city of Round Rock will not legally be able to continue having the mask mandate.

Moving forward, how else would you advise I get involved? When is the next board meeting? I'm new to working with the board so any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 5:44 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Shauna,

Thank you for writing and I agree with you completely. Please keep in mind that the Round Rock city Council still has a mask mandate for the city in place. I recommend you reach out to the mayor and the city Council to let them know your thoughts on their mandate. They are meeting next week. If the city decides to lift the local mask mandate, I think it will be time for the board of trustees to make a public decision on the matter regarding masks in our schools.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 2:13 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Board of Directors,

I was very excited to hear that Governor Abbot rescinded the state-wide mask mandate this afternoon effective Wednesday 3/10/21. I'm assuming RRISD will be updating their policy to reflect this new decision.

I know there will be pressure from fearful parents, but I ask the board to please consider that if the Governor of our state thinks this is the right course of action for the residents of Texas, that RRISD also follows suit with removing this policy from all the schools and making mask wearing OPTIONAL. The children are suffering having to wear these mask all day every day. There are so many studies on just how bad physically and mentally this is for them.

I also urge the board to consider getting the schools back to regular schedules where the children can switch between classes like they used to. Our High school student is doing virtual school currently because we are still waiting for school to go back to normal.

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham
Blackland Prairie Elem & Cedar Ridge HS (parent)

Subject: Re: Quite the "Welcome Back" to CRHS
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2021 09:03:03 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
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Clear the air?? Of what? Stupidity and poor quality education? You either have a sincere, heartfelt APOLOGY for parents (& students) like me for LOCKING THEM OUT and ruining our kids' educational experience and quality all year, or save your breath. I'm fresh out of patience. I kept one last spoonful of sugar in my pocket during March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December, and half of January. I'm a lemon now. It will NOT be a pleasant conversation. You might want to rethink that "offer" unless you're looking to very sincerely APOLOGIZE FOR THIS NONSENSE and incessant BULLSHIT you're pulling.

Somehow Dr. Mutscher next door, who deals with largely the SAME families as you, seems to miraculously WELCOME his students to campus everyday WARMLY. They feel WANTED & VALUED as much as he possibly can during this ridiculousness. What a concept. Save your air clearing breath and stick a dirty sock in your excuse hole. Not interested. GO. TO. HELL.

On Thu, Jan 28, 2021 at 8:42 AM Jiae Kim <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning, Mrs. Brinson,

I'm happy to give you a call to listen and have a conversation to clear the air. Please let me know if you're free between 9-10am. Thank you.

Respectfully,

On Thu, Jan 28, 2021 at 12:42 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Well, Ms. Kim, you were BLOWING UP my phone when you locked the doors last week and gave my kid the boot 量. Didn't want me to miss THAT, now did ya! Not so much as the doors are reopening tomorrow, huh? It's almost as though one might assume you don't WANT anyone in OUR school building, that taxpayers paid for. Fortunately I kept reading to the very bottom buried in your Monday newsletter to find the fabulously warm welcome, and to even confirm whether you actually plan to unlock the doors. And you wonder why kids don't choose to attend school on campus. 量

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Jiae Kim
Proud Principal
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Cedar Ridge HS
Round Rock ISD

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Subject: Re: Criteria used in RRISD-accepted COVID19 testing is factually and scientifically FLAWED.
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2021 16:04:46 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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I really appreciate this information April. If you are watching RRISD school board meetings, then you know my patience with virtual learning has run out. And knowing that false positive rates are so common just motivates me to redouble my efforts to get RRISD students back on campus in August. Please continue to share your thoughts and information to the trustees.

Danielle

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Thank you, Trustee Weston, for your reply. So last night (Athletic & Fine Arts)...

1. I could tell that Jenny Caputo had turned the volume down a bit on the "Everything is Awesome" soundtrack. It was a subtle improvement in candor and authenticity of "two way communication" where I think she started to acknowledge we weren't falling for her pasted smile chipperness and softball question selection. But, A LONG WAYS to go, and honestly, is the Spin Master PR Lady really the best person to put front & center in a parent Town Hall anyway? I think not.

LOL- The PR Lady "answer" about the hypocrisy of the RRISD PD taking maskless & distance-less group photos and videos when even YOU, our Trustees weren't allowed the same thing, was dizzying. Ahhhhh!! Get me off this ride! JENNY! STOP! Just say, "Our PD screwed up royally and we sincerely apologize for the hypocrisy. We won't let it happen again."

None of *my* other questions (fine arts) were even acknowledged, let alone answered with any level of intelligence, logic, or urgency.

2. Lisa Roebuck is clearly GRIPPED with fear after how many months?? Stark contrast from our Athletics administrators last night who obviously have the mentality that we're going to ACT & DO what we need to do to participate, compete, play, perform, etc. Lisa Roebuck has the mentality that we're going to sit here indefinitely hoping that everything is "okay" soon so we can resume our lives. We'll just perform shotty musicals in the parking lot next to \$17 million dollar facilities. There were mixed messages all over the place from Roebuck, but definitely zero decisive leadership that we REFUSE to watch OUR kids grow up before our eyes from the sidelines with hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars in wasted resources at our fingertips. Is Lisa Roebuck aware that all extracurriculars are VOLUNTARY? I heard both Presley and the Athletics staff repeat that. Does Roebuck think someone will be forced to participate in concerts and performances and competitions at gunpoint?? LOL

3. My head might explode if I hear the SAME, repetitive, absurd, backwards "logic" spewing from Cory Vessa's mouth one more time. OMG, send help!!!! No Cory, if you can play sports and extracurriculars, you can go to class. Enough with the bullshit. We're not that stupid. Y'all are making kids in all classes wear masks PLUS distance themselves from their teachers. Cory even says constantly that the science is abundantly clear that spread is infinitesimal in classrooms, yet somehow she gets going in a wild game of Twister logic to say that it makes sense to attend extracurriculars, but not go to class. So are you saying spread IS happening in classrooms?? Which is it, Cory?

4. Ok, listen carefully, **there's ONE reason that kids in extracurriculars aren't on campus.** Get real.

And dear God, please tell me y'all aren't STILL this clueless... ON CAMPUS EDUCATION SUCKS. That's it, that's why. That's the ONLY reason kids in extracurriculars don't attend class on campus. Tell yourself all sorts of nonsense and fancy schmancy explanations and justifications, but you're LYING TO YOURSELF. Get the heck back in the classroom if you can participate in extracurriculars, and **RRISD- make the on campus classes not suck**. Do that ONE THING and they'll be back. Is that so much to ask?

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April

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Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2021 20:29:00 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org, Superintendent_RRISD@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmps7esxzhrUAeJSr-YYzjxW6qpewn4fiX7iTWzyxoMxvvg@mail.gmail.com>
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Attachments: TOMA_Board_Violation_20210914_meeting.pdf

Attached please find my Formal Level 1 complaint against Dr. Azaiez's actions at the 9/14/21 Board Meeting. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,
Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Re: Public denied entry into public school board meetings - Round Rock ISD
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2021 08:44:10 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: rangers@dps.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov
Cc: maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this very important matter,

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Public denied entry into public school board meetings - Round Rock ISD
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2021 09:19:43 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: rangers@dps.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov
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Typo, meant to say 5% of fire code capacity. Will the public's right to attend their school board meeting be illegally violated again?

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April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Fwd: TEA Guidance on Masks
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2021 11:44:40 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSea_yDpwLjpUMB2o6hahypHB8Xd+OvCa_sb7q2oqXv4w@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 4efb66e51152befc5014c6e74598b8bf
Attachments: image_50418177.JPG

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From: **Danielle Weston** <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 9:28 AM
Subject: Re: TEA Guidance on Masks
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
CC: Aleecia Cardell Havard <[REDACTED]> Cottrill, Jeffrey
<jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

Dr Azaiez,

I am confused. Why am I learning about this from a community member in an email? On Friday TEA codified where we are on the mask issue in light of judicial decisions. Please cancel Wednesday's (9/22) meeting and spare our community from more division, distraction and harm. This thing is over. Time to move on with student outcomes.

Danielle Weston



Public Health Guidance

September 17, 2021

The guidance in this document is authorized by Executive Order GA-38, which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code. Executive Order GA-38 provides TEA with the legal authority to publish requirements for the operation of public school systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document takes effect immediately, replacing all prior guidance. TEA recommends that public school systems consult with their local public health authorities and local legal counsel before making final decisions regarding the implementation of this guidance. This guidance is subject to change as new information becomes available.

This guidance addresses:

- On-campus instruction
- Non-UIL extracurricular sports and activities
- Any other activities that students must complete

For guidance on matters related to school system staff, please refer [here](#). Additionally, as a reference for practices recommended by the CDC, see [here](#).

Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School

1. If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its [local health department](#), in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).
3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts.

Masks (restatement of pre-August 19th guidance document)

Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other authority to require protective equipment, including masks, in an employment setting is not necessarily affected by GA-38.

School systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

Students Who Have COVID-19

As provided in this [Department of State Health Services \(DSHS\) Rule](#), school systems must

On Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 9:11 AM Aleecia Cardell Havard <[REDACTED]> wrote:
It has come to my attention that TEA has updated this mask guidance (see below). I expect that you will follow their guidance and drop the mask mandate IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you,
Aleecia Havard
Sent from my iPhone

Subject: EO GA-38 violator at Cedar Ridge School (Round Rock ISD), Principal Jiae Kim
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2021 16:38:10 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, dhobbs@wilco.org
Cc: Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Dear AG Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs,

We're writing to report a flagrant scofflaw at Cedar Ridge High School located at 2801 Gattis School Rd, Round Rock, TX 78664. We're requesting a citation be issued to Principal Jiae Kim per EO GA-38, and that the illegal activity in violation of EO GA-38 cease immediately.

Our complaint is 3-fold as follows:

1. Mask mandates in public entities receiving taxpayer money are illegal, however, Principal Kim, by her own written admission below, is enforcing a mask mandate in our child's school, CRHS.
2. Principal Kim made a campuswide mask mandate announcement over the PA system on Friday, Sept 3, at approximately 12:30pm which many numerous students interpreted as a threat against ALL students being required to wear masks effective Tuesday, Sept 7. We can provide you with first hand student witness names/contact info to provide affidavits.
3. Principal Kim claims that her threat was targeted only against those students whose parents have not contacted the school or district to "opt out" of the illegal mask mandate, however, **mask mandates are illegal in the first place** so NO ONE should be threatened regarding mask-wearing by ANYONE for ANY reason in a public school.

We have already made abundantly clear to our children's schools that we will have zero tolerance for illegal activity and we will report violators of EO GA-38 immediately. Please follow up with us to discuss how this illegal activity will end promptly.

Thank you,
Justin & April Brinson

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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 1:17 PM
Subject: Re: EMERGENCY AT CEDAR RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
To: <jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: <maskmandate@oag.texas.gov>, <maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org>, Stacey Kensinger <stacey_kensinger@roundrockisd.org>, Jennifer Stork <jennifer_stork@roundrockisd.org>, Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Jonte' Buhl <Jonte_Buhl@roundrockisd.org>, <cale_o'neal@roundrockisd.org>, Karen Davis <karen_davis@roundrockisd.org>, <Sandi_Flores@roundrockisd.org>, Christopher Tong <Christopher_Tong@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Pfluger <lisa_pfluger@roundrockisd.org>, Julia Smith <julia_smith@roundrockisd.org>, <sena_lim@roundrockisd.org>, Sherri Hughes <sherri_hughes@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Moeckel <natalie_moeckel@roundrockisd.org>, Holly Griffin <holly_griffin@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Ivy <lisa_ivy@roundrockisd.org>, Jose Jimenez-Rivera <jose_jimenez-rivera@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <Julie_Haney@roundrockisd.org>, Brian Banks <brian_banks@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <Nancy_Guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Samuel Jones <samuel_jones@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>,

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Ok thank you for your prompt reply. I have passed it along to this parent whose child heard something entirely different in your announcement. My daughter was doing something that prevented her from hearing your announcement so she didn't know what was said. Glad to hear your intentions are NOT to violate the law or student/parent rights, thank you.

On Sep 3, 2021, at 1:07 PM, jiae_kim@roundrockisd.org wrote:

Mrs. Brinson,

I reminded our students of our mask policy and stated that unless your parents have opted you out, they would need to follow the mask policy and mask up. I reminded our students, if their parents have contacted me or filled out the form that they are okay and that their teachers have been notified.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2021, at 12:55 PM, April Brinson <april.brinson@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

A parent friend just informed me that CRHS Principal just announced over the loudspeaker that students will shortly be forcibly masked regardless of their parents' consent and to "not argue." I'm about to dial 911 for a criminal emergency at the school. Please let me know IMMEDIATELY whether this is incorrect information.

On Sep 2, 2021, at 9:01 AM, April Brinson <april.brinson@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you very much for your reply, Mr. Williams. I'm glad to hear that RMS is not participating in this highly inappropriate and unethical "assignment." This "assignment" should be completely BANNED EVERYWHERE in EVERY school. It's appalling and disrespectful of child and parental rights.

We plan to call *your* attention to each and every incident brought to *our* attention where parental and child rights are violated since this is a major issue of late in public schools, of which we will NOT tolerate. Again, our children NEVER have consent to be questioned about OR "taught" about their or others':

- | "Pronouns" (NO, INAPPROPRIATE)
- | "Gender Identity" (We have 1 child with a penis, 1 child with a vagina, end of story- our children's sexuality is NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS)
- | Race (theirs or others, particularly in the context of race shaming)
- | Socioeconomic Status (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS outside the possible context of applying for financial assistance in some way, of which you would be proactively notified so no need to violate families' privacy with inappropriate probing)
- | Disabilities (outside the specific context of receiving consented to SpEd/504 services)

Religion (theirs or others, particularly in the context of religion shaming)

Political beliefs (theirs or others, particularly in the context of beliefs/values shaming)

Medical decisions or history (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS, period, end of story)

Thank you very much for your respect of our children's God-given and Constitutional rights, as well as our consent/non consent granted to RRISD,

April & Justin Brinson

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:45 AM Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning April,

I just want to let you know that RMS is not using this activity in our 8th grade ELA classes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a nice day.

On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 8:16 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning,

I need to bring to your attention a RRISD 8th grade ELA assignment sent to me by a friend whose child attends Walsh MS and is circulating online. I've received confirmation that this highly inappropriate "assignment" is being used in many RRISD middle schools. My son, [REDACTED] was absent Mon & Tue so I'm not sure yet whether it was assigned in his ELA class. I'm writing to remind all RRISD teachers/admin/staff that under no circumstance do our children have consent to discuss (let alone be pumped for a grade) personal/private/confidential medical/personal/political/religious or ANY of the information being solicited in the attached assignment. Should you ever feel an inclination to violate our children's consent, please freeze and dial me (April) immediately at [REDACTED] as ALL private data collection or discussion of this nature regarding our children shall go through us as parents per our consent/non consent granted.

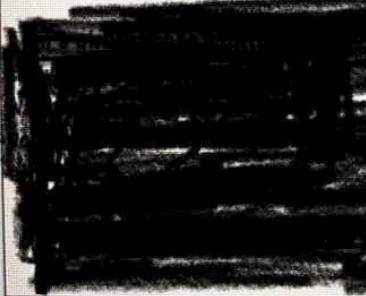



Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

What Makes Me Who I Am?

"IDENTITY is who you say you are, who others say you are, and who you desire to be..."

-Dr. Ghoddy Muhammad

Take some time and write down some things in the boxes that reflect who YOU are. Then go to the bottom and write about YOUR identity (pages 2 and 3). I have given you some sentence starters. (Use only if they help).

Self (gender, sexuality, socioeconomic status, physical, emotional, developmental (dis)abilities)	Culture (race, religion, celebrations, rituals)
	
Families	Likes/Dislikes/Beliefs
	

On Aug 17, 2021, at 8:27 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening Teachers of our children, [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson,

We're so excited for the new school year and greatly appreciate you teaching our children, thank you!! We're looking forward to an academically productive and all around positive school year! Please reach out anytime!

In light of events over the past year and a half, we'd like to make clear our expectations as parents. Our family does *not* wear masks. Our children do *not* have parental consent to wear masks anywhere, including at school. If you're seeing our child(ren) wearing a mask at school, that's a result of either bullying, coercion, or some type of manipulation or unhealthy social pressure that is occurring at school, and is unacceptable. If you see one of our children wearing a mask, we need for you to remind them that they do not have parental consent to wear face coverings and kindly ask them to remove it. If this is an issue whatsoever, please immediately call me (April) at [REDACTED] If we find out that our children are wearing masks at school, we will be reporting EO GA-38 violations for citation with the Attorney General's Office, as well as taking legal action ourselves, so let's just prevent that in the first place by making clear to our children that their parents' legal rights and authority will be respected on RRISD property.

We'd also like to make clear that all private medical decisions are just that... PRIVATE. No one employed by RRISD or on RRISD property has consent to discuss private medical decisions with our children including but not limited to masks, shots, medical tests, social distancing, quarantines, or any other private decisions about medical procedures. We as parents make *all* private medical decisions for our children under the authority of our parental rights. Should anyone at RRISD feel the need to discuss private medical decisions, please contact me (April) at [REDACTED]

Thank you for all your efforts as teachers!! It's going to be a fabulous school year!

April & Justin Brinson

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Questions, comments, or concerns?

Regards,

Kenneth Williams, Jr.

Assistant Principal

"People can alter their lives, by altering their attitudes."- Dr. Margaret T. McCracken

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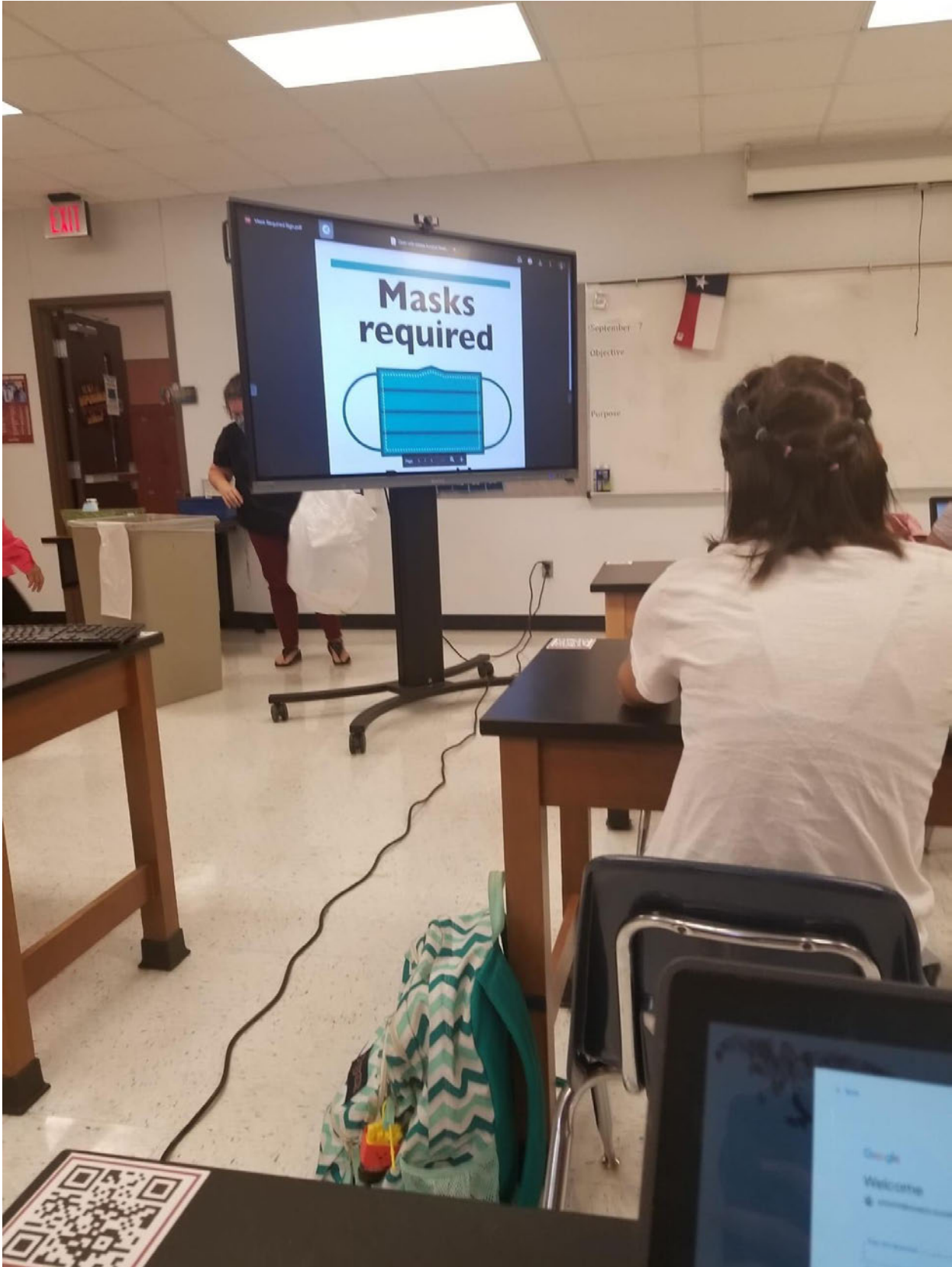
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Subject: Round Rock High School teacher Margaret Jameson
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2021 21:34:25 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org
Cc: dhobbs@wilco.org, Bgravell@wilco.org, hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org,
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Dear AG Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs,

We're writing to report a flagrant scofflaw at Round Rock High School. Integrated Physics and Chemistry teacher, Margaret Jameson, is forcing her students to wear masks in violation of EO GA-38. Please issue her a citation and take immediate legal action.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson

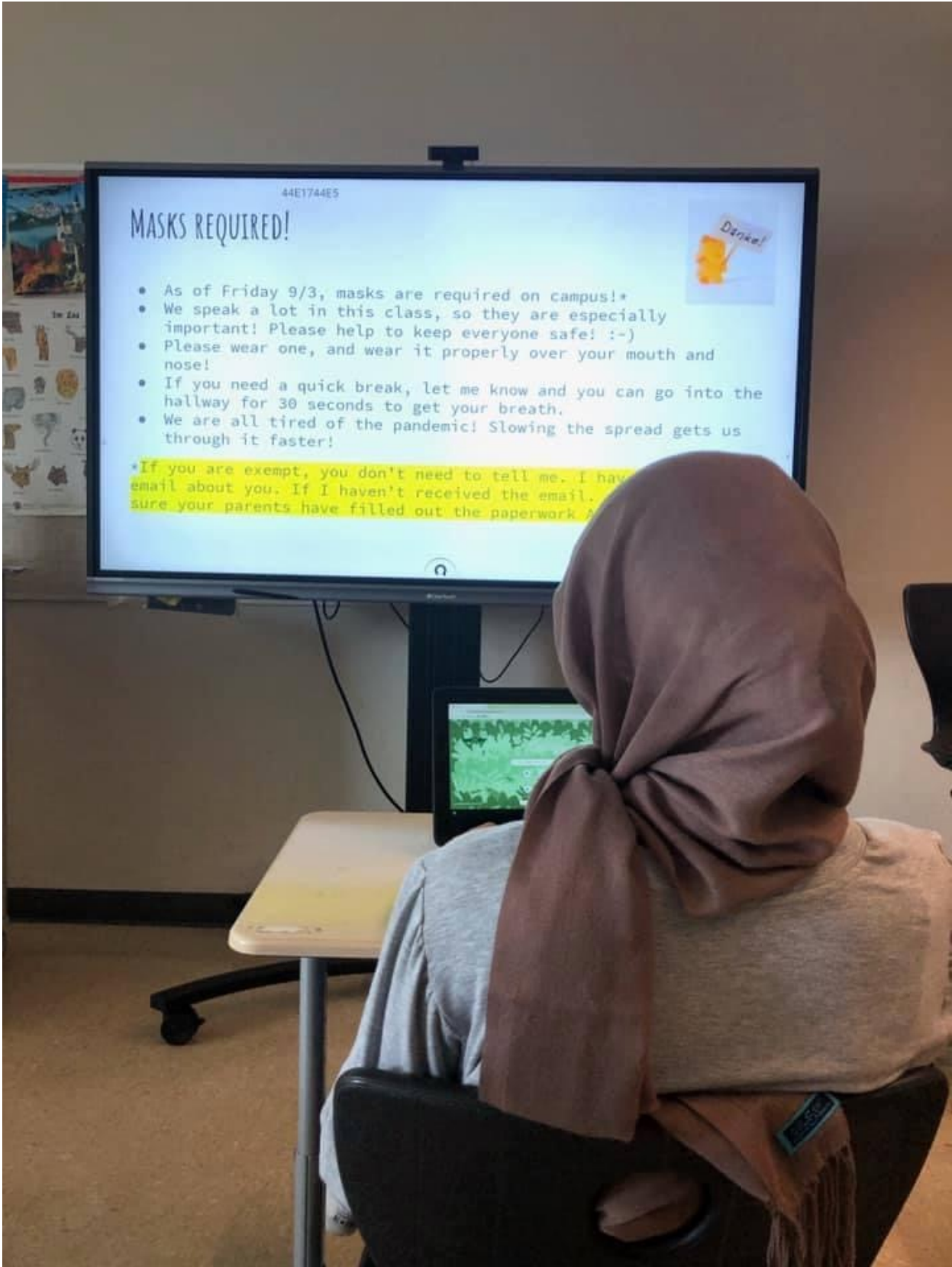


Subject: Cedar Ridge High School (Round Rock ISD) teacher, Leslie Decker
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2021 22:02:50 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org
Cc: dhobbs@wilco.org, Bgravell@wilco.org, hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org,
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Dear AG Paxton & Williamson County Attorney Hobbs,

We're writing to report a flagrant scofflaw at Cedar Ridge High School in Round Rock ISD. Debate teacher, **Leslie Decker**, is forcing her students to wear masks in violation of EO GA-38. Please issue her a citation and take immediate legal action.

Thank you,
April & Justin Brinson



Subject: Fwd: Celebrate Freedom Week
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2021 19:55:01 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: [REDACTED] John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
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Attachments: Celebrate Freedom Week Unit Plan.pdf

This seems good but pretty generic. I am not clear on how a Kindergarten teacher presenting the information is different than say, the 12th grade required Government class does based on this. Can you help me understand? Are you sure every RRISD student will receive 10-15 min of instruction on Freedom Week content every day next week?

Danielle Weston

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From: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 7:46 PM
Subject: Re: Celebrate Freedom Week
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

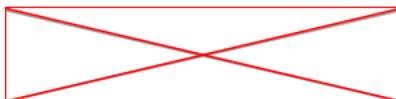
Good evening Trustee Weston,

Thank you for including me in this email. Our students celebrate Freedom Week across our district. In fact, our Curriculum Department created a Lesson Unit for our teachers to use. Please see attached plan.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 8:05 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms Melnar,

This Sep 17 will be my first Constitution Day as a trustee. I am very glad to see that TEA has published this about Freedom Week including meaningful links to assist educators.

I have copied Dr Azaiez so that he can let our board know what our educators have planned for Freedom Week. I am so glad to see TEA leading from the front!

Dr Azaiez, I'm looking forward to hearing from you on this.

Danielle Weston

On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 7:53 PM Natalie Melnar <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good evening! Is this something RRISD acknowledges??

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/subject-areas/social-studies/celebrate-freedom-week>

What an amazing opportunity for our students and community! Hopefully our teachers and libraries honor this important event.

Kind regards,

Natalie Melnar

Subject: Non consent for masks and discussion of private medical decisions/personal information/family beliefs/etc - [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson

Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2021 08:16:43 -0500

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: Jennifer Stork <Jennifer_Stork@roundrockisd.org>, "Jonte' Buhl" <Jonte_Buhl@roundrockisd.org>, cale_o'neal@roundrockisd.org, Karen Davis <Karen_Davis@roundrockisd.org>, stacey_kensinger@roundrockisd.org, Sandi_Flores@roundrockisd.org, Christopher Tong <Christopher_Tong@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Pfluger <lisa_pfluger@roundrockisd.org>, Julia Smith <julia_smith@roundrockisd.org>, sena_lim@roundrockisd.org, Sherri Hughes <Sherri_Hughes@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Moeckel <natalie_moeckel@roundrockisd.org>, Holly Griffin <Holly_Griffin@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Ivy <Lisa_Ivy@roundrockisd.org>, Jose Jimenez-Rivera <jose_jimenez-rivera@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <julie_haney@roundrockisd.org>, Brian Banks <brian_banks@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]> Samuel Jones <samuel_jones@roundrockisd.org>

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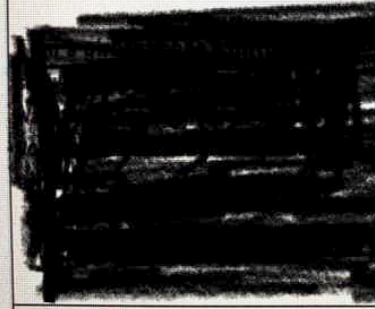
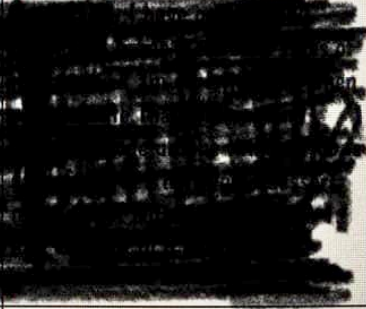
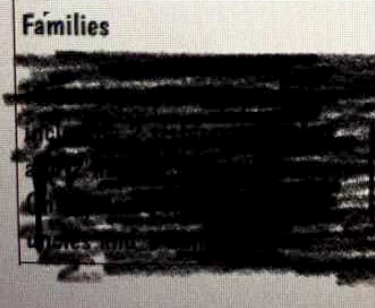
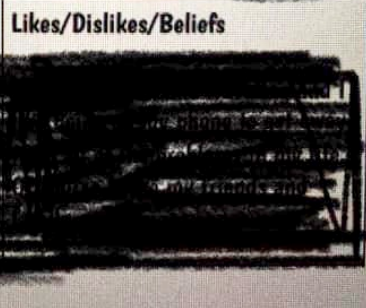
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April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Question
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2021 16:26:21 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
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Danielle

On Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 10:20 PM Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]> wrote:
If the district is following the guidance of local health officials, why did this prevent McNeil from making returning to school more attractive?

I know why. You all were having the teachers tell the students at the beginning of the year that the weren't going to come back.

This is not about anyone's safety. This is about political favors.

Fasten your seatbelts.

Lisa Lusby

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Katy ISD Made the Right Choice
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2021 15:59:58 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgReC0usZHtOkizBrWvZxNoSP9Btzh9KJZnqN=aKmv2o3Q@mail.gmail.com>
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On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 5:10 PM Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

RRISD Board of Trustees,

Let's use some common sense and medical science and not be the last school district in Texas bitterly clinging to false and ineffective policies. Please do the right thing, and make a similar announcement that you plan to end the mask mandate at the end of this school year so that we don't have to waste time and financial resources in a legal battle in the courts. Katy ISD has realized that school mask mandates are not a legal battle that can be won.

[Katy ISD plans to end mask mandate on June 1 \(houstonchronicle.com\)](https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/education/katy-isd-plans-to-end-mask-mandate-on-june-1)



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[Jacob Carpenter](#)

[With the decision, Katy becomes the state's largest district to set an expiration date...](#)

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[Dustin Clark](#)

Subject: Re: Non consent for masks and discussion of private medical decisions/personal information/family beliefs/etc - [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Brinson

Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2021 09:01:18 -0500

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

To: Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>

Cc: Stacey Kensinger <stacey_kensinger@roundrockisd.org>, Jennifer Stork <Jennifer_Stork@roundrockisd.org>, "Jonte' Buhl" <Jonte_Buhl@roundrockisd.org>, cale_o'neal@roundrockisd.org, Karen Davis <Karen_Davis@roundrockisd.org>, Sandi_Flores@roundrockisd.org, Christopher Tong <Christopher_Tong@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Pfluger <lisa_pfluger@roundrockisd.org>, Julia Smith <julia_smith@roundrockisd.org>, sena_lim@roundrockisd.org, Sherri Hughes <Sherri_Hughes@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Moeckel <natalie_moeckel@roundrockisd.org>, Holly Griffin <Holly_Griffin@roundrockisd.org>, Lisa Ivy <Lisa_Ivy@roundrockisd.org>, Jose Jimenez-Rivera <jose_jimenez-rivera@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Julie Haney <julie_haney@roundrockisd.org>, Brian Banks <brian_banks@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Samuel Jones <samuel_jones@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you very much for your reply, Mr. Williams. I'm glad to hear that RMS is not participating in this highly inappropriate and unethical "assignment." This "assignment" should be completely BANNED EVERYWHERE in EVERY school. It's appalling and disrespectful of child and parental rights.

We plan to call *your* attention to each and every incident brought to *our* attention where parental and child rights are violated since this is a major issue of late in public schools, of which we will NOT tolerate. Again, our children NEVER have consent to be questioned about OR "taught" about their or others':

- | "Pronouns" (NO, INAPPROPRIATE)
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- | Race (theirs or others, particularly in the context of race shaming)
- | Socioeconomic Status (100% NONE OF RRISD's BUSINESS outside the possible context of applying for financial assistance in some way, of which you would be proactively notified so no need to violate families' privacy with inappropriate probing)
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- | Political beliefs (theirs or others, particularly in the context of beliefs/values shaming)
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Thank you very much for your respect of our children's God-given and Constitutional rights, as well as our consent/non consent granted to RRISD,

April & Justin Brinson

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 7:45 AM Kenneth Williams <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good morning April,

I just want to let you know that RMS is not using this activity in our 8th grade ELA classes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a nice day.

On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 8:16 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Questions, comments, or concerns?

Regards,

Kenneth Williams, Jr.

Assistant Principal

"People can alter their lives, by altering their attitudes."- Dr. Margaret T. McCracken

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Subject: Re: THANK YOU
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2021 15:59:32 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
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On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 1:02 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

You guys were amazing!!!! We are so proud of you for standing up for the concerned parents and actually making logical statements that supported the future of the district and the families with concerns about continuing to mask our children and staff.

I know this wasn't easy for you, but YOU HAVE the silent majority on your side.. and we will keep pursuing this.

Very inspiration ladies...for sure
-Shauna Kinningham

Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Opinion needed - RRISD
Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021 11:57:31 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
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From: **Danielle Weston** <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 11:55 AM
Subject: URGENT: Opinion needed - RRISD
To: <dhobbs@wilco.org>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>

Williamson County Attorney Dee Hobbs,

I hope you are well sir! I was reviewing your office's mission statement on-line at:
<https://www.wilco.org/Elected-Officials/Attorneys/County-Attorney/Mission-Statement>

This excerpt caught my eye:

"The same level of service is expected when representing Williamson County and its officials upon formal request with legal advice and legal representation, fulfillment of governmental transparency through timely and accurate response to public information requests, and all other accompanying legal services as required."

Please read the attached press release, dated 19 Apr 2021, from my fellow RRISD Trustee, Dr Mary Bone, and I regarding the mask issue in RRISD.

I am formally requesting an opinion from you on this question:

Can the Round Rock Independent School District (a public school district) require students to wear a mask in order to attend a RRISD school?

There is no statewide mandate. RRISD policy does not require it.

I am standing by for word from you.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Ph: 618.670.4739

Subject: Re: Year End & 2020-21 Updates
Date: Sat, 17 Apr 2021 10:12:26 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, david beinke <specialedmarine@yahoo.com>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>
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Almost seventy (70) years later, it appears that Defendant Katy ISD Superintendent Kenneth Gregorski has forgotten the lessons of *Brown v. Board of Education*, by implementing a policy that fails to make education available to all on equal terms. Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit not only to empower parents, but to recapture their rights to make decisions they believe are in their children's best interest. To date, there is no documented case where one single school teacher has contracted the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") from a student. This lawsuit seeks to protect children from an irrational and unconstitutional policy that provides a false sense of security, but has the actual effect of harming children.

The Round Rock ISD Plaintiff parents group is scheduled to sign the contract with our attorney on Monday.

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 4:32 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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From: **Superintendent Ken Gregorski** <communications@katyisd.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Year End & 2020-21 Updates
To: KATY ISD Recipients <recipients@katyisd.parentlink.net>



Dear Katy ISD Parents/Guardians and Staff,
The 2020-21 school year has undoubtedly been a memorable one. Like school districts across the country, we faced innumerable challenges- many of which, I know, were particularly difficult for families as we navigated the best way to serve and protect our children and staff

amid a global pandemic.

Though, with only 5 ½ weeks left in the school year, we are almost at the finish line! And despite the stressors of this past year, there were so many accomplishments that continued our Katy ISD story of excellence and perseverance. Our teachers and staff provided extraordinary in-person and virtual learning experiences for all students when many schools across the nation could not. Our students participated in all campus programs including athletics, fine arts, and FFA. We continued to be rated as an A+ district by Niche, and Forbes ranked the district as the 2nd best employer in Texas. Plus, we will culminate a great year by hosting graduations in person at Legacy Stadium at 100% capacity!

Now, as we begin preparations for the fall semester, an end to the pandemic is finally in sight. TEA's 2020-2021 public health guidance for school districts expires at the close of the academic year. With the expiration of the TEA guidance, Katy ISD will return to completely normal operations on June 1. Students and staff will no longer be required to wear facial coverings, daily COVID-19 notifications will cease, the Katy Virtual Academy (as implemented this year) will end, and our campuses are especially excited to welcome back all of our parents and volunteers to begin planning for the 2021-22 school year!

Finally, I want to share how proud I am of the work of our exceptional staff and parents. I feel humbled by the commitment, flexibility and strength you have demonstrated on our campuses, outside of school, and at home in ensuring our students continued to have access to the educational experiences and supports needed at a time of great adversity. I am beyond grateful for your efforts in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

As our mission states, "together with family and community...inspire each student... to *create the future.*"

With appreciation,

Ken Gregorski, Ed.D.

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On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 1:54 PM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear RRISD board member,

I ask that you vote to make masks optional for students. I beg you to review the medical research below, and not follow the political rhetoric of the CDC.

I know that many parents have emailed you asking you to keep masks on our children, citing CDC recommendations, but they are misinformed. The CDC recommends lots of things to prevent disease and death that you have not made mandatory, because these recommendations are choices that citizens and parents make for themselves. ²

Additionally, the following quotes from trusted, bedrock medical research institutions run contrary to the CDC recommendations. In light of this scientific research, it appears that the CDC recommendation is a political message, and not one that is rooted in science.

If masks work as well as the CDC says, then those who wish to wear them can continue to do so and they will be protected.

Case counts are only one data point, and should not be used to make this decision. Using case count data alone for your decision is poor leadership and lazy research. If you are waiting for vaccinations to increase, the CDC has said that vaccinations do not prevent transmission, so where is the goal post?

>From the World Health Organization (WHO):

- "There is limited evidence that wearing a medical mask by healthy individuals in the households or among contacts of a sick patient, or among attendees of mass gatherings may be beneficial as a preventive measure.14- 23 However, there is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (whether medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, including universal community masking, can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."
- "Many countries have recommended the use of fabric masks/face coverings for the general public. At the present time, the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence and there are potential benefits and harms to consider."
- Potential increased risk of self-contamination due to the manipulation of a face mask and subsequently touching eyes with contaminated hands
- Potential self-contamination that can occur if non-medical masks are not changed when wet or soiled. This can create favourable conditions for microorganism to amplify

The American Medical Association released a position paper on masks. It made several point that bring the issue of the public wearing face masks into question, including...

- "Face masks should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory infection such as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks should also be worn by healthcare workers, by individuals who are taking care of or are in close contact with people who have respiratory infections, or otherwise as directed by a doctor. Face masks should not be worn by healthy individuals to protect themselves from acquiring respiratory infection because there is no evidence to suggest that face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people from becoming ill."

Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

- "There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."
- "During the 2009 pandemic of H1N1 influenza (swine flu),encouraging the public to wash their hands reduced the incidence of infection significantly whereas wearing facemasks didnot.5There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."

New England Journal of Medicine- May 2020-

Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant

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Respectfully,
Wes and Jessica Pryor

Subject: Mask Mandate Optional - Considering pulling my 2 kids from RRISD in Fall
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 09:45:48 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpvdAC1nTo87Dk1UpBuGh=Vs4=FvHKEzZ-EzaimVFVreHw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 6e8c736a15814ce1608d5c7c2b241040
Attachments: FILE_4653.pdf

Dear Board members,

I saw on KXAN this morning that RRISD issued a statement that they are

not recommending adjusting the current mask mandate. This is

disappointing because it shows you aren't even taking into consideration the

public feedback that you will be receiving at the Thursday meeting.

On 4/15/21 at the board meeting IF you refuse provide a plan of action and

to allow students to have the "choice" to mask or not when seated in a

classroom (which is supported by TEA's guidelines) and you instead continue

with your current mask policy that is blatantly contrary to the scientific

evidence and what state and local entities are doing, you leave me no choice

but to consider **looking for another school option for my two children**

for next school year. I will work to *encourage other parents* who feel the

same to strongly consider this as well. Once they figure out that RRISD

doesn't have any intentions of removing the mask mandate anytime soon, I

can assure you they will be leaving the district as well. Especially IF they find

out that next fall RRISD is keeping the mask mandate, I would plan for a

large number of people to leave unenroll. And honestly with all the online

options for school now, it makes this an actual reality for the district.

I would encourage RRISD Board to come up with an actual **PLAN OF**

ACTION to show what criteria you are going to be using to get the school

back to normal. Set up a Phased approach and give the people that want

masks optional some indication of what actual criteria you will be using.

Liberty Hill ISD is a good example of a PHASED APPROACH. Here is their

information:

<https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/cms/lib/TX50000150/Centricity/Domain/4/P>

[arents Covid Protocol Updates 3 23 21.pdf](#)

The American Medical Association in 2020 also stated that, "Face masks

should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory

infection such as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks

should not be worn by **healthy individuals** to protect themselves from

acquiring respiratory infection because there is no evidence to suggest that

face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people

from becoming ill.”

These are not conspiracy theories, these are direct quotes from trusted,

bedrock medical and scientific research institutions. I am attaching a

document that is a compilation of referenced material with links to medical

research and articles that support my position. I hope you will take the time

to read it ahead of tomorrow's meeting so that you can make an informed

decision on this important issue, and to help you in justifying to the

community why mask choice is rooted in science.

Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

- “There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.”
- “During the 2009 pandemic of H1N1 influenza (swine flu), encouraging the public to wash their hands reduced the incidence of infection significantly whereas wearing facemasks did not. There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.”

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jpc.14936>

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<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32237672/>

Sincerely,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Re: Texas Government Code Section 551.007 violation
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2021 10:46:47 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: dhobbs@wilco.org, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-zERz6-dCA1x8ydr5CUCwQM_wa5zGL7m6NDZev9KyuKRw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a997d7da597676a3e312b0803e4baed7

Your own agenda states that you may reconvene in open session and take action. Your agenda states, **"Following the Closed Session, the Board will reconvene in Open Session and may take action on any item discussed in Closed Session."** You're breaking the law.

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1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

C. CLOSED SESSION
1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Under Section 551.071, the Board will meet in consultation with attorney regarding the Superintendent's contract.

D. CALL BACK TO ORDER
1. Call Back to Order

E. ADJOURNMENT
1. Adjournment

Agenda Item Details

Meeting Aug 23, 2021 - ROUND ROCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALLED BOARD MEETING

Category CLOSED SESSION

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Type Information

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Open public comment in accordance with the law. You're in violation of the law and I'm reporting you.

On Sat, Aug 21, 2021 at 8:21 AM Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I have confirmed with TEA that "If there is not action set to be taken, then there is not a need to post/accept public comment".

The call to order, pledge, call back to order, and adjournment will, of course, be open to the public.

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:53 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I just spoke with an assistant to the TEA Deputy Commissioner of Governance and he said that we the public do have a legal right to speak even if the only agenda item is in closed session. The Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Call Back to Order & Adjournment are all public and so is Public Comment. I would like my legal right to give public testimony granted please, thank you.

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:23 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Ms Brinson,

I sent an email inquiry to board Pres Weir yesterday asking for public comments to be added to the agenda of next week's 23 Aug 2021 board meeting, the one in your screenshot. She replied that the law allows for her to omit public comments from the agenda for a meeting that only has closed session items on the agenda. I planned to reply to Pres Weir asking for a reference to the TGC or TEC that she is referring to.

Pres Weir, can you please provide that citation here on this email thread and then to the entire board?

-Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:09 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board of TRUSTees,

I just got off the phone with TEA regarding Monday's called Board meeting, which denies the public their legal right to provide testimony:

<image1.jpeg>

They instructed me to email you and direct your attention to Texas Government Code Section 551.007 and then call back once you reply as to whether you'll be allowing the public their legal right to provide testimony.

Will you be allowing public comment/testimony during Monday's called board meeting?

Thank you,
April --

Amy Weir
Round Rock ISD Board President

Trustee Place 5

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Thu, 4 Mar 2021 02:50:13 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SA0PR07MB76441385E64B0F272BEC1D12D0979@SA0PR07MB7644.namprd07.prod.outlook.com>
MD5: 3c7adf22057a0f1f6897f44d2761c8a8

Thanks Danielle!

It's awesome to hear of someone else who is on the same page. It feels like I'm fighting a losing battle these days because so many are filled with fear. I'm not afraid to bug the heck out of whoever I need to! I'll email them and share the message to all the other distressed mamas out there who feel the way I do. Thank you for your speedy response! If you have any other ideas of things we can do in the future to move this along please let me know.

Thanks so much!

Katy

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:55:43 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Hi Katy and thank you for writing!

If you have been watching the school board meetings then you know that you and I are in agreement. Trustee Mary Bone and I have been on the losing side of multiple votes to direct this school district back to a normal, on-campus experience.

I encourage you to share your thoughts with the city of round rock city council and mayor. They imposed a mask mandate for the city last year and extended it last week. They have a meeting next week. Their emails can be found on the city's website. If they decide to rescind their mask mandate then I think it's time for our school board members to go on the record with where they stand on this.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

In fact, the mask mandate has been detrimental to my child's health. My son, who is a [REDACTED] at Cedar Valley, suffers from severe allergies and [REDACTED]. Due to three years of allergy shots (one in each arm at each appointment), we had finally gotten his [REDACTED] attacks under control. His [REDACTED] is aggravated by his allergies and he carries a rescue inhaler. Before masks, he hadn't needed his rescue

inhaler in almost two years. He now has to use it several times per day because he cannot breathe and is inhaling his body's waste.

As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

They are running the school like it is a prison. They have hall monitors yelling at the kids to put masks over their noses, they are yelling at them for walking a different way than the arrows, and I was recently informed by my son that his assistant principal Mr. Fletcher has a stick that he pokes and harasses children with if he feels they are not socially distanced enough.

My son's mental health has declined drastically and comes home crying sometimes because he is unable to get the social interaction he craves. He's become extremely clingy when he is home. My other son, who is a [REDACTED] at Round Rock high refuses to even attend school because of the mask rule. However, my youngest son was failing his classes and due to his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he needs to be in school so he can receive accommodations and personal direction from his teachers.

Please do the right thing and at least make masks OPTIONAL. It is unconstitutional to demand this on any student. The science does not support a mask mandate for the kids either. Their infection rates are much lower, they are almost always asymptomatic, and the survival rate is almost 100%. We as adults are supposed to be a voice for these kids.

We the parents are pleading for you to lift these restrictions and mandates since the TEA is leaving it up to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Re: Mask requirement
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2021 16:15:41 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTVreqgx93n8c673RDbLqv_qeA7uGyTWC9PubvpGONORw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: c0a999b391009549c2bfdc2d7811c692
Attachments: image_6487327.JPG

You are correct. Keep me posted on what you hear from others.

Danielle



Texas Attorney General ✓



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To all Texans: PUBLIC SCHOOLS CANNOT MANDATE MASKS. Period.

Both the Gov's Exec Order and SCOTX are clear on this.

If your kids' public schools are still requiring masks, email maskmandate@oag.texas.gov. They are wasting your tax dollars dragging everyone into litigation!

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On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 3:28 PM John Keagy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

RRISD Board Member,

I need to know what you would do in my situation. I have been assured multiple times by this board and the RRISD Administration that parents should walk hand-in-hand with teachers to guide our children and educate them. Parents are an integral part of the journey of our child's education.

Today, however, I feel betrayed in the worst way. My [REDACTED] daughter has been coerced to betray my wishes. My daughter may never again attend a RRISD educational institution because of this betrayal. In fact, I consider this grounds of a major legal violation of my parental rights.

For the last several months, since late April 2021, there has been quite a discussion of masking in our house. My three children have all participated in the discussions. We have read articles, watched videos, listened to commentary, participated in RRISD School Board meetings, etc. I have even spoken at you multiple times concerning this topic. All the while, I had great trust that you would not violate my inalienable rights or the rights of my family. You all have failed me. What is worse, you have failed my [REDACTED] daughter!

Today, your updated & illegal mask mandate was put into effect. Our family had 'opted-out' last week and I sent an email to the principal of Forest Creek Elementary School reminding them of my wishes. Your ruling on Tuesday evening stated we had 1 week to provide additional paperwork to back up our 'opt-out' claim. At about 2:40pm this afternoon I noticed a picture of my daughter was posted on ClassDojo. This picture, attached, clearly shows that she is masked against my wishes. About 15 minutes later, my wife went to pick up my 2 elementary students and heard that my [REDACTED] also was made to wear a mask for about half the day.

Explain this egregious assault on my wishes.

Explain why we are even in this situation where a governmental body believes they have any right to block their parents' clear wishes.

Explain to me why this School district should educate my child to subvert her parents' authority.

Explain to me why you stand idly by and allow lawlessness in your district.

Explain to me why I should allow RRISD any access to my children.

Regards,
John & Rachel Keagy
(512) 809-8656

Subject: Fwd: SCOTX Ruling
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2021 15:28:55 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED] Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgRH00VuZ2+T0Tc_MqV0VLc1UDiOvTk6jE3QausyfFEJ3A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b75eae67f029f02e37e859e2ea4897df
Attachments: Williamson County Attorney letter 8.26.2021.pdf

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Danielle Weston** <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 3:09 PM
Subject: Re: SCOTX Ruling
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com>, Jenny Wells <jennifer_wells@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, Doyle Hobbs <dhobbs@wilco.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, <tom@maynardfortexas.com>

(PLEASE DISREGARD THE MESSAGE I JUST SENT. IT WAS NOT COMPLETE. THIS ONE IS COMPLETE)

Dr Azaiez and President Weir,

I haven't heard back from you. I am now looping the WilCo Judge and County Attorney into this thread because **I am not being heard**. And I have attached the WilCo County Attorney letter on this topic dated 8/26 which makes Williamson County's position clear. And I am looping SBOE member, Tom Maynard, in on this email out of sheer concern for RRISD as I seek to protect the district from going off of a legal cliff.

At 2:28pm yesterday (8/26) I told you we have two options on the table at this point. You can scroll up to see it and for ease, I have added it here between the two lines:

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 - As I see it, we now have two choices:
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of the Governor. Regarding that last concerning legal guidance we received (re: TEA), I am glad Jeff Cottrill is on this thread.

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If you do not choose the **first choice** I proposed (my preference), then we are back to the **second choice**, the special meeting request I made 2 hours after our 24 Aug 2021 meeting adjourned via email to Pres Weir and Dr Azaiez and I am adding that the 8/26 SCOTEX ruling (which did not exist at the time of the 8/24 meeting) presents an urgency to the matter. Pres Weir has already denied me this meeting (after Mary seconded the request) in writing. She stated it can be just an "agenda item in the 16 Sep meeting. THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. I will not tolerate being treated differently than my fellow trustees. We are all equals. And I expect my meeting to be called with the same swiftness as the special meeting that Trustees Xiao and Harrison requested. I have cleared my calendar for Monday (8/30), Tuesday (8/31) and Wednesday (9/1) for this meeting to be held.

Trustee Bone seconded my meeting request the first time and I expect her to do so here again. She is copied on this email. She may have additional logistical requests for this agenda. Please run the agenda by Trustee Bone and I for approval prior to posting it today or tomorrow for the meeting which I expect to take place on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Danielle Weston

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I AM REQUESTING A SPECIAL MEETING

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 7:47 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I am only one trustee. This is my opinion. If I had to choose between hitching my wagon at this point to the Travis County Judge or the attorney general of Texas, I choose the attorney general of Texas. I seek to protect our districts resources...both money and manpower. I do not believe that the TX Supreme Court it's going to change its position when the Travis County order comes up for consideration and all of a sudden decide that the governor does not have the power to levy executive orders. I believe it's time to put this sad and ugly chapter behind us and move forward with addressing the learning loss of our students and return our staff to the tremendous job that lies ahead for them. I will not keep this rational and logical view to myself. I will share it with everybody who asks me.

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 6:25 PM Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

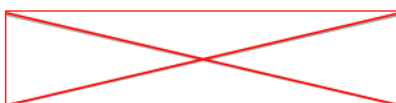
Good afternoon Trustee Weston,

Thank you for letting me know.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 2:47 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Someone just called me and informed me that Dr Azaiez' secretary is communicating RRISD's "official position" in reaction to today's SCOTEX ruling to callers to his office. Apparently she is asserting that today's ruling has ZERO impact on RRISD policy.

What the heck?!?

We are out of control. Please stop. This ruling DOES impact RRISD. It is crucial we lead and get this right. I can't stay silent if RRISD continues to down a rogue path.

-dw

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 2:36 PM Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com> wrote:

If the Board's recent action conflicts with the Board's action from last week, then the more recent action controls. So, the original opt-out language has been limited by the more recent action.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 3:28 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Is that a yes or no Doug?

Amy,

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Let me know which way you decide to go on this. My preference would be choice number one.

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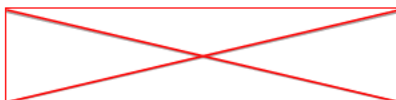
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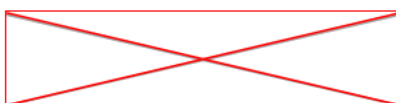
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On Aug 26, 2021, at 3:28 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Is that a yes or no Doug?

Amy,

We can make this easy and back off of the challenging of the governor's authority given today's SCOTEX ruling or we can make this hard.

The opt out motion remains in effect in RRISD.

The premise of the 24 Aug Mask Wars Part 2 meeting was clearly stated in the meeting after I asked. A "letter issued by the Travis County Commissioners Court on 17 Aug".

Now we have a SCOTEX ruling (finally!) which the TXAG is publicly asserting has a state wide impact. And we have Doug citing some other case that he says is still pending and has a state wide impact that we have NEVER discussed as a board or considered to impact possible action.

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Let's not forget that Tuesday nights agenda and the successful motion that emerged from it are highly problematic for reasons I have already emailed all of you on. That motion currently stands on very

shaky ground.

As I see it, we now have two choices:

The first choice is packed with wisdom. End the madness. The second choice is to schedule a Mask Wars Part 3 meeting to deliberate this case that Doug has now brought to our attention, deliberate the SCOTEX decision and consider possible action.

Let me know which way you decide to go on this. My preference would be choice number one.

-dw

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 1:16 PM Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com> wrote:

The general rule is that, in the event of a conflict between two Board actions, the one approved later in time is controlling as it is the Board's last word. There is no specific requirement to rescind a prior action, though rescission is an option if, for example, a Board wishes to completely undo a prior action. However, approving modifications or approving a new motion that has the effect of modifying a prior action (e.g. placing stricter limitations on a prior rule) is also permissible. Finally, reconsideration is yet a different motion used during the same Board meeting where a Board approved an action, and on second thought, the Board wishes to reconsider the action and either undo it or modify it at the same meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:42 PM, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Doug,

Thanks.

Can you advise if my motion on the 16th for Opt Out of ALL Mask mandates is still on the books since it was not rescinded nor reconsidered.

It was my motion so I take high interest in your reply.

Best Regards

Mary

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021, 12:23 PM Doug Poneck <dponeck@escamillaponeck.com> wrote:

The Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the Governor's motion for emergency relief for the Southern Center TRO, which is a statewide order enabling school districts to block the Governor's ban. Until the Supreme Court rules on this TRO, this is still in place. The Supreme Court could have addressed this TRO as well in its ruling, but it did not. So, we need to see how this TRO is addressed by the Supreme Court. Finally, the AG's view is not definitive or the final word on these issues as the AG is representing a party in the litigation.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:10 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

The torture of our community must come to an end now.

The SCOTEX took up the first 2 challenges (Dallas and Bexar Counties) local TRO's and referred the other 80+ to lower courts. This is all documented. Today's SCOTEX ruling has a statewide impact. I have been in touch with the TXAG office seeking clarity as a private citizen. There is no ambiguity. Lower courts are still free to challenge the authority of the Governor. Good luck with that.

Teachers from 3 campuses in 3 different learning communities reached out to me last night telling me that large groups of teachers on their campuses are notifying principals today that they are not complying with RRISD's mask mandate. Mary and I are not complying. You are not going to be able to force this. The gig is up.

Please let our community heal and get back to focusing on meeting the educational needs of children!!!!!!!!!!

Danielle Weston

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 12:01 PM Jenny Wells <jennifer_wells@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

The decision is in the Dallas County and Bexar County cases, in which Abbott argued that the governor, not individual cities or counties, acts as the commander in chief. I am not sure if this decision would extend to ISDs and somehow moot out the pending Travis County cases. I realize that AG Paxton is taking the position that it applies to all entities including school districts, but I'm not sure that was the intent of the Supreme Court since the issue before it in this case was only cities and counties.

Jenny

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 11:40 AM Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

As Trustee Weston and I predicted the SCOTX is upholding the Governor's Mask Mandate. It is time for us to put this issue to rest and apologize to our community for the I'll timed meeting Monday when we knew this ruling was coming.

Please advise on next steps. Do we need a meeting? If so please take this as an official request.

Best Regards
Mary Bone

Subject: Re: Board Meeting-YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO TRUMP THE GOV OF TX
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2021 09:48:12 -0500
From: Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]>
To: tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org,
amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org,
mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org,
amber_feller@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CA+cOBiATA+876g1cxYU2FKOS4pHsOy4oWqFd_Gvx7zj_WnUygA@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 0cbc1d4c828576d74eb8f137c7eb2103
Attachments: EO-
GA-36_prohibition_on_mandating_face_coverings_response_to_COVID-19_disaster_IMA
GE_05-18-2021.pdf

Here is the attachment. I am sorry that it did not attach the first time. Please read it and know the legal ramifications. You cannot mandate masks.

On Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 9:45 AM Tracy Banks <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing in advance of your board meeting tonight. I am not sure as to why you are holding a board meeting, as the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, has stated in Executive order GA 36 that public school districts cannot mandate masks. I am attaching the order, as it is obvious none of you have read it. I will take legal action if any student and/or faculty member is required to wear a mask on campus. Also, should you undermine the authority of the Governor of Texas and proceed with a mask mandate, the Governor order will still supersede your futile efforts, and students and faculty will come unmasked with the Governor order in hand and a news crew behind them. I am attaching the executive order for your convenience. Please take time to read it in its entirety and know the legal ramifications.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Thank you for your e-mail to the RRISD Board of Trustees Re: Urgent assistance with transferring all SpEd records & IEP for [REDACTED] Brinson to Hutto ISD
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 11:23:15 -0800
From: "Danielle Weston" <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSriFKh0o2o_yu3H2KzYSVpOSnv099_=4RpqcNjXP6-Yw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b29d49668b71db8c9a400234bea30f60

I appreciate you taking the time to send your message. Please know that I read and give thought to every single e-mail I receive.

Danielle Weston
RRISD Trustee
Elected in Nov 2020

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Supporting documents for Board Meeting 8/16/21
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2021 23:44:15 -0500
From: [REDACTED]
To: board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <09651F9E-1BDD-418B-82EF-1AA32E66563E@gmail.com>
MD5: 0b40ad89596b7eed27560136ff65e1fe

Good evening. My name is Rachel Keagy
I'm representing myself and family.
I have children entering [REDACTED] grade.

I have an Official letter from legal that I've emailed to you that states that the board does not have authority to mask mandate.

This letter, in response to my level 3 grievance in regards to allowing parents to choose if their children will wear a mask or any other medical device for the remainder of the year, and any subsequent year thereafter. This letter says that level 3 grievances will be dismissed by the superintendent or designee, on behalf of the Board of trustees, if the requested resolution is outside of Board authority.

This letter states: As the superintendent designee, I am dismissing this complaint on behalf of the Board of Trustees as the remedy you are requesting is OUTSIDE OF BOARD AUTHORITY. The letter continues to say Gov Abbott's EO No. GA-36 provides "school districts cannot require any person to wear a face covering after June 4, 2021. The EO remains in effect indefinitely." Additionally, the Board DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY to Grant or Deny the requested remedy for subsequent years because of the above referenced Order.

I would also like to share that I feel like you have not considered the children tonight by holding this board meeting. We had to MISS the Meet the teacher at our front door to be here instead. This is unfortunately taking away from their positive start to the school year experience.

It feels like you have been stringing me along, an involved parent, waiting until the very last minute to let us know your board intentions. It's feels like you are a controlling parent with one perspective only, who's maybe always means no.

"My way or the highway" is not diversity.

For my family wearing a mask does not mean health, student safety or protection. It means sores on my child's mouth that won't go away even with doc prescription ointment, it means fogged up glasses for another child who needs to wear glasses for their healthy eye development and it means silencing the voice of another.

For my children, mask wearing all day long is not student safety health protection. It takes health from them rather than give it. In order to wear a mask properly the way the nurses and doctors do in hospitals they have to change it every 3 hours and not touch it. And it has to be an N95.

One perspective is not ok. Forcing is not ok. I will feel bullied as a parent if wearing a mask is not a choice.

In closing: This official letter from legal stating that the board does not have authority to mask mandate sounds very clear to me that you can not defy orders.

This is not my word against yours. This is your word against yours, If you vote to mask mandate.

It's nice to see on paper you have already decided that parents can make a choice. It's wonderful to see you partner with Gov Abbotts EO that states the path forward relies on personal responsibility. Look what's happening here. So many people here tonight beginning to take ownership in their city for the future for our children.

I would like to encourage you to partner with unity and trust in one another. When forcing and controlling is present it creates division in us. Let's make room for all of us at the table.

Thank you.

Round Rock / Circle ○ □

Round Rock is circular we are one.

Subject: Unacceptable STAAR results for my son
Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2021 20:34:20 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org, mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org,
cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org, amy_weir@roundrockisd.org,
amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org,
mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org,
danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, specialedmarine@yahoo.com,
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marie_gonzales@roundrockisd.org, milton_perez@roundrockisd.org,
travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org,
deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org
Cc: Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <6E2AD480-D9E2-480E-A7B4-094A0063D984@gmail.com>
MD5: 25c05039cc8256b22b980d3f7f041bef
Attachments: image1.jpeg

My son has NEVER performed this poorly on STAAR. This is unacceptable. RRISD, get it together. This pisses me off. My son deserves a MUCH better quality education. I realize that STAAR is not the end all be all, BUT it IS a relevant indicator and after the HORRENDOUS past 2 school years, yâ€™all need to put it in overdrive NOW to make up for WASTED time before itâ€™s too late, this is absurd.đŸ~j

Subject: Please reconsider your messaging
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2021 10:12:00 -0500
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <0BCE37F0-5F7F-4383-9019-C1B3CE817FFC@yahoo.com>
MD5: f11ac0cd70d3520cbb3a64df8d31b73f
Attachments: IMG_2267.PNG ; IMG_2268.PNG

Trustee Vessa,

Your messaging on your trustee FB page is very concerning (see attached). Telling teachers that they can coerce children to put a mask on using an emotional plea will only create fear, anxiety and stress for children.

I have filled out the district opt out form for my children, and I hope that it will be honored and that my [REDACTED] son does not have to make an extremely conflicted decision between listening to his parents and listening to an emotional plea from his teacher. This kind of behavior by his teacher will undoubtedly cause him mental anguish, stress and anxiety.

Additionally, any suggestion or implementation for teaches to group children by masked and unmasked is segregation. Despite your feelings on this issue, segregation and discrimination has no place in our school district.

Please reconsider your words and how your calls to action will cause stress, anxiety and conflict for all children across the district.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Fw: Troubling RRISD Private Teacher Facebook Group
Date: Thu, 27 May 2021 18:18:16 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <660197893.894243.1622139497284@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 729e61d2702fa65ecbc5fa9676830dd2
Attachments: Cindy Looze Original Post 5.21.21.JPG ; Paige Crain Masking Original Post 3.14.21_LI.jpg
; TH Comment on Cindy Looze Post.JPG ; THs Voting Comment on Paige Post
3.14.21_LI.jpg

Forwarding to your for awareness

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>; Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 10:52:22 AM CDT
Subject: Troubling RRISD Private Teacher Facebook Group

Hello President Weir and Dr. Presley,

There is a very troubling private Facebook (FB) group that has been brought to my attention called "Teachers of Round Rock" (ToRR). There are about 1,200 members in this group, and a number of teachers have made disparaging comments about parents, and gossiping about ongoing trustee legal matters. I have numerous screenshots I can share as evidence. Even more concerning is that trustee Tiffany Harrison is participating in a number of these conversations that bring her ethics as a trustee into question, and she also may have used her position of power to influence the removal of a teacher for having a difference of opinion.

The most egregious comment came from trustee Tiffany Harrison on 3/14/21, when she told teachers in the FB group that she had already made up her mind to vote for continuing student masking at the upcoming board meeting scheduled for 4/15/21, without having heard comments from the public, or debate from her peers during the session. This is unethical appalling behavior by a trustee, and speaks volumes about her disregard for local trending data and thoughts and ideas that are different from her own. Furthermore, it flies contrary to diversity and inclusion by ignoring a marginalized group of parents, by coming to a decision before hearing from that group. This is the very definition of prejudicial oppression, and suppression of freedom of thought and freedom of speech. **(screenshot of her comment is attached)**

In addition, I have a number of screenshots of disparaging teacher comments and conversations, and a recent screenshot of a comment by trustee Harrison implying that I am a hateful person for a post that I made (using a SHAC board agenda item) to prompt the public to attend the meetings **(see attached screenshot)**. One of the substitute teachers in the group, a friend of mine, took a screenshot of Ms. Harrison's comment, and sent it to me. I sent Trustee Harrison an email informing her that I was aware of her comment, and I asked her to make such comments in public or directly to me instead of to teachers in a private FB group. Approximately two hours after that email, my friend was removed from that Facebook group.

My friend's comment was not inflammatory, so there is reasonable suspicion that she was removed from the group at the request of Trustee Harrison. I cannot prove this, but if she did not make this request using her position of influence, it is quite the coincidence. My friend followed up with the group admin about being removed and was told that it was because she was not a teacher. However, she is a substitute teacher for RRISD and has been a member of the group for about a year, yet Trustee Harrison is not a teacher and is still a member of the FB group.

The justification given by the admin, the fact that Trustee Harrison is still a member of the group despite not being a teacher, and the timeliness of her removal from the group after the

comment leads me to believe that Trustee Harrison was responsible for her removal. This is oppressive behavior that seeks to "cancel" minority views, and is unbecoming of a trustee that is supposed to be a leader and advocate for not just teachers, but parents and students as well.

In the RISD employee handbook, under "Personal Use of Electronic Communications, it states, "As role models for the District's students, employees are responsible for their public conduct even when they are not acting as District employees. Employees will be held to the same professional standards in their public use of electronic communications as they are for any other public conduct." This type of behavior goes against this policy, and is not reflective of a role model for RR district students, and goes against the RRISD professional standards that a teacher is expected to exhibit as a representative of the district.

I can't think of one corporate or government organization that would condone their staff and board members being a part of a FB group that engages in disparaging gossip about their stakeholders (parents), and also uses the platform to silence teachers that do not agree with certain board members positions. I hope you will address this immediately.

I'm asking for four things to rectify this situation:

1. A public apology from Trustee Harrison during the June regular board meeting for both of her actions.
2. Either a formal censure of Trustee Harrison's Facebook voting comments during the June regular board meeting, or that her vote be stricken from the 4/15 agenda item L record.
3. That the district release an email statement apologizing to parents for the disparaging FB behavior of the teachers.
4. Require teachers and board members to remove themselves from the ToRR FB group, and inform RRISD teachers and trustees that this behavior is not tolerated in this district.

I understand that teachers have a first amendment right in their individual capacity, and that the ToRR group is not an official RRISD page, but condoning an environment where disparaging comments spread like a virus, only serves to foster potential hate, division and biases against our children.

I will be filing a formal complaint on Trustee Harrison's FB voting comment made ahead of the 4/15 meeting. If swift action is not taken with teacher and trustee use of the ToRR FB page, I will consider sharing these screenshots and this story with local media outlets.

If you'd like, I am willing to meet with you both to review the screenshots attached, and others that I have.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: Veterans prohibited from RRISD campuses, emailed a video rather than honored with live performance
Date: Thu, 28 Oct 2021 15:47:40 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]> Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, "Cottrill, Jeffrey" <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>, Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, Travis Mutscher <Travis_Mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, christopher.hilton@oag.texas.gov, clong@wilco.org, cmorgan@roundrocktexas.gov, comm3@wilco.org, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, russ.boles@wilco.org, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov
Bcc: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSu6mq6hJ=FRMDyms7yN3OFQ10RsvCxitLF9=GZNFdF7Q@mail.gmail.com>
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Attachments: image_6483441.JPG

Dr Azaiez, This screenshot is from RRISD's recent newsletter.
What is going on? Why do I keep hearing that annual Veteran's Day events and bringing veteran's to our campuses are not going to be held during the school day?

Are you aware that Williamson County just held its first Rodeo over the weekend? Based on the crowd size and lack of mask wear, it's obvious citizens have moved on and are eager to get back to normal ops.

Honoring veterans has been a cornerstone of community engagement here in WilCo long before I moved here a decade ago. Please advise.

Danielle Weston

Noway.

We're excited to share what's happening in Round Rock ISD this month. We've rounded up some upcoming events you may like:

October 26 6-7 p.m.	Hernandez MS Fall Choir Showcase Choir students, grades 6-8, perform two selections of various composers and cultures. Free admission. Add Hernandez MS Choir Concert to your calendar.
November 1	Student Holiday/Staff Development Staff development day. No school for students on Monday, Nov. 1. Add Student Holiday reminder to your calendar.
November 11	Veterans Day Many of our schools have events honoring Veterans. Ask your campus about attending a Veterans Day event.
November 12 & 13 Various times	Twelve Dancing Princesses – Children's Show The Cedar Ridge Theatre Department presents Twelve Dancing Princesses by J.F. Clark. It is a beautiful and

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 9:32 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for your reply, Trustee Weston. Dr. Azaiez- Are our local Veterans invited to the Veteran's Day event at the McNeil PAC that Trustee Weston mentions? If so, **how do I get the invite to my Navy Veteran stepdad?** He deserves more than an email for Veteran's Day since he's banished from his grandchild's school campuses and is not invited to the annual Ridgeview Middle School Veteran's Day Program. Also, I'd like for his grandchildren to attend *with him* since the ultimate point of demonstrating gratitude for our Veterans within our public schools is not only to thank them for their service, but to **TEACH our children** about the significance of their service. Please let me know how I can get the invite to my children's grandfather and how they, his grandchildren, can attend with him in Round Rock Independent **SCHOOL** District.

Thanks, April

On Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 10:53 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Dr Azaiez,
Help me understand. Board members were invited to a Veteran's Day event and lunch at the McNeil PAC on Veteran's Day next month. I RSVP'd.

What is going on?

Ms Brinson,
Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 10:47 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Trustees & Dr. Azaiez,

Tonight I attended an outstanding band concert by Ridgeview Middle School in a packed auditorium at CRHS. At the end of the concert, the Band Leadership Team, of which my son is a member, stayed late to record their **Virtual** Veteran's Day Program of the songs they would normally perform live at the annual RMS Veteran's Day Program had RRISD not been prohibiting our respected Veterans, parents, and community members from entering campuses **that they pay for, and in the case of Veterans, fought and died for**. Can you even imagine how disrespectful this behavior is to our treasured Veterans? Clearly not, that is obvious and nauseating. So our United States Veterans will be emailed a video recording rather than respectfully invited to campus for a live performance in their honor by our hardworking RMS Band. Meanwhile CRHS Auditorium is backed to the gills. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves. If you say 1 empty word about your gratitude and respect for Veterans from the Dias, may you simultaneously envision April Brinson vomiting on your hypocrisy and utter bullcrap.

Sincerely,
April Brinson

Subject: Re: Liberty Hill ISD - Example of Mandate Lifting EFFECTIVE 4/19/21
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 17:16:25 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTBjeV1SSaDHSfFh5bhPveVdx5+SaGtqkUxoRy_+wq+AQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 664df75b6370c647aa1994124b61136d
Attachments: image.png ; image.png

Thanks Shauna, A phased approach makes a ton of sense. Thank you for sending this!

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 1:24 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Board Members,

I wanted to give you a VERY RECENT example of a nearby school district that just announced they would be going to their Phase 2 of their mask mandate policy. THIS is an excellent example of a "Phased approach" that kept the faculty and students aware of the PLAN to get the school district back to pre-mask conditions. It is important to have an expectation of when these events will occur and it could help show the RRISD's willingness to compromise and hear both sides of the issue.

To give you some background:

3/22/21 - Liberty Hill ISD met to update their COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/cms/lib/TX50000150/Centricity/Domain/4/Parents_Covid_Protocol_Updates_3_23_21.pdf

4/14/21 - Enrolled families were notified of the following:

Phase 2 is as follows and will begin Monday, April 19th

Mask Protocol

- All staff and students must self-check before coming to school or boarding a bus.
- Teachers will continue to wear masks unless socially distanced. Masks will be on when in close proximity to students.
- Data will determine if staff mask protocols will be lifted with staff.
- In phase 2, masks are optional for students **** (with exceptions) **** Some teachers with health problems or compromised immunity might require masks in their classrooms. We expect full cooperation.

Quarantine Rules (this is a change)

- Mandatory quarantines will apply to staff and students with home exposure. (14 days)
- School exposure quarantines. The school will notify parents and staff of any exposure. Parents will be given the choice to quarantine their children. If choosing not to quarantine, the student that is exposed should be self-checked before



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Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

Subject: LOCAL Schools that lifted mask mandate - Current Conditions
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 08:39:54 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
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MD5: 6ef804f634011a867994c0bb5f84ad82

Good morning Board Members,

I had 4 pieces of information that I wanted to share with you to help you with your decision today to make **masks optional** in RRISD. 3 are responses from Magnolia ISD, Comal ISD, and Hallsville ISD as to their condition AFTER removing their mask mandate. In addition, Florida Dept of Education just announced they recommend masks being optional for the 2021-2022 school year. Florida set the trend for removal of their state-wide mask mandate prior to Governor Abbot, and it has proven to be very successful with very low covid numbers.

1) Magnolia ISD

"Since lifting the mask mandate, we have not seen an increase in cases." - Denise Meyers, Director of Communications

From: Denise K Meyers <dmeyers@magnoliaisd.org>
Date: April 14, 2021 at 9:29:58 AM CDT
Subject: Re: Lifting masks in Magnolia

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Good morning,
Since lifting the mask mandate, we have not seen an increase in cases. We are continuing to track cases on our [dashboard](#) for transparency. We revised our close contact guidelines and sent a letter to parents so they understood the new guidelines and expectations. [Here is a link](#) to our new close contact guidelines. Since we have our own COVID testing site, this has really allowed us some flexibility.

I hope this information is helpful.
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you,

Denise Meyers
Director of Communications
Magnolia ISD
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<https://sites.google.com/magnoliaisd.org/nov-magnolia-isd-covid-dashboa/home>

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Date: April 14, 2021 at 11:17:57 AM CDT
Subject: Fwd: Mask questions

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From: "Whittle, Amy" <awhittle@hisd.com>
Date: April 14, 2021 at 2:42:59 PM CDT
Subject: Hallsville ISD

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Subject: Re: LOCAL Schools that lifted mask mandate - Current Conditions (enrollment #s)
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 08:58:12 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
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Regarding my last email... below are some numbers for their enrollment for your comparison as well as a link to a spreadsheet with **the current Texas School Districts that have lifted their masks mandate..**

1) MAGNOLIA ISD: Total Students Enrolled:13,264, Staff:1,500

2) COMAL ISD: Total Students Enrolled:24,935, Staff: 2,828

3) HALLSVILLE ISD: Total Students Enrolled:9,486, Staff: 692

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FYj8JkLTz_5N8o06ebbFN37T07YdLcALg2UIGYywp-M/htmlview

Thank you,
Shauna Kinningham

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 8:39 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Board Members,

I had 4 pieces of information that I wanted to share with you to help you with your decision today to make **masks optional** in RRISD. 3 are responses from Magnolia ISD, Comal ISD, and Hallsville ISD as to their condition AFTER removing their mask mandate. In addition, Florida Dept of Education just announced they recommend masks being optional for the 2021-2022 school year. Florida set the trend for removal of their state-wide mask mandate prior to Governor Abbot, and it has proven to be very successful with very low covid numbers.

1) Magnolia ISD

"Since lifting the mask mandate, we have not seen an increase in cases." - Denise Meyers, Director of Communications

From: Denise K Meyers <dmeyers@magnoliaisd.org>
Date: April 14, 2021 at 9:29:58 AM CDT
Subject: Re: Lifting masks in Magnolia

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Good morning,

Since lifting the mask mandate, we have not seen an increase in cases. We are continuing to track cases on our [dashboard](#) for transparency. We revised our close contact guidelines and sent a letter to parents so they understood the new guidelines and expectations. [Here is a link](#) to our new close contact guidelines. Since we have our own COVID testing site, this has really allowed us some flexibility.

I hope this information is helpful.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Subject: Liberty Hill ISD - Example of Mandate Lifting EFFECTIVE 4/19/21
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 13:24:12 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
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MD5: dc66121f888f20f7d5c42ba76208ba85

Hello Board Members,

I wanted to give you a VERY RECENT example of a nearby school district that just announced they would be going to their Phase 2 of their mask mandate policy. THIS is an excellent example of a "Phased approach" that kept the faculty and students aware of the PLAN to get the school district back to pre-mask conditions. It is important to have an expectation of when these events will occur and it could help show the RRISD's willingness to compromise and hear both sides of the issue.

To give you some background:

3/22/21 - Liberty Hill ISD met to update their COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/cms/lib/TX50000150/Centricity/Domain/4/Parents_Covid_Protocol_Updates_3_23_21.pdf

4/14/21 - Enrolled families were notified of the following:

Phase 2 is as follows and will begin Monday, April 19th

Mask Protocol

- All staff and students must self-check before coming to school or boarding a bus.
- Teachers will continue to wear masks unless socially distanced. Masks will be on when in close proximity to students.
- Data will determine if staff mask protocols will be lifted with staff.
- In phase 2, masks are optional for students ****with exceptions**** Some teachers with health problems or compromised immunity might require masks in their classrooms. We expect full cooperation.

Quarantine Rules (this is a change)

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Continued frequent hand washing, building cleaning, and all other COVID-19 protocols will remain in place.

Please note that at any time if the county returns to a COVID status of "Red" or we see a dramatic increase in COVID cases on campus or in a classroom, masks may be required again.



Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

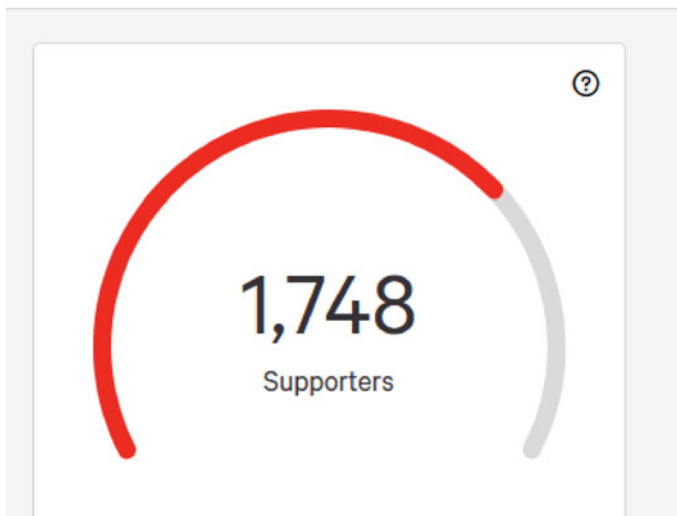
Subject: Mask Choice Petition
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 16:09:40 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
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Attachments: petition_signatures_jobs_28290128_20210415165703.pdf

YAY! We had a ton of support for our Petition to have RRISD adopt a "Mask Choice" policy. This was just in 5 days.. so I can only imagine if we kept the petition going longer. We wanted you to see that there ARE a lot of concerned families.

Attached is a copy for your records. Clearly you can see there are a lot of concerned parents and residents that feel masks should be optional for the health of the students and staff.

Mask Choice for Round Rock ISD

☰ Menu 🔍 View petition



<http://chnng.it/dRyX6CMh>

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Mask Mandate Topic for 3/25/21 Agenda
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2021 09:53:36 -0500
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpuywZHxx1uCGqbu0WD-Tm+rDSs2gjb4jnGzxxdCBvujFw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 75396e78464dfe18bf8a7da03e074ea6
Attachments: Unmasked Schools.xlsx

Dear Board Members, I wanted to follow up with you about the upcoming discussion on updating the mask mandate in RRISD. There are now 68 school districts (and 7 private schools) in Texas that have eliminated their outdated mask mandates and made mask optional for their students. ATTACHED is a spreadsheet that has all of these schools information as well as links to their announcements.

These masking decisions need to be tied to data, and the data is showing SIGNIFICANT decreases in COVID cases in Williamson and Travis county over the last several months. Yesterday there were only 26 new Covid cases in all of WilCo (population 566k) and only 85 new cases in all of TravCo (1.3M population). Now that vaccines are available for all teachers and staff, the families attending in person should be allowed to decide for their own families if they would like to have their children wear a mask or not.

Please take into consideration the physical and psychological damage that this continued mask mandate is having on our children. At a minimum, I would like you to consider removing the mask requirements at recess and PE. Here is an example of a school that did just that
<https://communityimpact.com/dallas-fort-worth/richardson/education/2021/03/19/richardson-isd-to-allow-elementary-students-to-remove-masks-during-recess-pe-classes/>

Also, Peaster ISD is an excellent model of a school that has thrived during this pandemic NOT requiring mask. Please see the latest new story on their situation:
<https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2021/03/08/rural-peaster-isd-texas-masks-distancing-students-academically/>

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shauna D. Kinningham** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Mask Mandate Topic for 3/25/21 Agenda
To: <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org>

Dear Board Members,

As you are aware, the Governor of Texas removed the state-wide mask mandate as of yesterday, 3/10/21. I'm writing to you to encourage the board to please strongly consider a phased approach to removing the school mask mandate in RRISD and making it optional.

I understand your concern for the health of the staff and students, and according to DSHS's March 3rd, 2021 announcement, all teachers and staff are now eligible to receive vaccines. I understand this will take a few weeks to give everyone the opportunity to receive both doses of the vaccine, so what I am suggesting is a phased approach to removing the mask mandate in schools and making them optional.

Here are some ideas that I would like you to consider that would be a compromise for those who want mask optional and for those who have health concerns and want them mandatory:

- 1) Set a reasonable deadline (30 days perhaps) for when you would like all interested staff to get immunized.
- 2) The City of Round Rock local mask mandate was extended to 4/29/21, so I suggest you try to have your schedule in line with this. Mayor Morgan indicated to me on Friday 3/5/21 that he is NOT expecting to extend the mask mandate deadline and he is optimistic based on the recommendations he got from his epidemiologist and also the increase in vaccine distribution.
- 3) Phase 1 - Make masks optional from outdoor recess and physical education where the kids are increasing their heart rate and breathing. My son (who is in 4th grade) says he has such a hard time breathing in PE and begs you to consider this for their safety.
- 4) Phase 2 - Make masks optional for elementary age children and monitor for a few weeks to make sure there are not any significant outbreaks.
- 4) Phase 3 - Make masks optional for middle schools and high schools and keep monitoring.

Here is a list of schools that have ALREADY removed the mask mandate (as of today).. and there are more and more coming out each day.

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Sweetwater ISD
Normagee ISD
Canyon ISD (on 4/5)
Lexington ISD

I would like to request that the topic of the removal of the RRISD school masks mandate be added to the March 25, 2021 agenda and that public input be allowed because I and many other concerned parents are genuinely concerned about the health of our children being forced to continue to wear these masks that inhibit their airflow and cause many other issues.

I'm very concerned that as temperatures rise and kids are outside playing with these masks on, they are going to get overheated. I'm sure the school district doesn't want to be liable for that since the state no longer has any mask mandate Here is a reference article on overheating with mask to consider:
<https://www.wkrq.com/health/coronavirus/dangers-of-wearing-masks-in-the-heat-and-humidity/>

Thank you for your time,

Shauna Kinningham
512-619-7921

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Where is the frame on Facebook?
Date: Tue, 16 Mar 2021 12:41:08 -0500
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <BCCB29A8-BA30-480E-A029-D146549B21F6@gmail.com>
MD5: e1911e10f5d06269cab0b307f455d3f
Attachments: image0.png

So, I went to add this to my Facebook profile because I am proud of my kid despite what your irrational BS has done to her.

Why does McNeil not have a frame? Is this some sort of discrimination because we have more impoverished minorities than other schools?

Add the frame back on. I am certainly NOT selecting the generic school district frame because you guys suck.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: RRISD - Mask issue (school ref)
Date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 17:08:03 -0600
From: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAKCUmpsv_G=-OkY-sJ5j_pVXewHYampP93KM-oH-AzBb5e+5HQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 7007ac6fe8b2f5ec6505919180eebcb7
Attachments: TXSchools_lift_mandate.docx

Hello Danielle,

Just wanted to share with you this updated document of TX schools (and references) that have lifted their mask mandate so you can share with the board.

Thanks-Shauna

On Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 7:08 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Wow thank you for that info about other districts Shaunna. And I am glad you talked to Mayor Morgan. Did you see the Williamson County Covid Dashboard today? We are down to 39 new cases for the day. That is the lowest I have seen that number since May 2020.

Please send an email to the entire board (board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org) and let everyone know what you want on the 25 March 2021 agenda and why. Mary and I asked for a mask discussion and possible action to be on the agenda at the end of the 4 Mar 2021 meeting. In addition, I want to share with you a message I sent Board Pres Amy Weir and Dr Presley earlier today. It's copied and pasted below. I have redacted the campus I cited to them as I do not want any retribution to come to the hard working staff at that campus.

Pres Weir and Dr Presley,

Elementary kids across the state have been playing outside at recess for months mask-free and it has not been problematic. We need to let RRISD kids play mask free while outdoors at recess. This has to happen now and I am asking that it not have to play out at the dias. If I have to draft a resolution for the 25 Mar agenda that directs the district to allow elementary age children to be able to play outside mask free at this point, with all that we know about the virus, it will be very disappointing and demonstrate a lack of leadership from all of us as we should be solving problems at the lowest level possible. This shouldn't be a board issue or agenda item.

I'd also ask for the district to have a data driven plan that shows our path to a "mask optional" standard in RRISD. It's time to tie decision making to data. The number of active cases in the area, number of hospitalizations, % of at-risk staff provided access to the vaccine (over 65+), number of all staff vaccinated are some of the data points (among others) that can and should be used to make these decisions. We are past the point of making decisions because of how people feel. Again, I ask that this request for a plan not have to play out at the dias as it shouldn't be a board issue or agenda item.

I have no desire to set an arbitrary date to remove all masks from all campuses. The masks at recess are ridiculous. And since we won't be wearing masks in perpetuity, the community deserves a plan about what our decisions on masking going forward are based on.

As an aside, when I was at XXXXXX campus two weeks ago, there were teachers on break sitting outside mask free. When they saw me coming, they all quickly put their masks on. I asked them why they did that. They said they didn't want to get in trouble but are done with wearing masks and that they hate being forced to wear it. I shared with them that I am not the mask police and personally believe we are at a point where people can choose whether they want to wear a mask. I told them that as a trustee, I preferred to make official decisions based on data and that I believe the data points to us being able to plan for moving to a mask optional standard. Then I went inside and an administrator in the office quickly put her mask on when she saw me enter the office. This has become a game that serves no

one, especially not children. We need to recognize human reality that is going on and deliver a plan that shows the path to lifting the mask rule in a data driven, controlled and phased manner. Forcing this to play out at the dias doesn't reverse the decline in the mental health of students nor does it address the learning loss of students. My preference is for our time at the dias be focused on those two priorities as well as other items that require the time of the trustees by statute.

Danielle

On Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 4:13 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I just wanted to follow up with you. I spoke to Mayor Morgan last Friday and he said the decision of masks in schools should be decided strictly by the board and not dependent on what the city does. He explained to me the situation with the City of Round Rock keeping their mask mandate until the end of April, but he did say he spoke to a epidemiologist and was very optimistic things were going to be much better by the end of March into April.

How do we go about requesting a Board Meeting that has public input and have this on the agenda? A lot of parents are really concerned about the continued mask mandate, especially with the rising temperatures and them being required to wear them playing outside.

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Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 4:52 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

Just following up per our conversation today. Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me. I really appreciate it.

I emailed Amber and she responded. She is going to call me to chat this weekend. She did say the following "We have teachers and staff with underlying medical conditions for which COVID could be quite deadly. I will not be able to support a removal of all masks in the classroom until all staff have had the choice to have the vaccine or not."

I responded and mentioned that the DSHS announced yesterday all Texas teachers and childcare workers are now eligible for the covid vaccine.... so with this news, along with the Governor's recent order that appears to prevent the city from even having a city wide mask mandate, the board will be in a better position to make this decision based on the recent events.

Just keeping you in the loop.

Also, this is a great article on a North Texas school district (Peaster ISD) that could be an example for the entire country.

<https://www.texanswakeup.com/post-1/peaster-isd-masks-off-a-case-study-for-all-of-texas?fbclid=IwAR3WpFG9l337euMLLfiW2SK98DW0TGlehGT9VFIWIRr7Xy3ingwYZOI748A>

Take care,

Shauna

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:06 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

yes, will do. thank you-Shauna

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:05 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Can you call me in about 15 min?
618.670.4739

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 9:03 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Danielle,

I wanted to follow up with you. Per your recommendation I contacted all of the RR city council members as well as the Williamson County and Cities Health District. Governor Abbott's executive order says schools must follow "guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency." and I'm sure you are aware that TEA announced yesterday that they are leaving the decision up to the local school boards, so I'm assuming that means the ball is in your court now. I read Governor Abbot's executive order GA 34 and it says that there shall only be a mask mandate IF there are 7 consecutive days in which the number of COVID hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15% or more. Therefore, the city of Round Rock will not legally be able to continue having the mask mandate.

Moving forward, how else would you advise I get involved? When is the next board meeting? I'm new to working with the board so any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 5:44 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Shauna,

Thank you for writing and I agree with you completely. Please keep in mind that the Round Rock city Council still has a mask mandate for the city in place. I recommend you reach out to the mayor and the city Council to let them know your thoughts on their mandate. They are meeting next week. If the city decides to lift the local mask mandate, I think it will be time for the board of trustees to make a public decision on the matter regarding masks in our schools.

Danielle Weston

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 2:13 PM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Board of Directors,
I was very excited to hear that Governor Abbot rescinded the state-wide mask mandate this afternoon effective Wednesday 3/10/21. I'm assuming RRISD will be updating their policy to reflect this new

decision.

I know there will be pressure from fearful parents, but I ask the board to please consider that if the Governor of our state thinks this is the right course of action for the residents of Texas, that RRISD also follows suit with removing this policy from all the schools and making mask wearing OPTIONAL. The children are suffering having to wear these mask all day every day. There are so many studies on just how bad physically and mentally this is for them.

I also urge the board to consider getting the schools back to regular schedules where the children can switch between classes like they used to. Our High school student is doing virtual school currently because we are still waiting for school to go back to normal.

Thank you for your time,
Shauna Kinningham
Blackland Prairie Elem & Cedar Ridge HS (parent)

Subject: Re: LOCAL Schools that lifted mask mandate - Current Conditions
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 09:29:17 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: "Shauna D. Kinningham" <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you!

On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 8:40 AM Shauna D. Kinningham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Board Members,

I had 4 pieces of information that I wanted to share with you to help you with your decision today to make **masks optional** in RRISD. 3 are responses from Magnolia ISD, Comal ISD, and Hallsville ISD as to their condition AFTER removing their mask mandate. In addition, Florida Dept of Education just announced they recommend masks being optional for the 2021-2022 school year. Florida set the trend for removal of their state-wide mask mandate prior to Governor Abbot, and it has proven to be very successful with very low covid numbers.

1) Magnolia ISD

"Since lifting the mask mandate, we have not seen an increase in cases." - Denise Meyers, Director of Communications

From: Denise K Meyers <dmeyers@magnoliaisd.org>
Date: April 14, 2021 at 9:29:58 AM CDT
Subject: Re: Lifting masks in Magnolia

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Good morning,

Since lifting the mask mandate, we have not seen an increase in cases. We are continuing to track cases on our [dashboard](#) for transparency. We revised our close contact guidelines and sent a letter to parents so they understood the new guidelines and expectations. [Here is a link](#) to our new close contact guidelines. Since we have our own COVID testing site, this has really allowed us some flexibility.

I hope this information is helpful.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Denise Meyers
Director of Communications
Magnolia ISD
dmeyers@magnoliaisd.org
281-356-3571 x1014



<https://sites.google.com/magnoliaisd.org/nov-magnolia-isd-covid-dashboa/home>

https://www.magnoliaisd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2047776&type=d&pREC_ID=2163567&ota11y=true

2) COMAL ISD

" No, we have not seen a rise in cases. Our cases have continued to follow the area and state trends

with a slight peak after holidays and breaks, but we have not seen a dramatic increase in cases due to making masks optional." - Ruby Moseley, Executive Director, School Safety and Student Support

From: Ruby Moseley <ruby.moseley@comalisd.org>

Date: April 14, 2021 at 11:17:57 AM CDT

Subject: Fwd: Mask questions

Good morning!

No, we have not seen a rise in cases. Our cases have continued to follow the area and state trends with a slight peak after holidays and breaks, but we have not seen a dramatic increase in cases due to making masks optional.

We are still contact tracing and requiring individuals who are not properly masked to quarantine if they are determined to be a close contact. Each campus utilizes a District developed template to communicate with parents about positive cases, symptoms cases and exposure cases when they are identified on campus.

Please let me know if you have any other questions,
Ruby

Ruby Moseley
Executive Director,
School Safety and Student Support
ruby.moseley@comalisd.org
830.221.2657

3) HALLSVILLE ISD

"We have been in school for 18 days without masks. During that time, we have had 4 positive cases (which was lower than it had been prior to the break)." - Amy Whittle, M.Ed., Director of Special/Federal Programs

From: "Whittle, Amy" <awhittle@hisd.com>

Date: April 14, 2021 at 2:42:59 PM CDT

Subject: Hallsville ISD

Good afternoon,

Ms. Walker forwarded me your email. I'm the director that is over nursing for our district. We have been in school for 18 days without masks. During that time, we have had 4 positive cases (which was lower than it had been prior to the break). Those cases have come from grades K-5 and have been in the past three days. All 4 cases have no link to school. We are continuing all previously established protocol, like quarantining, because our health department said that every other T.E.A. recommendation still stood. I reached out to T.E.A. several times with no response. Do you have that in writing from your health department? I would love to share it with my supervisor, because it has been a question around here as well.

I hope this helps and that your community is able to make the best decision for your district.

Amy Whittle, M.Ed.
Director of Special/Federal Programs
Hallsville I.S.D.
903.668.5990

4) Florida Department of Education

"Noting that face coverings are a "personal decision" and that "the data shows us that districts' face covering policies do not impact the spread of the virus," Florida Education Commissioner Richard

Corcoran today asked school districts to make face masks voluntary for the 2021-22 school year." LINK BELOW

<https://alachuachronicle.com/fl-doe-asks-districts-to-make-face-coverings-optional-for-the-2021-22-school->

Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Email from district about Prom
Date: Sun, 7 Mar 2021 16:16:37 -0600
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <91943788-25BF-47EA-BC52-7A8DD580A039@gmail.com>
MD5: 27f423c12a6cae05177da7ad0ed1c76a

Dear Trustees and Dr. Presley,

My frustration with the complete malpractice on behalf of the school district continues but is sadly not a surprise.

On Friday, an email was sent out by the district about prom that was both purposely fear mongering and a gross overreach on your part. A screen shot of the part to which I am referring is included below.

In August, I contacted McNeil High School and received a call from Ms Bohmann about my concern that the school did not have a plan "b" in place for Prom. Ms Bohmann did what she could to answer my question, but at that time it was clear that the district's agenda was to rid themselves of the responsibility for the humans for whom schools were designed. We knew as early as this time last year that this could be an issue, and yet, McNeil High School and RRISD in classic fashion purposely decided not to plan for this situation. GOD FORBID we should actually do something for this year's senior class who got nothing from you including a much less than half baked pretend curriculum in a delivery model that RRISD has no business doing since it does it so poorly and lip service that you were even concerned about their college readiness.

This email, that framed our kids as victims was nauseating. They are not victims of a pandemic because they were never in any danger of not surviving it. They were victims of your poor choices based on fear over science and continued political gamesmanship that has resulted in a huge failure on your part that is causing families to pull their kids from the district (a fact that you guys think you can ignore forever, but I won't let you, but I digress).

In the email you all sent to confirm that you never, even intended to do anything even though other school districts around us are planning outdoor proms for junior and senior students, you all still assume that you have the authority to tell parents and students how to do for their kids what the school district refuses to do. If you want to have the authority to tell our students how to dress for the prom and what they need to do after the prom, you should have held it yourself. Your words make it sound like you are dog whistling your ridiculous covid fear rather than letting families choose for themselves.

Also, you stated that these proms are "not in line with current CDC recommendations". You not the CDC or on any committee planning these events, so you don't know what measures are being taken. Again, this is RRISD one more time trying to use the politics of fear to hold kids captive to your tyrannical "moral high ground." You guys wouldn't know the moral high ground if you stumbled on it.

Additionally, any action on this, such as preventing students from attending on-campus instruction, missing athletics or other in-person clubs, events, or vocational instruction will not be met favorably. Would you like screen shots of the parent comments to this email on Facebook? Not that you care at this point because you clearly see your students as a dirty nuance.

I can't for the life of me figure out why a group of people with advanced degrees can't see how you are exacerbating the problem of "equity". All boats rise with the tide, by your actions are draining the harbor leaving most stranded. Do you honestly NOT see how your pathetic instruction is causing instructional inequality and social negligence is creating a bigger social divide? I am shocked that Trustee Harrison is okay with this. I am shocked that any of you are okay with this.

I attempted to put together a group to hold a parent lead prom at McNeil, but there weren't enough

parents who could help. I have taken care of my child and her friends, but what about the other kids? What about the kids who just moved to the area and don't have connections? What about the families in the impoverished neighborhood where parents don't have the financial resources to celebrate this right of passage? What about the special education kids who may not have the access to the parent groups who are holding these private proms?

It is clear you didn't think about this very well.

Additionally, it was incredibly tone deaf for the PIE group to plan and promote the adult prom for the school board, wealthy business owners, and local politicians. I understand how the PIE works, and I know that this is not "affiliated" with the school district, but the district is tied to the PIE through the funding that is received by the organization. I do not think this party should be canceled, but it is deeply hypocritical for you to cancel prom but then allow this. I will be speaking on this at the board meeting, and a group of parents will be following this event. You may want to reconsider cancelling prom. You may want to get on the stick and provide the opportunity for students to have at least ONE "normal" activity before they graduate.

I am ready start calling for resignations so we can replace you with trustees who actually want to do what is the best interest of students rather than have a platform for other political aspirations. You have destroyed this school year by spending hours arguing about when and how to open schools so that Trustee Vessa can get her name in the paper and no time on trying to actually planning for reopening campuses.

Reasonable response to this issues would be an email correcting your statement saying that you have NO AUTHORITY to make rules or prevent students who attend these private proms from attending school or athletics or other on campus events. This needs to be clarified so that parents have information they need to make decisions for their student. Additionally, you need to correct your statement about the CDC. You are NOT aware of the details and cannot make that statement.

You have done enough damage to these kids.

Thank you,
Lisa Lusby

PROM

The health and safety of our students and their families are our paramount concern. As much as we would like to provide our Seniors with the opportunity to celebrate prom, our health partners remain steadfast in their position that holding large gathering events puts students, families, and the community-at-large at risk. Given the circumstances, there will be no District- or school-sanctioned proms this year. We know this news is disheartening, and we share your disappointment.

We are aware that some parents/guardians are planning and selling tickets to senior formal events. These events have no affiliation with Round Rock ISD and are not in line with current CDC recommendations. Students who participate should wear a mask to the event and isolate for 14 days after.

Subject: Fwd: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 01:57:11 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SA0PR07MB7644E2E330471CB0C9821C49D0939@SA0PR07MB7644.namprd07.prod.outlook.com>
MD5: c01578baba4b40664a5232531eb32ad7

Another resource for you

https://www.texanswakeup.com/post-1/peaster-isd-masks-off-a-case-study-for-all-of-texas?fbclid=IwAR025A7RR5yklvOdFXmB1_79OJ1Zo9RYpqdSDnXgHND1G1xHOMeMZnhHvyU

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From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:42:51 PM
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

You're welcome! Thought the support of the actual law might help lol!

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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:33:53 PM
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Oh geez I haven't seen that. Thank you!

On Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 3:32 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am sure you have already seen this, but just in case you haven't...

Texas Education Code

§ 37.0023

Prohibited Aversive Techniques

- (a) In this section, "aversive technique" means a technique or intervention that is intended to reduce the likelihood of a behavior reoccurring by intentionally inflicting on a student significant physical or emotional discomfort or pain. The term includes a technique or intervention that:
- (1) is designed to or likely to cause physical pain, other than an intervention or technique permitted under Section 37.0011 (Use of Corporal Punishment);
 - (2) notwithstanding Section 37.0011 (Use of Corporal Punishment), is designed to or likely to cause physical pain through the use of electric shock or any procedure that involves the use of pressure points or joint locks;
 - (3) involves the directed release of a noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant spray, mist, or substance near the student's face;
 - (4) denies adequate sleep, air, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, supervision, or access to a restroom facility;
 - (5) ridicules or demeans the student in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning or mental health of the student or constitutes verbal abuse;
 - (6) employs a device, material, or object that simultaneously immobilizes all four extremities, including any procedure that results in such immobilization known as prone or supine floor restraint;
 - (7) impairs the student's breathing, including any procedure that involves:
 - (A) applying pressure to the student's torso or neck; or
 - (B) obstructing the student's airway, including placing an object in, on, or over the student's mouth or nose or placing a bag, cover, or mask over the student's face;
 - (8) restricts the student's circulation;
 - (9) secures the student to a stationary object while the student is in a sitting or standing position;
 - (10) inhibits, reduces, or hinders the student's ability to communicate;
 - (11) involves the use of a chemical restraint;
 - (12) constitutes a use of timeout that precludes the student from being able to be involved in and progress appropriately in the required curriculum and, if applicable, toward the annual goals included in the student's individualized education program, including isolating the student by the use of physical barriers; or

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From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:43:40 PM
To: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Thank you so much for your reply! I'll continue to gather mamas to advocate for our kids to be able to breathe freely. Keep fighting!

Katy Hardin

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From: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:37:27 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Katy,

Thank you for your email and advocating for the rights of children at RRISD. Both of my children are in person and they both were so excited to hear the news from Gov. Abbott. My high school student and her friends were already texting about it even before she arrived home. They both feel defeated as the administration, without board involvement, sent out the letter stating that RRISD would continue requiring masks.

I will work with the other members of the board to get the mask policy at RRISD changed. Wearing a mask should be a choice. I hope you will encourage other parents to email the board so that Trustees can see the large amount of support in our community to change this policy. In the past only Trustee Weston and I have been vocal about our support of changing the mask policy so we need two other Trustees to vote with us if change is going to happen. I would like to sound hopeful but many on the board seem to be deaf to the desires of our community and the needs of our students, in my short time on the board I have become perplexed as to why some of these Trustees refuse to listen to the majority of our community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out, I will stay a strong advocate for all the students of RRISD!

Best Regards,
Mary Bone

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

In fact, the mask mandate has been detrimental to my child's health. My son, who is a [REDACTED] at Cedar Valley, suffers from severe allergies and [REDACTED] Due to three years of allergy shots (one in

each arm at each appointment), we had finally gotten his [REDACTED] attacks under control. His [REDACTED] is aggravated by his allergies and he carries a rescue inhaler. Before masks, he hadn't needed his rescue inhaler in almost two years. He now has to use it several times per day because he cannot breathe and is inhaling his body's waste.

As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

They are running the school like it is a prison. They have hall monitors yelling at the kids to put masks over their noses, they are yelling at them for walking a different way than the arrows, and I was recently informed by my son that his assistant principal Mr. Fletcher has a stick that he pokes and harasses children with if he feels they are not socially distanced enough.

My son's mental health has declined drastically and comes home crying sometimes because he is unable to get the social interaction he craves. He's become extremely clingy when he is home. My other son, who is a [REDACTED] at Round Rock high refuses to even attend school because of the mask rule. However, my youngest son was failing his classes and due to his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he needs to be in school so he can receive accommodations and personal direction from his teachers.

Please do the right thing and at least make masks OPTIONAL. It is unconstitutional to demand this on any student. The science does not support a mask mandate for the kids either. Their infection rates are much lower, they are almost always asymptomatic, and the survival rate is almost 100%. We as adults are supposed to be a voice for these kids.

We the parents are pleading for you to lift these restrictions and mandates since the TEA is leaving it up to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Level II complaint submission
Date: Sat, 24 Apr 2021 05:42:29 -0500
From: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>
To: daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org,
amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, amber_feller@roundrockisd.org,
tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org,
jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org,
complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov, commissioner@tea.texas.gov,
teafeedback@tea.texas.gov
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAAUL7T=PsFw02jZmvF_FjN9UEzD=A1M3uh0cXmNzoOc=h1ZbrQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 03c00fbc597f1cde612f1e5d24b26e27
Attachments: Level III Form April 2021.pdf

Submission of level II complaint from parent. Respectfully,
John Keagy

Subject: Level III Complaint - [REDACTED] - Cedar Ridge High School
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 14:43:15 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, "legal_services@roundrockisd.org" <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <1618058554.1697894.1619534595767@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 0da8c03fa994e955a1571e6cd23a6dad
Attachments: Level I Complaint_Macayla_and_Carter_Clark.pdf ; Level III Complaint_Macayla_and_Carter_Clark.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached for my individual Level III complaint.

Regards,

Dustin K. Clark

Subject: Level II Complaint
Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 12:25:30 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
Cc: david beinke <[REDACTED]>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-zrF6Rq8P7mCtXyCVHEH4pnXWXkfxNC2cE9D-0AYONLvg@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 87a128607c6325587199534d53c13778
Attachments: Complaint - April & Justin Brinson.pdf

Attached please find our Level II Complaint.

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Level III Complaint - RRISD: Clark, Keagy, Thompson
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 14:08:33 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: John Keagy <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <1629339588.1671295.1619532513807@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 09edc9a69bd607ae481b01fbfe8e4d25
Attachments: Level I and Level III RRISD Complaint_Clark_Thompson_Keagy.pdf

To who it may concern,

Please see attached for our group level III RRISD complaint.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Re: RMS band students at Texas Tech University
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2021 13:09:10 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgROju9k4uJKOZ3c_imYQzfJ0EQ3hErCyK_Mdx4_bK749A@mail.gmail.com>
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Attachments: IMG_5998.jpeg ; IMG_5951.JPG ; IMG_5987.jpeg ; IMG_6007.jpeg

Thank you for your email. It's important for leaders here to understand that throughout the state, students are successfully and safely moving forward in their academic and fine arts education unencumbered by out-dated Covid restrictions and protocols. There is a high demand from families to return to a normal focus on academics and fine arts education in Texas.

Danielle Weston

On Sat, Jul 10, 2021 at 9:07 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Dr. Azaiez, Trustees, and RMS Band Directors & Admin,

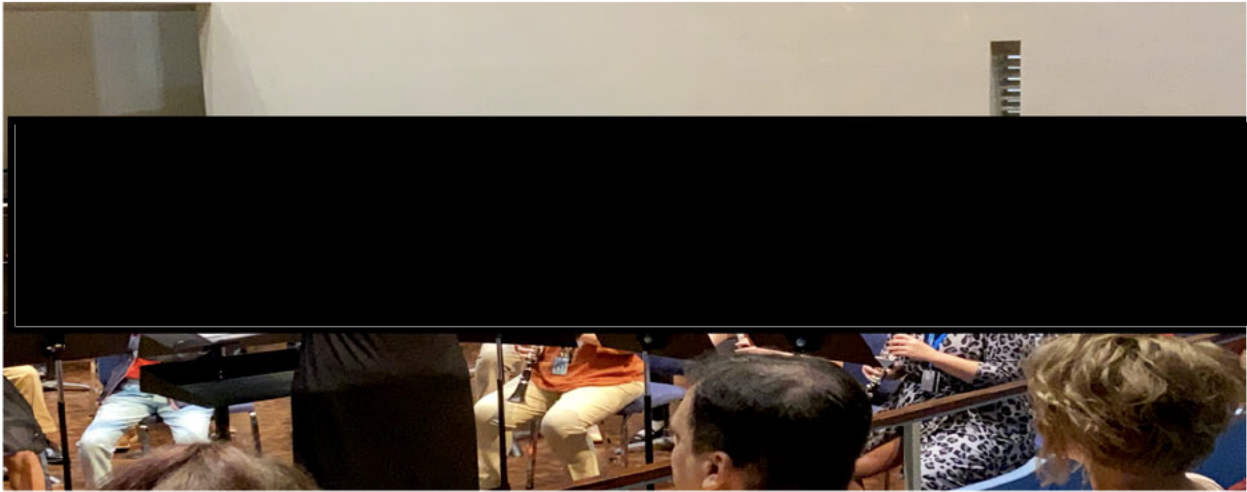
I just want to share what 3 of our RMS rising 8th grade band students have been up to this past week starting July 4. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from RMS (probably other RRISD kids too) were so fortunate to spend a week at Texas Tech University Band Camp. It was an exceptional experience with nothing but learning and fun! No special restrictions, protocols, etc whatsoever-- just quality music instruction and bonding time with new & old friends. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are good friends, and roommates now too-- see pic of their messy dorm room LOL. [REDACTED] room was 2 doors down and across the hall. They had a blast! Enjoy the final day concert recordings below!

<https://youtu.be/fNNP0WU8Zsk>

<https://youtu.be/PWKlvhbvHT0>

<https://youtu.be/dG4Ye1WeSCw>





Subject: You utter hypocrites
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2021 23:44:31 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org,
amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org,
mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org,
danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org,
mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org
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MD5: 3517d6f6af3c92295127cb060405c5d6
Attachments: image1.jpeg ; image2.jpeg

Take the damn bacteria rags OFF of MY kidsâ€™ faces NOW you utter HYPOCRITES.đŸğŸ

Subject: Utter hypocrites
Date: Fri, 30 Apr 2021 18:25:25 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: amber_feller@roundrockisd.org, cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org,
amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org,
mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org,
danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org,
mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org
Cc: travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org,
nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org, kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org, Justin Brinson
<[REDACTED]>
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TRUSTee Fellerâ€” WTF you holier-than-thou HYPOCRITE?!?! Get the bacteria-loaded face diapers OFF of *MY* kids NOW!!!!

> On Apr 29, 2021, at 11:44 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:
>
> Take the damn bacteria rags OFF of MY kidsâ€™ faces NOW you utter HYPOCRITES.ðŸ˜–

Subject: RMS band students at Texas Tech University
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2021 21:06:56 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Andres Pena <andres_pena@roundrockisd.org>, Ashley Rhea <ashley_rhea@roundrockisd.org>, ethan_gordon@roundrockisd.org, Matthew Morey <Matthew_Morey@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Tim Lowke <tim_lowke@roundrockisd.org>, Jager Loyde <jager_loyde@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <CAGXG4-wcPshjo96xxv6GkFk=332bZ5uDUpeAphUyekDPURbog@mail.gmail.com>
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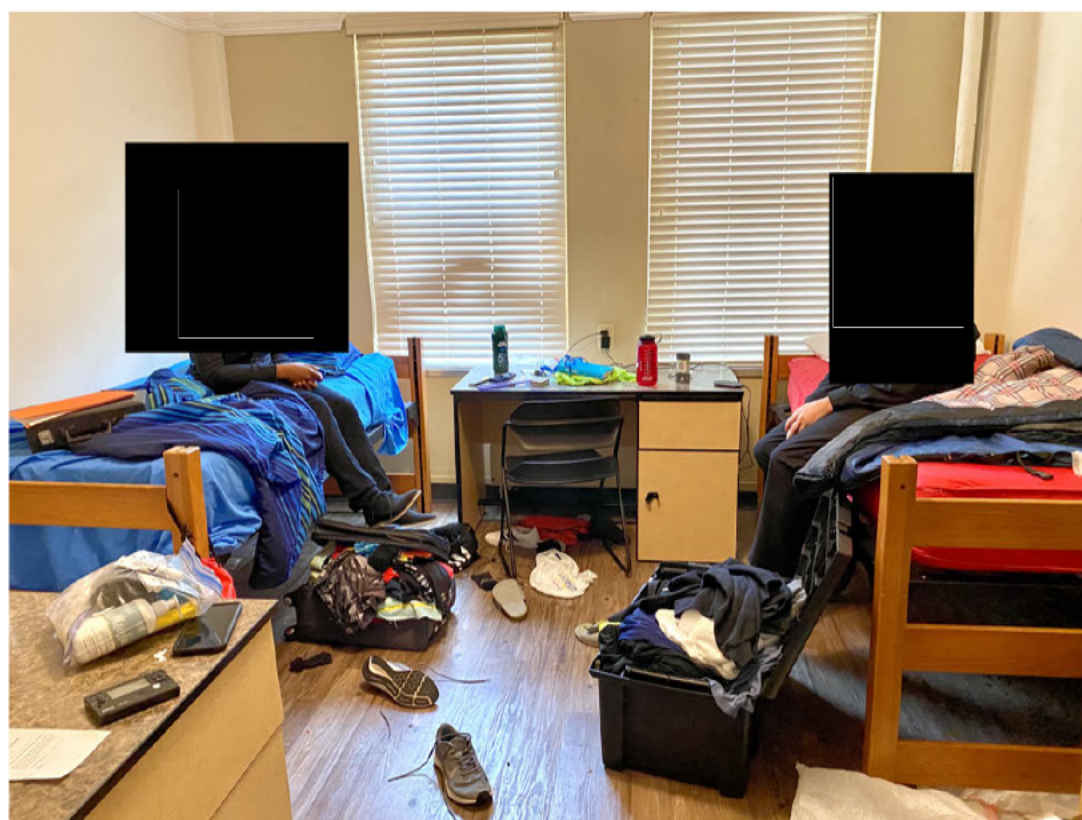
Hello Dr. Azaiez, Trustees, and RMS Band Directors & Admin,

I just want to share what 3 of our RMS rising 8th grade band students have been up to this past week starting July 4. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from RMS (probably other RRISD kids too) were so fortunate to spend a week at Texas Tech University Band Camp. It was an exceptional experience with nothing but learning and fun! No special restrictions, protocols, etc whatsoever-- just quality music instruction and bonding time with new & old friends. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are good friends, and roommates now too-- see pic of their messy dorm room LOL. [REDACTED] room was 2 doors down and across the hall. They had a blast! Enjoy the final day concert recordings below!

<https://youtu.be/fNNP0WU8Zsk>

<https://youtu.be/PWKlvhbvHT0>

<https://youtu.be/dG4Ye1WeSCw>







Subject: HYPOCRITES ABOUND in RRISD - Next up, CRHS VLC Area Superintendent Dr. Nancy Guerrero
Date: Mon, 3 May 2021 10:03:09 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <ComplaintsManagement@tea.texas.gov>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, christy_evans@roundrockisd.org, Jennifer_Lucas@roundrockisd.org, Denise Sharp <denise_sharp@roundrockisd.org>, Amie Schultze <amie_schultze@roundrockisd.org>, Laurie Chamblee <laurie_chamblee@roundrockisd.org>
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MD5: 634fd16e6a231300f51cc7902d220152

Good morning Dr. Guerrero,

As a top Administrator within the Round Rock Independent School District, you're charged with behaving as a leader and setting an example that reflects the expectations that you've set forth for **others** within your official capacity as CRHS VLC Area Superintendent. If you hold OTHER PEOPLE's children to a standard of conduct, you also need to hold yourself and your own children to the same standard of conduct. Otherwise, we MUST out you as a HYPOCRITE.

I personally, as a mother, led the exhausting charge to make sure our CRHS students *had* a Prom this year. I was the one who pitched our plan with our army of parent volunteers to the CRHS Project Grad Board, who are NOT responsible for putting on this event. We received ZERO support from CRHS & RRISD, even a threatening email dated Fri, Feb 26, 2021, 8:59 AM dictating what PARENTS should do with THEIR children if they attend a PRIVATE, OFF CAMPUS event:

PROM

The health and safety of our students and their families are our paramount concern. As much as we would like to provide our Seniors with the opportunity to celebrate prom, our health partners remain steadfast in their position that holding large gathering events puts students, families, and the community-at-large at risk. Given the circumstances, there will be no District- or school-sanctioned proms this year. We know this news is disheartening, and we share your disappointment.

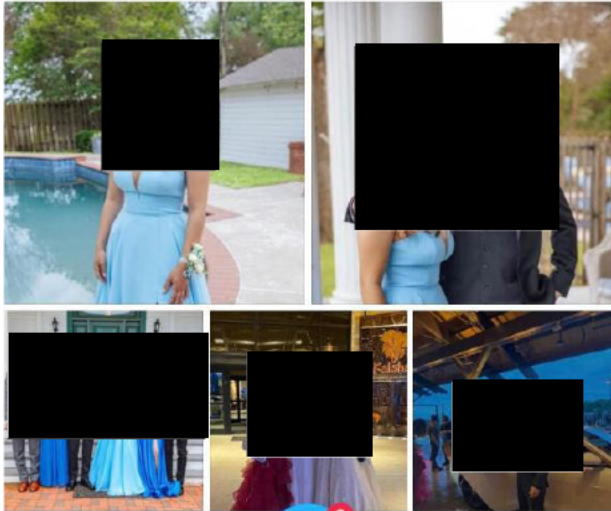
We are aware that some parents/guardians are planning and selling tickets to senior formal events. These events have no affiliation with Round Rock ISD and are not in line with current CDC recommendations. Students who participate should wear a mask to the event and isolate for 14 days after.

And now, there's THIS:

Nancy Guerrero is with Andy Guerrero.

8h ·

#senior2021: finding the silver lining, great friends, out of the box planning & building memories - So thankful our sweet Erin experienced two special proms this weekend



Dr. Guererro, YOU are a HYPOCRITE. If Prom is fine and dandy for YOUR kid, Prom is fine & dandy for MY kid. And OUR RRISD kids.

ALL of you holier-than-thou HYPOCRITES need to shut your "rules for thee and not for me" HYPOCRITICAL pie holes and walk the walk that YOU PREACH and DEMAND of OTHER PEOPLE's children.

You should be ASHAMED of your yourself. ALL OF YOU.

One unapologetically pissed off mom,

April Brinson

Subject: Re: FW: Please investigate
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2021 12:16:05 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgT_k2KrhYis77cBUrGqWC7TSY+ym1PB_e5qmQsBCs5dxw@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: a23db8fc77e27c076f13375867d9ec5a
Attachments: Bone Weston RRISD Press Release 8.3.2021.pdf

Jessica, Please see attached press release from Trustee Bone and I that went out earlier this week.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 7:10 AM Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jessica Pryor <[REDACTED]>
Date: 8/3/21 10:20 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: amber_feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, cory_vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, daniel_presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, jun_xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Please investigate

President Amy Weir and Board of Trustees,

I have just learned that our Superintendent was served a restraining order today. I would like to request that this matter be investigated. I feel that not taking the time investigate sends a message that the board does not believe women and does not take [REDACTED] seriously. If he has nothing to hide everything should be fine but I do think the alleged victim has a right to be heard and for the matter to be investigated..

The board has been elected to protect and help the children in our district. Please help seek the truth and let us feel like we have transparent in our school district. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Pryor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Re: Level III Complaint - RRISD: Clark, Keagy, Thompson
Date: Tue, 4 May 2021 20:40:23 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: John Keagy <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <2063828796.454581.1620160824186@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 5bb3f250791baf8ed08ef596b1a964cc
Attachments: Level I and Level III RRISD Complaint_Clark_Thompson_Keagy.pdf

Kris Train/RRISD Legal Services,

It has been a week since we submitted our group level III complaint, and we have not received a response. Can you please provide a status and timeline of when we can expect to be scheduled for an appearance before the board?

Thanks,

Dustin Clark
254-285-8881

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 09:08:40 AM CDT, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To who it may concern,

Please see attached for our group level III RRISD complaint.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Called Board Meeting and Level III Dismissal
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2021 18:59:27 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "legal_services@roundrockisd.org" <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, "jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org" <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: John Keagy <[REDACTED]>, "Keilah Thompson" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <1476143155.317660.1628794767363@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: acede0d017b853e719fc0ab08d3fc13b
Attachments: Clark, Keagy, Thompson level III written response.pdf

President Weir, Dr. Azaiez and RRISD Legal Services,

I see that there is a called board meeting to discuss COVID protocols on Monday 8/16/21. I'm making an assumption here, but I am guessing that it relates to making a decision on mandatory masking.

I'd like to remind you all that the board voted 5-2 to dismiss our Level III complaint, denying us due process, and citing that what we were requesting was outside the authority of the board due to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36.

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By your own admission in this document, you do not have the authority to make a decision that violates Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36. I hope that you will keep this in mind when discussing this decision on Monday.

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

Subject: Level III Dismissal & Called Board Meeting
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2021 20:19:40 +0000 (UTC)
From: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, TEAFeedback <teafeedback@tea.texas.gov>, "commissioner@tea.texas.gov" <commissioner@tea.texas.gov>
Cc: "Ice Matt c.f.o" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <2146952960.10581.1628799580965@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 39f989a655901a8d62f88e2f92065b3e
Attachments: Winters, Leslie level III written response.pdf

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By your own admission in this document, you do not have the authority to make a decision that violates Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36. I hope that you will keep this in mind when discussing this decision on Monday.

His,

Leslie Winters

Subject: Level I Response
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2021 21:04:07 +0000 (UTC)
From: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffany Harrison <tiffany_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, TEAFeedback <teafeedback@tea.texas.gov>, "commissioner@tea.texas.gov" <commissioner@tea.texas.gov>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "Ice Matt c.f.o" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <289288566.24860.1628802247189@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 7792ba39b8911e05f4ea48b5332cf642
Attachments: Winters, Leslie written response face sheild.pdf

President Weir, Dr. Azaiez and RRISD Legal Service,

In reference to the called board meeting to discuss COVID protocols on Monday 8/16/21. If it relates to making a decision on mandatory masking. I'd like to remind you Item 3 was of our Level 1 complaint was neither granted nor denied due to Governors Abbott's Executive Order GA-36. We will need to reopen this case if the board of trustees vote to violate the Governors orders and mandate mask for this school year.

3. You want to have a choice over your son wearing a face mask for any future school

years including all school functions and any district building.

Level I Response: Neither Granted nor Denied

It is beyond the scope of this Hearing Officer and the Board of Trustees to respond to events

that may happen in the future. Governor Abbott's Executive Order No. GA-36 provides that

“school districts cannot require any person to wear a face covering after June 4, 2021. The

executive Order remains in effect indefinitely”. The requested resolution is for your son to have

a choice on wearing a face mask for any future school years including all school functions and

any district building. Therefore, the Board does not have the authority to grant or deny the

requested remedy for subsequent years because of the above referenced Order.

His,

Matt & Leslie Winters

Subject: Local social parent group
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2021 19:22:56 -0500
From: Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]>
To: amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, "Dr. Mary Bone" <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: "Matt c.f.o, lce" <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <442A3FFB-1A19-4EE7-9EC0-CAD364D8A8A3@yahoo.com>
MD5: 36c3f15e6dcd92b9386dfb61341acca0
Attachments: image.jpg ; image.jpg ; image.jpg ; image.jpg ; image.jpg ; image.jpg ; image.jpg ; image.png

Good afternoon Trustees and Mrs. Grosso

It has come to my attention that local families were making very disturbing comments on a Facebook group called Families United for Student Safety also known as FUSS. These parents are actively teaching their children to judge people on whether or not they're wearing a mask and if they should befriend them or not.

Some of these parents are actively teaching their children how to harass students that are not in a mask. This is very dangerous behavior for students as young as kindergarten. It should also be noted Trustee Harrison recently spoke at a ProMask protest where she promoted the FUSS group. I hope the schools administration principals and teachers will continue to follow the zero tolerance for bullying no matter the subject. And I hope is Ms. Grosso will look into these families and ensure their children are safe and mentally sound.

His,

Leslie Winters

Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Sun, 7 Mar 2021 20:03:37 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQS3YoTPD6n5+tKjbH37gUpvg_M0aSTT4THWr1T9C8C5A@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: b69b8d09f2a3a896e6344b6fec38834b
Attachments: Image.jpeg

Yes I have seen this a while back. I appreciate you sending it. The pushback to this is always that it's a small district.

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Another resource for you

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From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:42:51 PM
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

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Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:33:53 PM
To: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

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 - (2) notwithstanding Section 37.0011 (Use of Corporal Punishment), is designed to or likely to cause physical pain through the use of electric shock or any procedure that involves the use of pressure points or joint locks;
 - (3) involves the directed release of a noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant spray, mist, or substance near the student's face;
 - (4) denies adequate sleep, air, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, supervision, or access to a restroom facility;
 - (5) ridicules or demeans the student in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning or mental health of the student or constitutes verbal abuse;
 - (6) employs a device, material, or object that simultaneously immobilizes all four extremities, including any procedure that results in such immobilization known as prone or supine floor restraint;
 - (7) impairs the student's breathing, including any procedure that involves:
 - (A) applying pressure to the student's torso or neck; or
 - (B) obstructing the student's airway, including placing an object in, on, or over the student's mouth or nose or placing a bag, cover, or mask over the student's face;
 - (8) restricts the student's circulation;
 - (9) secures the student to a stationary object while the student is in a sitting or standing position;
 - (10) inhibits, reduces, or hinders the student's ability to communicate;
 - (11) involves the use of a chemical restraint;
 - (12) constitutes a use of timeout that precludes the student from being able to be involved in and progress appropriately in the required curriculum and, if applicable, toward the annual goals included in the student's individualized education program, including isolating the student by the use of physical barriers; or

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From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:43:40 PM
To: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Thank you so much for your reply! I'll continue to gather mamas to advocate for our kids to be able to breathe freely. Keep fighting!

Katy Hardin

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From: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:37:27 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school

Katy,

Thank you for your email and advocating for the rights of children at RRISD. Both of my children are in person and they both were so excited to hear the news from Gov. Abbott. My high school student and her friends were already texting about it even before she arrived home. They both feel defeated as the administration, without board involvement, sent out the letter stating that RRISD would continue requiring masks.

I will work with the other members of the board to get the mask policy at RRISD changed. Wearing a mask should be a choice. I hope you will encourage other parents to email the board so that Trustees can see the large amount of support in our community to change this policy. In the past only Trustee Weston and I have been vocal about our support of changing the mask policy so we need two other Trustees to vote with us if change is going to happen. I would like to sound hopeful but many on the board seem to be deaf to the desires of our community and the needs of our students, in my short time on the board I have become perplexed as to why some of these Trustees refuse to listen to the majority of our community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out, I will stay a strong advocate for all the students of RRISD!

Best Regards,
Mary Bone

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 7:49 PM Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

After a year of mask mandates, it is time to get our children back to normal. Child psychiatrists have warned us about the negative effects of mask wearing. The children are losing their individualism. Persistent mask wearing is harming their cognitive development and limiting their ability to read nonverbal and social cues. They warn against the fear and anxiety it is causing which disrupts the structure and development of their brains. They are being taught that their own beliefs in what is right for themselves and being uncomfortable is for the betterment of others. Fear is becoming a virtue and allowing others to bully those who don't have the same fear. Mask mandates are not rooted in science, but only with insecurities. The real pandemic is fear.

In fact, the mask mandate has been detrimental to my child's health. My son, who is a [REDACTED] at Cedar Valley, suffers from severe allergies and [REDACTED] Due to three years of allergy shots (one in

each arm at each appointment), we had finally gotten his [REDACTED] attacks under control. His [REDACTED] is aggravated by his allergies and he carries a rescue inhaler. Before masks, he hadn't needed his rescue inhaler in almost two years. He now has to use it several times per day because he cannot breathe and is inhaling his body's waste.

As stated in your own TEA guidelines "Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order on masks" page 7 number 2.

They are running the school like it is a prison. They have hall monitors yelling at the kids to put masks over their noses, they are yelling at them for walking a different way than the arrows, and I was recently informed by my son that his assistant principal Mr. Fletcher has a stick that he pokes and harasses children with if he feels they are not socially distanced enough.

My son's mental health has declined drastically and comes home crying sometimes because he is unable to get the social interaction he craves. He's become extremely clingy when he is home. My other son, who is a [REDACTED] at Round Rock high refuses to even attend school because of the mask rule. However, my youngest son was failing his classes and due to his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he needs to be in school so he can receive accommodations and personal direction from his teachers.

Please do the right thing and at least make masks OPTIONAL. It is unconstitutional to demand this on any student. The science does not support a mask mandate for the kids either. Their infection rates are much lower, they are almost always asymptomatic, and the survival rate is almost 100%. We as adults are supposed to be a voice for these kids.

We the parents are pleading for you to lift these restrictions and mandates since the TEA is leaving it up to the school boards to make decisions regarding masks. Let us do what is best for our own children.

Thank you for your time.

Katy Hardin

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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Masks in school
Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2021 02:47:07 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <SA0PR07MB7644B4922603E71883FDFA54D0939@SA0PR07MB7644.namprd07.prod.outlook.com>
MD5: b23f38847b68a7866559997d4d353fe5

I get it. And I understand that this may not happen this semester but a normal fall, at least, would be really great :)

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Message-ID: <CAM7tBgTY80ZDM8fJwsABNQETc5yBxdpH_NW0CbKxowqgsPeQOg@mail.gmail.com>
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Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSRTPdomSi+E4hi5fdi0YFFoJvvyPfMMe=Ne9ohv4akDCg@mail.gmail.com>
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Date: Mon, 12 Apr 2021 21:59:04 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> "Shauna D. Kinningham"
<[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgQ6vCa_XbY9g+u0BRX8PVdqBLZwzbMfGzb39hrdpNS6cQ@mail.gmail.com>
MD5: 8c941e1b04f407784dbf086bed60689f
Attachments: TEA Public Health Guidelines edits.pdf

Dustin and Shauna, I sent the below message to Pres Weir this evening.
Please take a look at my attachment to see what I am asking for in Thursday's meeting.

Danielle Weston

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 8:22 PM
Subject: Please review
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>

Hi Amy,

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-dw

Subject: Pulling My 4 Kids from In-person to Virtual for the Remainder of the Year
Date: Wed, 14 Apr 2021 13:56:38 +0000 (UTC)
From: Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, "cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org" <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, "tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org" <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, "daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org" <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>
Message-ID: <542302181.2021945.1618408598300@mail.yahoo.com>
MD5: 01c5ba7f321e7c8746809b00f11de26a
Attachments: FILE_4653.pdf

Board members,

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seated in a classroom on 4/15 by continuing with your current mask policy

that is blatantly contrary to the scientific evidence, you leave me no choice

but to move my 4 children to virtual for the remainder of the year, and to

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Contrary to the recommendations from local health agencies, and the CDC, the world health organization has said, "There is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, including universal community masking, can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19." Now I understand this statement is not true when we are talking about trained

medical professionals using N95 masks in a medical setting, and it is

important that you make a distinction between the two. In light of this well

known information, I encourage you to not blindly follow these

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recommends lots of things like double masking, or diet and exercise to

prevent death from heart disease, diabetes, and strokes. But I don't see you

making these things mandatory for our children. Why is that?

The American Medical Association in 2020 also stated that, "Face masks

should be used only by individuals who have symptoms of respiratory

infection such as coughing, sneezing, or, in some cases, fever. Face masks

should not be worn by healthy individuals to protect themselves from

acquiring respiratory infection because there is no evidence to suggest that

face masks worn by healthy individuals are effective in preventing people

from becoming ill.”

These are not conspiracy theories, these are direct quotes from trusted,

bedrock medical and scientific research institutions. I am attaching a

document that is a compilation of referenced material with links to medical

research and articles that support my position. I hope you will take the time

to read it ahead of tomorrow's meeting so that you can make an informed

decision on this important issue, and to help you in justifying to the

community why mask choice is rooted in science.

If you can point me to published research that is contrary to my position and

the research I am providing you, I welcome it, and would love to read it

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Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health: June 2020

- "There is no good evidence that facemasks protect the public against infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."
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- <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jpc.14936>

New England Journal of Medicine- May 2020- Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact

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<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32237672/>

Respectfully,

Dustin Clark

254-285-8881

Subject: Re: Texas Government Code Section 551.007 violation
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2021 17:23:20 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Cc: amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, dhobbs@wilco.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSDTascEUbxP37xo8ifTQOgHOHSH-k_PP59kMycmaUPg@mail.gmail.com>
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Ms Brinson, I sent an email inquiry to board Pres Weir yesterday asking for public comments to be added to the agenda of next week's 23 Aug 2021 board meeting, the one in your screenshot. She replied that the law allows for her to omit public comments from the agenda for a meeting that only has closed session items on the agenda. I planned to reply to Pres Weir asking for a reference to the TGC or TEC that she is referring to.

Pres Weir, can you please provide that citation here on this email thread and then to the entire board?

-Danielle Weston

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:09 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Board of TRUSTees,

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A. CALL TO ORDER

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B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

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C. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Under Section 551.071, the Board will meet in consultation with attorney regarding the Superintendent's contract.

D. CALL BACK TO ORDER

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E. ADJOURNMENT

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They instructed me to email you and direct your attention to Texas Government Code Section 551.007 and then call back once you reply as to whether you'll be allowing the public their legal right to provide testimony.

Will you be allowing public comment/testimony during Monday's called board meeting?

Thank you,
April

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<danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Cc: amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org,
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Well, Ms. Kim, you were BLOWING UP my phone when you locked the doors last week and gave my kid the boot. Didn't want me to miss THAT, now did ya! Not so much as the doors are reopening tomorrow, huh? It's almost as though one might assume you don't WANT anyone in OUR school building, that taxpayers paid for. Fortunately I kept reading to the very bottom buried in your Monday newsletter to find the fabulously warm welcome, and to even confirm whether you actually plan to unlock the doors. And you wonder why kids don't choose to attend school on campus.

Subject: Re: Criteria used in RRISD-accepted COVID19 testing is factually and scientifically FLAWED.

Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2021 13:26:10 -0600

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To: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>

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Well, Dr. Xiao, maybe put that there "intellectual curiosity" you mention to work with a search engine that doesn't censor and filter your results. You'll find PLENTY of first hand sources showing Dr. Fauci (& many others) speaking on the cycle threshold sensitivity used and precisely how false positives go up in direct proportion WITH the increase in cycle threshold count.

I used Fauci "cycle threshold of 35" as a search [https://duckduckgo.com/?q=Fauci+%22cycle+threshold+of+35%22&t=h &ia=web](https://duckduckgo.com/?q=Fauci+%22cycle+threshold+of+35%22&t=h&ia=web)

WATCH THE VIDEO about Fauci's quote.
https://youtu.be/a_Vy6fgaBPE?t=223

Even WHO & CDC have now acknowledged, as of Jan 20, that doctors should rethink the cycle threshold sensitivity they're using, as scientists KNOW it has been set much too sensitive to garner accurate results, to the tune of 60-90% false positives.

There is a LOT of documentation pointing to the research I shared.
Here is the original:
<https://academic.oup.com/cid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/cid/ciaa1491/5912603>

I am attaching MY highlighted copy below below.
NOTE ALL tests in the graph are positive based (ONLY positives looked at)
You can do the math on the %, but look at the highlighted fields and the numbers below.
You see the sample graphic:
Then the total TRUE positive confirmed culture in red.
Then the total Negative (False Positives) cultures in grey. NOTE a GRAY LINE MEANS FALSE POSITIVES (this is the culture that they check and grow/tried to grow into COVID-19 to double check the PCR tests.)

You can do the math on the rest, but here is the 34 cycles example.
Total cases at 34 cycles = 213
Total TRUE positive cases at 34 cycles = 18

Total FALSE positives at 34 cycles = 195

% of false positives from total cases at 34 cycles = (my math- 195 ÷ 213 = 0.91549295774648 = 91.549295774648%) **91.5%**

The point of this is to demonstrate how to easily and artificially inflate the numbers, which IS HAPPENING according to WHO & CDC and MANY OTHER credible sources. It has been pointed out clearly, and then squashed by the media and Google numerous times over the last year, WHY? All that has to happen is up the cycle count and get more "positives," that's it. FALSE POSITIVES, that is. You KNOW it's true, don't bullshit me. But why?

Think about it. Engage your brain before you RUIN my kids', and MANY OTHERS', childhoods any more that ya already have.

Do NOT mess with **CHILDREN**. I KNOW you are smart enough to know this false positive GAME is BS.

Correlation Between 3790 Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction-Positives Samples and Positive Cell Cultures, Including 1941 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Isolates

To THE EDITOR—The outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic due to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) was declared a pandemic on 12 March 2020 by the World Health Organization [1]. A major issue related to the outbreak has been to correlate viral RNA load obtained after reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and expressed as the cycle threshold (Ct) with contagiousness and therefore duration of eviction from contacts and discharge from specialized infectious disease

wards. Several recent publications, based on more than 100 studies, have attempted to propose a cutoff Ct value and duration of eviction, with a consensus at approximately Ct >30 and at least 10 days, respectively [2–5]. However, in an article published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, Bullard et al reported that patients could not be contagious with Ct >25 as the virus is not detected in culture above this value [6]. This limit was then evoked in the French media during an interview with a member of the French Scientific Council Covid-19 as a possible value above which patients are no longer contagious [7].

At the beginning of the outbreak, we correlated Ct values obtained using our PCR technique based on amplification of the E gene and the results of the culture [8]. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have performed 250 566 SARS-CoV-2

RT-PCR for 179 151 patients, of whom 13 161 (7.3%) tested positive. Up to the end of May, 3790 of these samples, reported as positive on nasopharyngeal samples, were inoculated and managed for culture as previously described [8]. Of these 3790 inoculated samples, 1941 SARS-CoV-2 isolates could be obtained after the first inoculation or up to 2 blind subcultures. The correlation between the scanner values and the positivity of the culture allows us to observe that the image obtained with 10 times more isolates than in our preliminary work (1941 vs 129) does not change significantly (Figure 1). It can be observed that at Ct = 25, up to 70% of patients remain positive in culture and that at Ct = 30 this value drops to 20%. At Ct = 35, the value we used to report a positive result for PCR, <3% of cultures are positive. Our Ct value of 35, initially based on the results

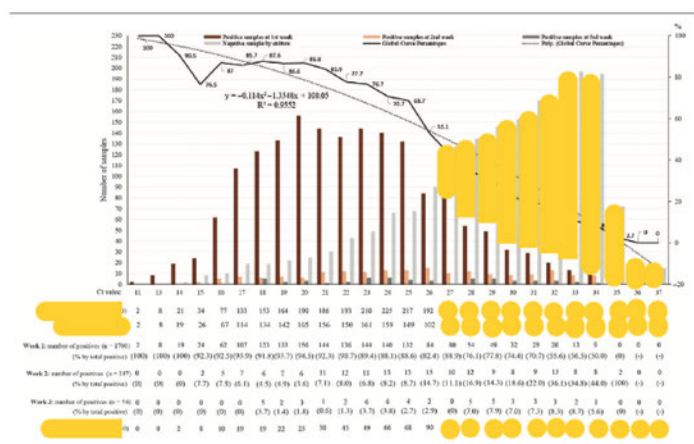


Figure 1. Percentage of positive viral cultures of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 polymerase chain reaction-positive nasopharyngeal samples from coronavirus disease 2019 patients, according to Ct value (plain line). The dashed curve indicates the polynomial regression curve. Abbreviations: Ct, cycle threshold; Poly, polynomial.

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obtained by RT-PCR on control negative samples in our laboratory and initial results of cultures [8], is validated by the results herein presented and is in correlation with what was proposed in Korea [9] and Taiwan [10]. We could observe that subcultures, especially the first one, allow an increasing percentage of viral isolation in samples with Ct values, confirming that these high Ct values are mostly correlated with low viral loads. From our cohort, we now need to try to understand and define the duration and frequency of live virus shedding in patients on a case-by-case basis in the rare cases when the PCR is positive beyond 10 days, often at a Ct >30. In any cases, these rare cases should not impact public health decisions.

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On Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 5:55 PM Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I don't have financial interest in vaccines. I do have research interest in viruses and vaccines (intellectual curiosity).

There is no industry standard on Ct threshold, though most vendors use 40. But that's a threshold. It does not mean every test result comes back after 40 cycles. A positive case that contains a greater amount of virus may come back positive in 20 cycles.

Different machines can produce different Ct values for the same sample; it is vendor specific. The threshold set by the vendor is not virus specific.

As for the quote from Fauci, I don't know where it comes from. It does not make sense to me.

Thanks,

Jun

On Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 3:18 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Those of you who are scientists (Dr. Xiao! & Dr. Bone) receiving this email, it's time for you to speak up on this undeniable truth below. Time for intellectual honesty. I'm aware, Dr. Xiao, based upon several of your comments in previous board meetings that you personally have a financially vested interest in the vaccine and corresponding paralyzing fear that is essential to high vaccine demand, and that's

peachy, *however*, you're an elected official representing a large constituency of children, families and taxpayers in a major school district. Let's skadoodle your priorities where they ought to be, please... **QUALITY EDUCATION**. Will you please break it down for us - the **scientific** cycle threshold sensitivity detailed below and how it relates to CRHS being CURRENTLY CLOSED, in "layman's terms" if ya know what I mean... I'll be waiting...

Please READ:

<https://www.brownstoneresearch.com/bleeding-edge/the-who-announces-new-guidance-for-covid-19-tests/>

Quote:

Juliet Morrison, a virologist at the University of California-Riverside, believes that even setting the cycle threshold to 35 is too sensitive. She went on to say, "I'm shocked that people would think that 40 could represent a positive."

And it's not just them.

When interviewed on this topic, even Dr. Anthony Fauci stated, "If you perform the test at a cycle threshold of 35 or more, the chances of it being replication-confident [accurate] are miniscule. You almost never can culture the virus [detect a true positive result] from a 37 threshold cycle... even 36." What's the right cycle threshold setting that would identify a live virus capable of spreading? Mina believes that number is 30 or less. Morrison says somewhere between 30 and 35.

Yet throughout this entire pandemic, the industry has been using 40. **This has resulted in anywhere between 60% and 90% false positives.**

This is why we have an epidemic of *cases* rather than people who are actually symptomatic and capable of spreading COVID-19. Cycle threshold settings of 40 will identify viral fragments from months ago. In other words, you already had it but didn't know it. It doesn't mean you're infectious, but you are testing positive.

The case numbers are almost meaningless as a result. And the mortality numbers, for the same exact reasons, are also grossly overstated.

Other supporting documentation:

<https://www.who.int/news/item/20-01-2021-who-information-notice-for-ivd-users-2020-05>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/29/health/coronavirus-testing.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html>

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Subject: SpEd Town Hall ended 23 minutes early
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2021 20:48:27 -0600
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Why did you abruptly end the SpEd Town Hall 23 minutes early? It was published as 6-8pm in multiple locations from RRISD social media to RRISD email invitation to email confirmation, etc. I know for a fact that numerous parents, including myself, were waiting on unanswered questions when you SUDDENLY launched into random speeches about how awesome RRISD is, a full 30 minutes before the meeting was to end, then suddenly ended like your hair was on fire with TWENTY THREE MINUTES remaining. WHAT WAS THAT?!?!

I watched all 3 other Town Halls and they did not end early. What is your excuse for this?

Subject: No Privacy Policy on personal data collection - txrapidtest
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2021 21:21:25 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org>, Brandy Hafner <brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org>, Sharon Wilkes <sharon_wilkes@roundrockisd.org>, jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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Trustees & Dr. Presley,

I went to complete the txrapidtest form sent to me by RRISD (<https://register.txrapidtest.org>), and although I'm prompted to enter excessive amounts of personal information, I'm never presented with any opportunity to review the Privacy Policy. Where is the Privacy Policy? Why would my personal information be collected without a Privacy Policy? Typically whenever one is prompted to enter personal information without a Privacy Policy, that's a red flag for a "data grab." Is that what's going on here? Is there any chance that my data is being collected to then sell? Without a Privacy Policy, I must assume so. Please clarify whether I can be assured that there's *no* chance that my data is being collected for future sale, as well as where the Privacy Policy is and why it's not presented within the pages collecting my data.

Thank you,
April Brinson

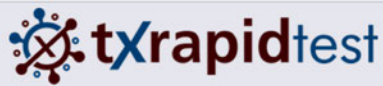


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
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Subject: Urgent assistance with transferring all SpEd records & IEP for [REDACTED] Brinson to Hutto ISD
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2021 13:23:01 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Cc: Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Justin Brinson <[REDACTED]>, david beinke <[REDACTED]>
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Good afternoon,

[REDACTED] is urgently transferring to Hutto ISD as an out-of-district student due to a multitude of concerns over the past year since March 2020, and culminating in a final breaking point of reckless endangerment relevant to RRISD policy requiring airway obstruction during exercise. He has been accepted to Farley Middle School (acceptance letter attached), I'm completing his enrollment documents right now, and I need to upload his SpEd records/IEP. Please send me the most efficient and complete file I can provide HISD to quickly and completely bring them up to speed on [REDACTED] Special Education services and accommodations. Completing his enrollment is waiting upon me providing this information so I ask for your prompt reply. If/when RRISD gets its act together at some future date, we will consider [REDACTED] return to RRISD so please do maintain his SpEd records, thank you. We hope RRISD's district level leadership improves dramatically, and if it does, we may work together again in the future.

In the meantime, our son, [REDACTED] is tremendously excited to finally play together with the band in his new school! He's far behind in his trumpet skills after losing a year of quality instruction and playing together with bandmates, hearing all instruments live in sync in musical pieces. The joy in his face at the mere thought of playing together as a band again (in Hutto) brought me to tears. We both burst into tears of relief, and bravely exhaled a year of pain and trauma, when we drove up to his new school yesterday for the first time. Additionally, he's so excited to look at teachers' physical eyes and faces rather than screens, as Hutto ISD teachers teach on-campus or at-home students in separate class periods so on-campus students experience a normal unplugged environment when communicating with teachers. A large majority, in excess of 60%, of his classmates will be there with him physically in classes, and he looks forward to making new friends. He cannot wait to re-engage with manipulatives, hands-on learning tools, and labs especially as a person with [REDACTED]. He's very far behind academically, but FMS teachers and staff are committed to helping him recover from his learning loss in RRISD, and bringing him back up to true 7th grade level asap. Of course, it goes without saying that he, and my husband and I, will sleep better at night knowing that his fundamental right to control his own airways and access full oxygen to his brain during Athletics class will be respected at all times in HISD, which made this incredibly difficult decision very easy.

Thank you to all who have supported [REDACTED] inside and outside of SpEd at RMS, and thank you for promptly guiding me to the SpEd file to provide to his new school, of course including his IEP.

April & Justin Brinson

Subject: Fwd: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RRISD Parent Visitor Policy
Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 18:43:31 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
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Cc: "Cottrill, Jeffrey" <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>
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Mr Clark.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I have made no secret of my desire for parents to be welcomed onto our campuses with open arms to Dr Azaiez or Pres Weir. And just yesterday, a community member emailed me the entire testimony from Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir from the 7 Oct court date. That is a document I would have expected to receive from Azaiez or Weir, not a community member.

Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir,

If after this you are still messaging to our campuses that parents are not fully welcome back on our campuses, then per board policy, I am calling for a Special Meeting to discuss this matter and put it to a vote by this board. At some point there has got to be an acknowledgement that at this point, these "protocols" are doing far more harm to our students and community than good. This isn't August 2020 anymore. In two months we will be in 2022!

I have copied Trustee Mary Bone here so she has the opportunity to second my call for this meeting if she chooses.

I know there is a planned called board meeting on 10 Nov for another matter. My preference is for this meeting to be held before that date. At the very least, please schedule this meeting on that date (if Bone seconds my request).

Danielle Weston

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From: 'Dustin Clark' via board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Sun, Oct 24, 2021 at 3:31 PM
Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. RRISD Parent Visitor Policy
To: board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org <board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Jenny Caputo <jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>

Hello RRISD leaders,

I would like to know how the Board and Superintendent are able to reconcile Ms. Caputo conceding that the restriction of parents from being allowed on campus during school hours was an administrative decision which did not require Board approval, and the court testimony given under oath by Dr. Azaiez and President Weir during the hearing on October 7th, 2021 in the State of Texas v RRISD case.



Please see relevant screen shots below. If their testimony given under oath is true, then this visitor policy must be rescinded immediately. If Ms. Caputo is correct, then I'm afraid our Superintendent and President Weir may be flirting with perjury.

There is no single more impactful element to improving student outcomes than parents, and specifically fathers, being allowed to visit with their children during lunch and class. Parents are the life blood of our schools, and continuing to keep us out because of fear only exacerbates the learning issues plaguing our school district.

Regards,

Dustin Clark

Re: Visitor policy

 **Jenny Caputo** 

To [Michelle Evans & 2 more](#)

Sep 29 at 4:50 PM

Fall COVID-19 Guidance was developed by the administrative leadership in consultation with local health authorities and in consideration of CDC and TEA guidance. The guidance did not require Board approval.



21-1471-C368 - HIGHLIG...



BY MR. WASSDORF:

Q. Could you please help me with your name?

A. Yes, Hafedh Azaiez. You can call me AZ, sir.

Q. Dr. Azaiez, you are the Superintendent of Round Rock
ISD?

A. Yes, I'm the superintendent, yes.

Q. And as the superintendent you run the day-to-day
operations of the school district?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. As you are directed to do so by the Board of
Trustees?

A. Well, we have different responsibility and rules,
you will. So our board is the governing body and like you
said, I'm the CEO of the organization so I run the day-to-d.
business.

Q. They adopt policies and you carry them out?

A. Correct.

Q. You are aware that Governor Abbot has declared a
disaster due to COVID-19 in the state?

A. Yes.

Q. And he has issued various executive orders in

Subject: Eliminating (unnecessary) red tape for hiring qualified teachers?
Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 09:02:05 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org, nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org
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Andrea's Post



Pflugerville Peeps

Andrea Skarzynski · 3h ·

Good morning! I'm a veteran teacher of 9 years from Virginia. My family and I recently moved back to the Austin area. Originally, I planned on being a stay home mom and helping with my hubby's business, but I've decided that I want to go back to work to provide family health insurance.

The problem I'm running into is that although there are PLENTY of teacher openings, every district requires a Texas teachers license. Texas does not have reciprocity with Virginia so I know that even though I have a Master's in Teaching and plenty of experience, there are several hoops I have to jump through before I can get a Texas teaching certificate.

Does anyone know of any districts or charter schools (Secondary—I'm a licensed middle and high school social studies teacher) that will hire out of state teachers? I'd like to work full time so I can qualify for health insurance while I get take my tests for licensure.

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Thank you,
April

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Good question. Let me know what you hear back.

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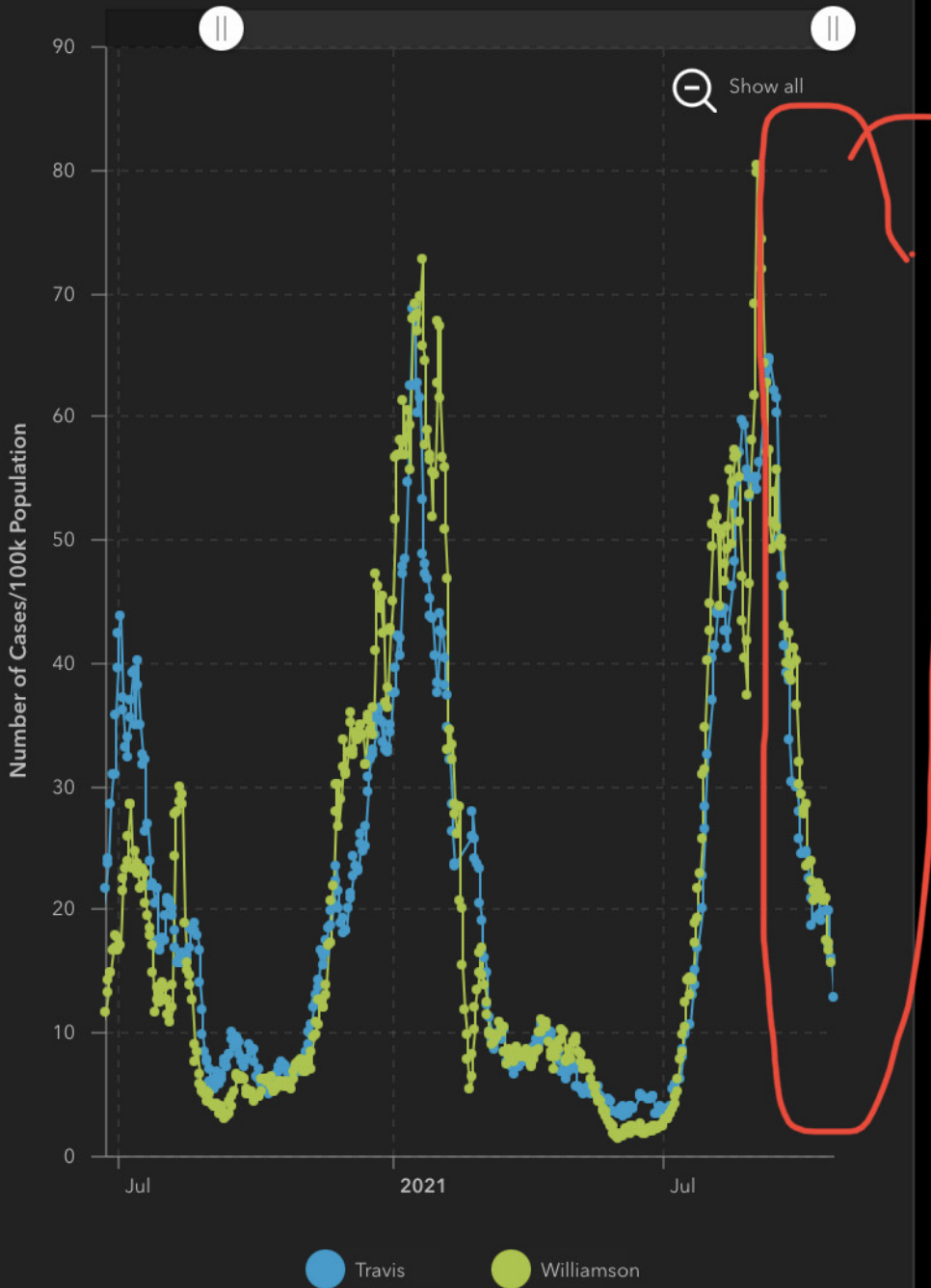
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WilCo COVID-19 Impact - WCCHD

Williamson and Neighboring Counties Average Rate of New Infections per 100k Population



Rate of New Infections



On Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 9:00 AM Me <xxx@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms. Weston,

Thank you for your response. I appreciate it.

I guess I emailed too soon, as I either misread or missed the verbiage as a whole stating, "If the two indicators suggest different levels, our stage will reflect the higher threshold."

While I did watch the ENTIRE 9.5 hours of the 24 August 2021 board meeting, virtually, I must have missed your remarks regarding WCCHD. How very intriguing that our school district is basing their compliance on dated, misguided information. I would have to agree that it does boggle ones's mind.

I would also have to agree that personal protective equipment, as well as vaccinations and the virtual schooling option that has been provided for certain grade levels are all deeply personal choices.

What I find most intriguing about the current situation is that fact that, as I was under the impression, our policies changed at the onset of the school year based on the initial actions of the Austin/Travis county Local health authorities guidance...yet we are following outdated information, while Austin/Travis local health authorities are on the verge of transitioning to Stage 2? Yes, I would have to claim myself that it is mind boggling, indeed.

Thank you again for your time in responding. It is appreciated.

Kind regards,

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On Oct 24, 2021, at 11:42 PM, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Subject: Fwd: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Covid Matrix Inaccuracy
Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 16:51:16 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>, Christy Mikaberidze
<[REDACTED]>, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>, Glenda Mosley
<[REDACTED]>, Kristi Leigh <[REDACTED]>, Kristin Kepler
<[REDACTED]>, L Duarte <[REDACTED]>, Leslie Winters
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Danielle

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Subject: Re: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Covid Matrix Inaccuracy
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Jenny Caputo
<jenny_caputo@roundrockisd.org>
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Attached is a screenshot from the WCCHD dashboard today. Only 50 new cases of Covid in a county of 700,000 people. GA-32 % is below 4%. There are over 800 empty hospital beds. This is all good news!

They still have the entire county in "Red".

Bizarre. Asserting things that are not true as the truth only erodes trust. Saying that we are in Red over and over doesn't make it true.

We are not in phase "Red". The WCCHD is broken as I have said since the 24 Aug 2021 board meeting (Mask Wars Part II). We are broken to blindly follow this unelected outfit off a cliff.

Danielle Weston

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WilCo COVID-19 Impact - WCCHD

Total Confirmed Cases

64,903

Deaths

694

Total Probable Cases

11,158

Daily New Cases

50

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated

71.22%

Eligible Population Partially Vaccinated

80%

Total Population Fully Vaccinated

59.45%

Total Population Partially Vaccinated

66.69%

Hospital Beds Available

779

Hospital Beds Available

20%

ICU Beds Available

61

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13%

GA-32 Total TSA-O

3.94%



Overview



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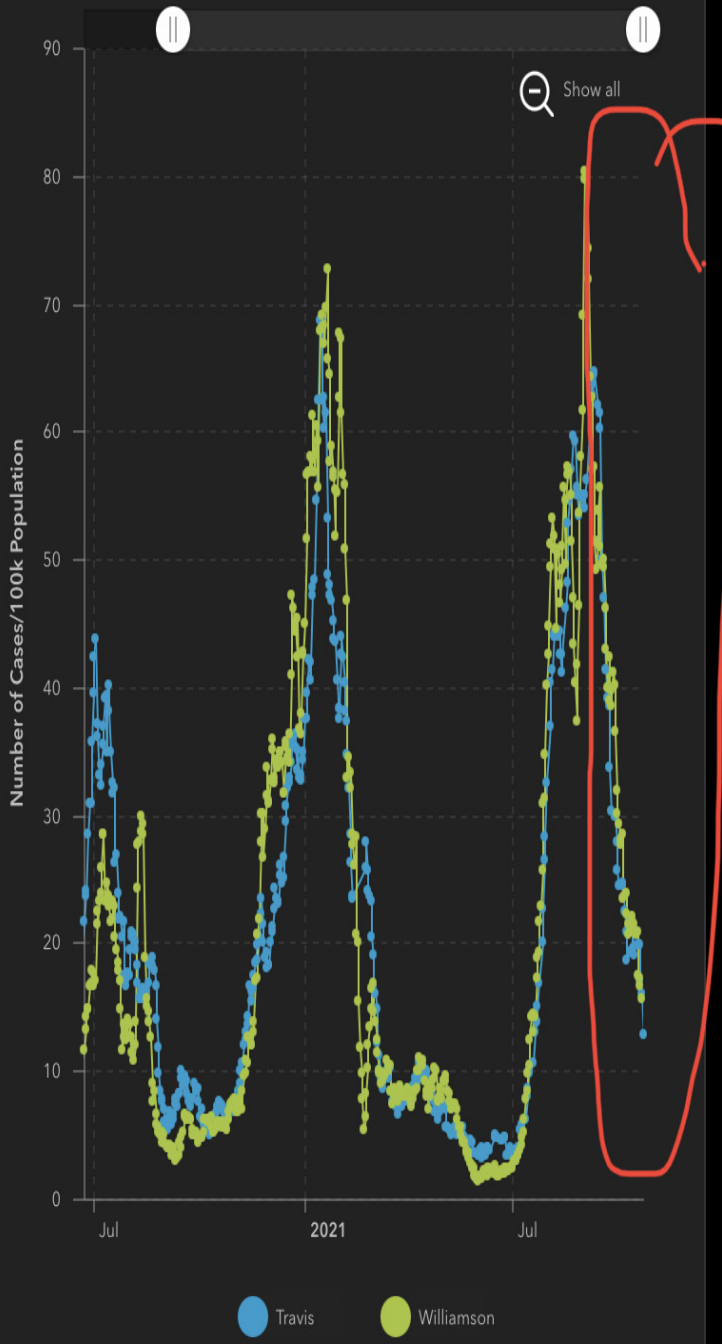
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Subject: Fwd: Survey/Encuesta: Board of Trustees seeks input for student outcome goals
Date: Wed, 27 Oct 2021 18:51:51 -0500
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: April Brinson <[REDACTED]> Ben Rupp <[REDACTED]> David Schmidt <[REDACTED]> Denise Ray <[REDACTED]> Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]> Glenda Mosley <[REDACTED]> Jennifer Flok White <[REDACTED]> Leslie Winters <[REDACTED]> Marshall S <[REDACTED]> Matt Buss <[REDACTED]> Matt Fogle <[REDACTED]> Matt and Tiffany Buss <[REDACTED]> Michelle Evans <[REDACTED]> Renate Sims <[REDACTED]> Stacey Andrewartha <[REDACTED]> Stephanie Hughes <[REDACTED]> Igreene@kick-startmarketing.com, <[REDACTED]>
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From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Date: Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 6:45 PM
Subject: Fwd: Survey/Encuesta: Board of Trustees seeks input for student outcome goals
To: Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>

Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir,

I attended the 18 Sep 2021 board meeting and have watched it twice.

The survey that went out today appears to purport to be from the "Board of Trustees" but don't recall participating the drafting of these seven items.

Where did these seven items on this list come from?

Board members have no decision making power as individuals. The board only has power as a body corporate in an official board meeting.

Who wrote these? Who approved these?

I would have never voted for the last four items on this list. I look forward to getting answers to my questions.

Danielle Weston



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Please choose **three areas** you feel are the most important for the Board to focus on as they draft their goals.

Literacy (listening, reading, writing, and communication skills)

Mathematics Literacy (student proficiency in mathematics, including personal finance)

Opportunities for multiple career paths in the areas of college readiness and career certification

Social and emotional wellbeing of students

Practical life skills (budgeting, job seeking, etc.)

Civic Responsibility (civic engagement, knowledge of local, state and federal laws and the U.S. Constitution)

Social Responsibility (being a civic-minded contributing member of society)

Other

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From: Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org>

Date: Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 5:05 PM

Subject: Survey/Encuesta: Board of Trustees seeks input for student outcome goals

To: ROUND ROCK ISD Recipients <recipients@roundrockisd.parentlink.net>

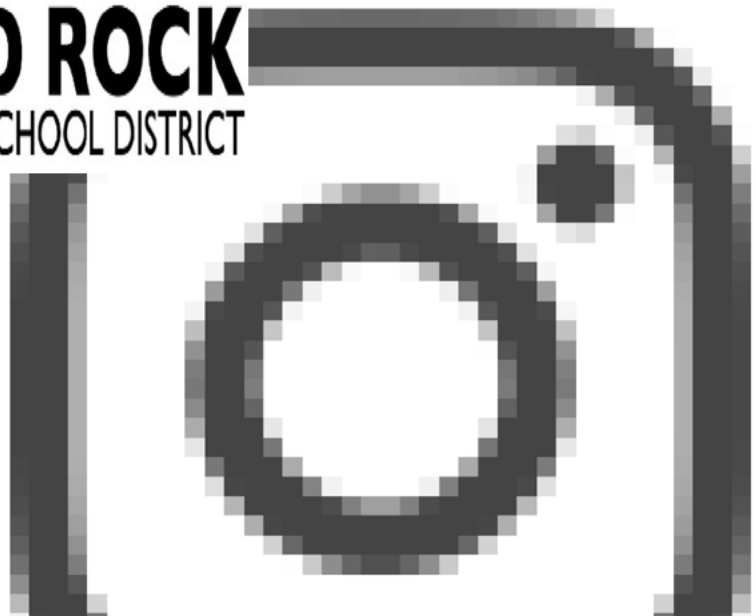
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student outcome goals

The [Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees](#) seeks community feedback to help develop

student outcome goals. Trustees would like parents, students, staff, and community

members to [fill out a short survey](#) and share input on the priorities for the Board to

focus goals and resources. The [survey](#) is open now and will close Tuesday, Nov. 2, at

11:59 p.m. During October, the Board held [in-person and virtual student outcome goal](#)

[sessions.](#)

[Take the student outcome goals survey](#)

La [Mesa Directiva de Round Rock ISD](#) busca las opiniones de la comunidad para

ayudar a desarrollar los objetivos para mejorar los resultados de los estudiantes. Los

fideicomisarios piden que los padres, estudiantes, personal y miembros de la

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prioridades de la Mesa Directiva para enfocar los objetivos y los recursos. La encuesta

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Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Question
Date: Mon, 15 Mar 2021 22:20:39 -0500
From: Lisa Lusby <[REDACTED]>
To: Amanda Johnson <Amanda_Johnson@roundrockisd.org>, Board_of_Trustees@roundrockisd.org
Message-ID: <C03D9A90-0030-4B84-A693-D1ECCAF3765A@gmail.com>
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If the district is following the guidance of local health officials, why did this prevent McNeil from making returning to school more attractive?

I know why. You all were having the teachers tell the students at the beginning of the year that the weren't going to come back.

This is not about anyone's safety. This is about political favors.

Fasten your seatbelts.

Lisa Lusby

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Fwd: WCCHD Board Meeting today (10 Nov 2021)
Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2021 11:39:40 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: Michelle Evans <[REDACTED]>, Dustin Clark <[REDACTED]>
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Date: Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 11:34 AM
Subject: WCCHD Board Meeting today (10 Nov 2021)
To: Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Cottrill, Jeffrey <jeffrey.cottrill@tea.texas.gov>

Dr Azaiez and Pres Weir,

The Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) met today at 10 am at the Round Rock Public Library. The meeting was open to the public and I attended.

Item 5 on the agenda was the WCCHD gating criteria. They announced that the WCCHD is no longer assigning colors to interpret data. This comes as a surprise to no one paying attention. I have shared multiple times that the WCCHD has been embroiled in controversy for a long time and all board members have been replaced. The WCCHD even recommended that Leander ISD close its doors to students for 10 days back in Aug 2021. Insanity. Luckily for the students and families in LISD, that advice was soundly rejected. And as I have asked before, who is the bigger fool...the person who hands out bad advice or the person who follows bad advice?

This is significant for RRISD because in the 22 Sep 2021 board meeting, the board voted 5-2 to approve a mask matrix, which I have attached to this email.

The WCCHD is specifically cited on the matrix, " *Color-coded stages based on WCCHD gating stages".

Given this significant new development today, it appears to me that we have two choices. Either go with APH's stages (also cited on the matrix) or hold a Mask Wars Part IV meeting.

Danielle Weston

Subject: Re: Mental/emotional health concern
Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2021 20:14:10 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Heath Walz <heath_walz@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org>, Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org>, "Kenneth Williams Jr." <kenneth_williams@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
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Good evening Mr. Walz,

My son just brought me this photo he saw on Instagram. He says these are all teachers at his school at a party this past weekend. He is asking me, "**Mom, why do they all (except for one) wear masks at school, but not at parties?**" We (you and I) WILL be getting answers for my child. In fact, these teachers will each be answering my child directly and individually to his face, each and every one of them, each in a formal grievance hearing explaining to him why they wear masks at school, but not at parties. Tomorrow, I shall be filing 25 Level 1 Complaints against each of the teachers/administrators pictured, minus the ones my child says wears masks at NEITHER school nor at parties, which is Ms. Davis. I'm not including Dr. Mutscher since he no longer works at RMS. Additionally, I need for you to assist me in correctly identifying each teacher by name so that there are no errors in my Level 1 Complaint filings. Also, if you contend that there are others pictured here besides Ms. Davis, who wear masks at NEITHER school nor at parties, please bring that to my attention so that I can confirm with my child. Will you be able to assist me with compiling my list, accurately identifying these teachers, via email, or will I need to personally come into your office tomorrow so we can compile the list together in person?



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Thank you,

April Brinson

On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 4:08 PM Deanne Hart <deanne_hart@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hello.

I agree with you about the PAWS ceremony - it is wonderful to see and recognize the students that are really doing well and are setting examples for their peers. Congratulations to [REDACTED] for being chosen for this accomplishment.

I understand your concern for [REDACTED] and am glad you reached out to us. I will make a referral to Bluebonnet Trails, however I am not sure they have a child psychologist in their organization. I do believe it is a great place to start though. I have attached two forms for your reference. Once the BlueBonnet Trails Care Coordinator receives the referral, they will be in touch with us about the next steps.

I can also make a referral to our Cedar Ridge Learning Community Social Worker. She can work with you in finding the best options for [REDACTED]. Let me know if you would like me to contact her.

Thank you again for reaching out and I look forward to working with you in finding the best support for [REDACTED]

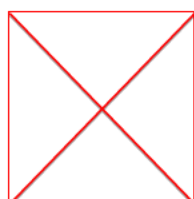
Thank you,
DeAnne

On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 9:34 AM Amy Grosso <amy_grosso@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Hi Ms. Brinson,

Thank you so much for reaching out. Ms. Hart will be getting in touch with you about different resources.

Amy Grosso, PhD
Director of Behavioral Health Services
Round Rock Independent School District
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Round Rock, TX 78681
[\(512\) 464-5976](tel:(512)464-5976)
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“Anything that is human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary. The people we trust with that important talk can help us know that we are not alone.” -Mr. Rogers

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On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 10:24 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Hart (& Ms. Grosso),

Thank you for this morning's PAWS awards ceremony! It was fabulous to see these outstanding 8th graders recognized! I know [REDACTED] feels proud of himself for earning a PAWS Award in math class. :)

I do want to mention a comment that [REDACTED] made to me in passing that has me concerned for his mental and emotional/psychological health. I can tell that some sort of psychological struggle is occurring within his memory and cognitive & emotional processing of events surrounding masks after what he said.

We were talking about a very positive memory of his 4th grade teacher (having nothing to do with masks or anything at all related to covid-- the memory happened 4 years ago) as we were driving past Forest Creek Elementary. He then told me that he knows his teachers in elementary school didn't wear masks, and neither did the students, but he cannot remember them or visualize them without masks. He said he knows in his head that they couldn't have worn masks, but he can only remember them as wearing masks. He cannot remember what their faces look like and he feels sure they wore masks even though he knows logically that can't be true.

I'd like to discuss this disconnect in his memory vs reality with a child psychologist at Bluebonnet Trails to get their take on how we can help him piece together these memories to better match reality. Something is going on here that isn't healthy, or normal for him, that his memory is adamantly telling him that masks were worn in school prior to covid existing. I'm wondering about PTSD possibly? Please have a child psychologist from the RRISD Student Mental Health Centers program contact me, thank you.

Also, he's mentioned a couple of times that he frequently gets feelings of anxiety and stress that he's "forgetting something." This isn't normal for him. He says he can't remember what he's forgetting in the moment, then he realizes that he's forgetting his mask (because he doesn't wear a mask and doesn't want to), but he feels involuntary anxiety that he's supposed to be wearing a mask while at school. Then he realizes that he does not need to be wearing a mask and talks himself off that ledge and he's good. Until it happens again.

Clearly the emotions surrounding masks in school have created some mental/emotional/psychological health and trauma issues and I'd like to address these issues and not put this off.

Thank you,
April Brinson

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DeAnne Hart
8th Grade School Counselor
Ridgeview Middle School
[RMS Counselor Website](#)

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Subject: Question posed by our 8th grader- Educator reflection requested
Date: Fri, 12 Nov 2021 10:46:33 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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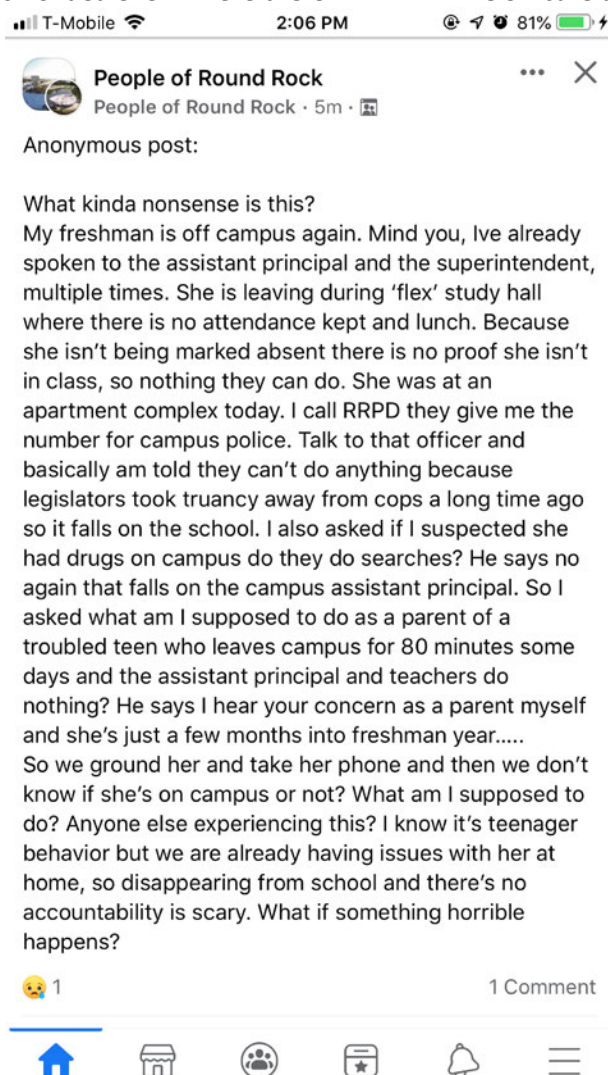
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I would like to know how MINOR CHILDREN in YOUR CUSTODY go MISSING DURING SCHOOL HOURS and you're excusing yourself from all responsibility?!? What in the hell is going on here? Remind me WHY our taxpayers are paying umteen bazillion dollars for a RRISD Police Department, and yet RRISD apparently has no idea even where the CHILDREN in YOUR care are at DURING SCHOOL HOURS? This is



unacceptable.

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Pres Weir,

Thank you for adding this to the November 2021 agenda. To reiterate this is Trustee Bone's and my agenda item request: "Discussion and Possible action regarding NSBA letter from Sept 29th including possible request to TASB and TASB membership".
Parents are every child's first teacher. School boards should welcome them into their meetings and hear their concerns. I sent many American's into harms way to defeat terrorists. The parents in our schools are not domestic terrorists.
The NSBA letter to the Biden administration is disgusting. TASB (Texas Assoc of School Boards) has failed to stand up to this overreach and partisanship from the NSBA. Our kids deserve better.

In addition to the agenda item request, please add the documents I have attached to this email as attachments to this agenda item on-line.

The attachments are:

- The NSBA letter
- The Florida School Board Association written response
- The Pennsylvania School Board Association written response
- Page 60 from the TASA/TASB September 2021 conference program as well as this link to that entire program: <https://www.tasa.tasb.org/program/documents/txedcon21-tasa-tasb-convention-program-booklet-final.pdf>.
- Please also include TABS's response to the NASB letter. I cannot find a "letter" per se. I can only find a statement from TABS that is shared on this website: <https://defendinged.org/press-releases/state-school-board-associations-responses-to-the-nsba-letter/>. If you have TABS's response in letter form, please add that to the agenda or you can just include this link that includes TABS's response.

I have already sent Ms Patty Aguilera an e-mail requesting to know the end date of my current TABS membership and ask that she not renew my membership until I give her the green light to do so.

Regards,
Danielle Weston

On Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 6:57 PM Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

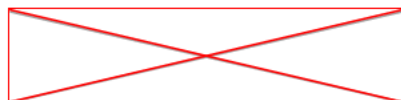
Good evening President Weir and Trustee Weston,

I hope this email finds you well. We will gather some information about TASBE and NSBA and we will share with all our trustees as a board update this friday.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez

Superintendent of Schools



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On Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 9:52 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thanks Pres Weir.

All of this information would be very helpful for us and to have the discussion/questions publicly on the topic would provide transparency to the community.

Danielle Weston

On Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 8:55 AM Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

We have one more item we will probably need to add to closed, making for a very long meeting next week. I will add this item in November at either one of our workshops or the regular meeting.

In the meantime, we can ask the administration to provide the Board with an update on whether membership dues are paid to the NSBA by RRISD. And what, if any, TASB membership dues are paid by RRISD. And whether those dues are for the district as a whole or for each trustee. We can also ask for a list of other organizations that provide the state mandated training for Board members in case you wish to end your membership with TASB.

Amy

On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 5:32 PM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I second this as an agenda item for the 21 Oct board meeting. It wasn't that long ago that I was a parent attending school board meetings. I am not a domestic terrorist. I am a veteran, wife and mother. The NSBA letter is offensive and disgusting.

I wrote a letter to TASB today asking for a rebuttal to the NSBA letter that goes much further than what TASB has said. I want to see something from TASB along the lines of what came out of Florida. If TASB does not do this, I will be ending my membership with TASB. Our community would like to know where our trustees stand on this preposterous talk of "parents are domestic terrorists in school board meetings" from the NSBA. Please put Trustee Bone's request on the agenda.

Danielle Weston

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Amy Weir
Round Rock ISD Board President

Trustee Place 5

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Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2021 10:29:43 -0500

From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>

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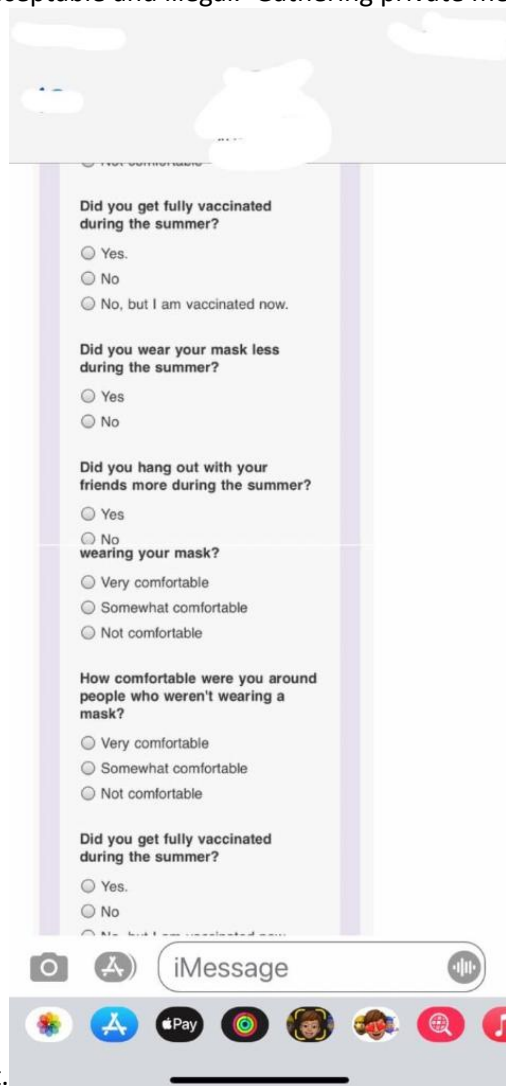
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I would like to know why this parent's simple & legitimate question about being denied access to her child's school campus was answered by the official RRISD Spokesperson with an extreme & bizarre reaction of jumping straight to ARRESTING PARENTS?! What in tarnation?! Get ahold of yourselves. News flash: You work for PARENTS & TAXPAYERS, not the other way around. Stop thinking that every time a parent wishes to exercise their legal rights, it's appropriate to ARREST THEM. WTH?! STOP ABUSING YOUR AUTHORITY & that of the RRISD Police.

Subject: RRISD students being surveyed at school about their private medical information & opinions
Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2021 10:49:26 -0500
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: dhobbs@wilco.org, kenneth.paxton@oag.texas.gov, maskmandate@oag.texas.gov, maskmandatecomplaints@wilco.org, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, mike.morath@tea.texas.gov, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, teafeedback@tea.texas.gov, Hafedh Azaiez <hafedh_azaiez@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Bill Gravell <Bgravell@wilco.org>, tom.maynard@tea.texas.gov, County Judge <ctyjjudge@wilco.org>, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>, clong@wilco.org, comm3@wilco.org, russ.boles@wilco.org, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Legal Services <legal_services@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>, Matt Groff <Matt_Groff@roundrockisd.org>
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I would like to know why Round Rock ISD minors/children are being surveyed at school about their private medical information. The below survey was sent to all RRHS students directly to their student email accounts and without parental consent. What is going on in RRISD?! This invasive information gathering is unacceptable and illegal. Gathering private medical information about children REQUIRES



parental consent.

Subject: Ethical concern regarding "consent" under duress in Texas ISD's (I'm a RRISD parent)
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2021 14:26:20 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: commissioner@tea.texas.gov
Cc: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, Becky Donald <rebecca_donald@roundrockisd.org>, Natalie Nichols <natalie_nichols@roundrockisd.org>, Carla Amacher <carla_amacher@roundrockisd.org>, John Yonker <john_yonker@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, legal_services@roundrockisd.org, lindsey_mcpheeters@roundrockisd.org, jenny_wells@roundrockisd.org, kristina_train@roundrockisd.org, brandy_hafner@roundrockisd.org
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Dear Commissioner Morath,

I'm writing to express my deeply and sincerely held concern regarding an incident that occurred last week in the Round Rock Independent School District, as well as the broader implications and potential precedent it sets for body autonomy and parental rights within our Texas ISD's.

The night prior to the district-level swim meet with 11 schools scheduled to compete, Cedar Ridge HS, was abruptly closed without warning citing an excess of covid "cases" on campus. Initially, all extracurriculars were cancelled and prohibited for 5 days, in addition to on campus school attendance. Parents of swimmers (and their supporters) who had trained incredibly hard to be competition-ready were devastated, and understandably very angry. Dr. Presley, Acting Superintendent, sought to find a way that CRHS swimmers would be permitted to attend their district championship meet under pressure from angry parents and community members. He did, and therein lies the problem. While I do appreciate Dr. Presley's heroic efforts to get the swimmers to the meet, I'm deeply troubled by the ethical violations of body autonomy and parental rights that were exploited in the process under the guise of an "emergency." There was no reason, first of all, to prohibit their attendance as none of them were in any way ill, not to mention that they're literally bathed in chlorine disinfectant amidst participation in their sport. No swimmer was under any suspicion whatsoever of *any* illness, yet swimmers and their parents were told that they *must* "consent" to a medical procedure (covid testing) as a condition of accessing their own public school resources of which their own tax dollars fund. I'm sure we can agree that consent cannot legally occur when the consenting party is under extreme duress, coercion or manipulation. These parents and student swimmers were without a doubt *desperate* beyond comprehension. I personally grew up in competitive swimming so I'm intimately familiar with the level of commitment and drive and sheer work it takes to succeed in this sport, particularly leading up to competition. Had I been put into this unthinkable position back a couple of decades ago, I probably would have "consented" to giving away my left kidney if it meant I could participate. But is that consent? I say no, what say you? Does it really matter what the medical procedure is if it's being "consented to" under duress and manipulation of impending severe consequences, and "consented to" under no reasonable suspicion of illness or need for said medical procedure? Do ISD's now determine the necessity for student medical procedures, and if so, based upon what criteria or policy?

As a State, Commissioner Morath, I'm asking for you to use this incident I describe as a moment of truth, clarity, and reflection. What do we stand for here in Texas? What are our values? Do we respect parental rights? Do we hold and practice ethical standards of consent? Is it appropriate for school districts to be performing medical procedures on children at all? If it is, how is consent defined? Can "consent" to a medical procedure be held over a desperate student or parent's head as a manipulative *condition* of access and participation in public school? And even under no reasonable suspicion that a medical procedure is necessary or appropriate?

These are questions that are begging for clear, decisive answers in these highly troubling times. Parents like ME are urgently looking to leaders like YOU to *lead* boldly with clarity and sound ***ethical standards*** of conduct.

Thank you,

April Brinson



Subject: Town Hall or PR Event?
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2021 16:36:42 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org,
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amy_weir@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org,
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Cc: daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org, mandy_estes@roundrockisd.org
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Trustees--

After last week's COVID Town Hall, many parents expected last night's "Teaching & Learning" Town Hall to stay on-topic and address serious concerns and dissatisfaction with on campus quality of instruction, academics and educational experience. I, among many other parents, was left disappointed and feeling as though I had attended a RRISD PR event, not an authentic question & answer session. Large numbers of parents report that their highly relevant questions were completely ignored, while "softball" questions were repeatedly at the forefront of the evening.

If RRISD is seeking "two way communication" and authentic dialogue, why did it appear to parents like me that "hardball" questions expressing concerns or dissatisfaction on campus were scrubbed and/or discarded by the PR department? Also, why were questions not allowed to be posed live to the panel? Is the Administration afraid of or unwilling to answer difficult and legitimate questions?

We parents are very busy and stressed as it is, please don't waste our time with PR stunts. We expect much better tonight at the "Athletic & Fine Arts" Town Hall.

Thank you,
April Brinson

Subject: Re: TEA Violation - Warrior Update Week of 1.25.21
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2021 12:07:21 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Mario Acosta <mario_acosta@roundrockisd.org>
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Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this important matter, Dr. Acosta, and for quickly taking corrective action. For some students, maintaining access to campus, and knowing they are welcome, is critical, and for all publicly-funded Texas ISD's it is legally required to maintain compliance with TEA regulation. Communications must not contradict TEA regulation, as I'm sure you know. I'm glad Westwood students and parents are being made aware that they ARE permitted to attend school on campus tomorrow.

Thank you,
April Brinson

On Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 11:57 AM Mario Acosta <mario_acosta@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Good Morning Mrs. Brinson,

Thank you for your email. Westwood High School is aware of the TEA guidelines for asynchronous days. We have a plan and are prepared to welcome any in-person learner that chooses to attend school on Tuesday. I appreciate your feedback in regard to my communication and have updated the language to ensure clarity in regard to this matter. I hope you have a wonderful day.

Dr. Mario Acosta

On Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Mr. Acosta,

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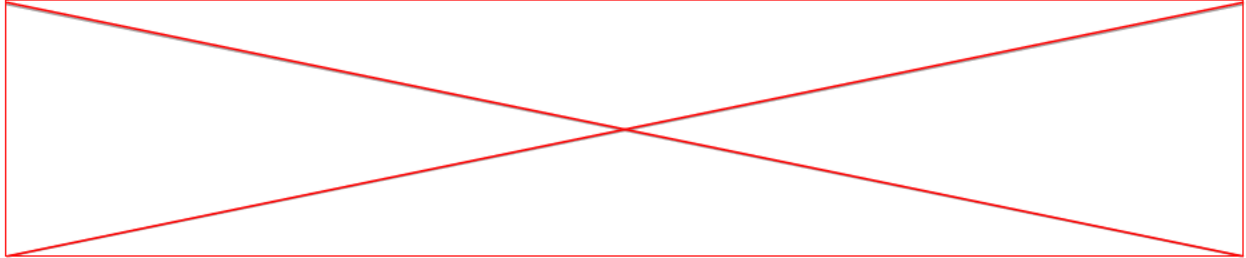
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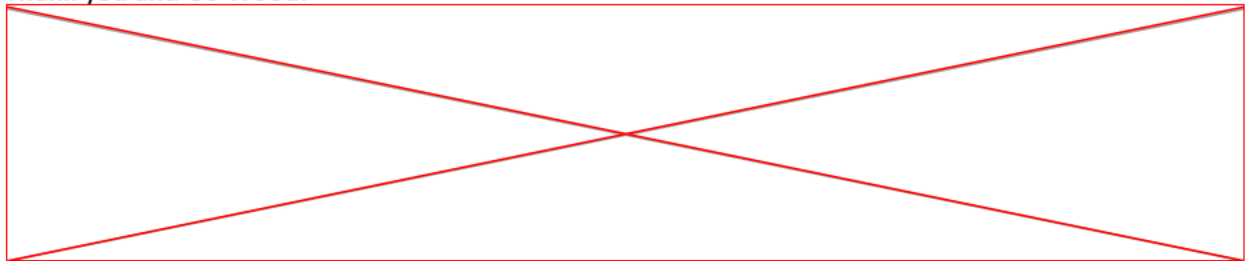
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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jiae Kim <Jiae_Kim@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>
Cc: Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>
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Ms. Kim, Dr. Presley, Commissioner Morath & Representative Maynard,

I'm writing to request RRISD and/or TEA policy information about who has authority over parents' homes. Please direct me specifically to policy regarding who determines and has authority over who can and cannot enter *my* home as a parent.

Thank you,
April Brinson

On Thu, Jan 21, 2021 at 8:59 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Theatre Directors,

This is a private email about MY child of which you do NOT have consent to disclose to MY child.

My child informed me that her acting group is normally all on campus. I have INSTRUCTED my child to either invite over her group to our home to continue rehearsing as usual, or to meet up with her group at another group member's home for Acting class. Somehow my child is under the **MISTAKEN** belief that YOU ALL direct what goes on in *MY HOME*. That is false, please make *sure* the record is corrected STAT. NONE of the 3 of you, nor Ms. Kim, nor Dr. Presley, nor ANYONE directs the goings on in MY home.

If I hear that ANY of you make ANY suggestions whatsoever that you have authority over MY home, first you need to check yourself, then you need to dial me at [REDACTED] We need to talk.

Hopefully this is a *complete misunderstanding* by my child in thinking that teachers at school direct what goes on in MY home. If so, please disregard. No prob! Have a great day! :)

April Brinson
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: "Dr" Presley, are you smoking crack? Is that PhD for realz???

Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2021 10:46:02 -0600

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I greatly appreciate your followup, Trustee Weston, thank you. I'm very glad to hear that a possible path is being provided for swimmers to compete in this instance, **HOWEVER**, I have grave concerns that students in this situation are ONLY being allowed to participate in THEIR educational experience and access THEIR public school resources on the manipulative CONDITION that their body fluids be extracted and collected, AND under NO REASONABLE SUSPICION of an illness. This is unacceptable. As a parent, I NEVER want my child's body fluids extracted or collected by a school system under ANY justification, nor do I want my child EVER injected with ANYTHING by a school system. These are decisions purely to be made between parents and parents' hired physicians. Strong arming desperate students & parents into agreeing to the collection of their child's body fluids is despicable and manipulative and a violation of student and parent rights. **THIS CONDUCT BY RRISD IS ALARMING AND UNETHICAL.**

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Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2021 10:14:08 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
Message-ID: <CAM7tBgSFDExhvYwrDC_4MSf2uHK44o-CZR8qc_yL9M0HDwXgJQ@mail.gmail.com>
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Subject: Numerous 6th & 7th grade parents reporting TEA violation for Jan 27 async day
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 09:30:16 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
Cc: Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, Complaints Management <complaintsmanagement@tea.texas.gov>, Travis Mutscher <travis_mutscher@roundrockisd.org>
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Hi Dr. Presley,

I'm hearing numerous parents reporting that their MS's teachers & principal (Walsh & Chisolm Trail MS in particular) are blatantly telling students **NOT to attend on campus** during next Wednesday's 8th grade PSAT/6 & 7th grade asynchronous day. Fortunately, Dr. Mutscher, at RMS has made clear that students ARE WELCOME and legally ENTITLED to attend on campus next Wednesday. He simply advised parents/students that it will be an asynchronous day so pretty crappy in terms of instruction. RMS parents appreciated Dr. Mutsher explaining that while it is an async day and what that means in terms of the poor quality of the on campus experience (PODs), he did NOT EVER say NOT TO COME TO CAMPUS, nor did he instruct ANY teachers that we've encountered to provide this FALSE & ILLEGAL information to students or parents.

Commissioner Morath, will you please chime in here? TEA states that on campus students **ARE WELCOME** to attend school on asynchronous days, correct?

Dr. Presely, please step in immediately with corrective action on your middle schools' communication to be compliant with the law.

Thank you,
April

Subject: Breakdown of choice by race
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2021 08:25:02 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>, Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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Hi Ms. Estes,

Are you able to please forward me a *current* breakdown of at home vs on campus choice by race, or will that require me to file an open records request?

Anecdotally, I notice that one of my son's very best friends is "black" and he's been on campus since Sept 15. He also participates in after school band sectionals on campus, which are finally allowed. I know his parents personally, who are also black, and I've never noticed them to behave in a way consistent with a family that is terrified of impending death. In fact, quite the opposite, as they recently hosted a sleepover birthday party for their son at their home where my son, of course, attended to celebrate his good friend.

One of my daughter's very best friends is "brown," from El Salvador AND lives in a multi-generational home AND is ON CAMPUS. Obviously RRISD isn't collecting data on students' living situations, although it sure would be interesting, as I suspect that data would NOT fit with the narrative being pushed that "black & brown" and students living in multi-generational households do **NOT WANT** on campus school. To be frank with you, Ms. Estes, I call BULLSHIT on that.

I do have concerns, however, that the *non* choice offered in RRISD is so convoluted at this point that an enormous number of students who **DO WANT** to be *on campus* are *not* on campus due purely to the inexcusably *poor quality of experience and instruction* on campus. The non *legitimate choice* in RRISD is creating an undeniable manipulation of data. **If you surveyed families on whether they WANT to return to a QUALITY on campus experience, you'd get an entirely different data set than what you have now.**

Please let me know promptly whether or not I need to file an ORR.

Thank you,
April Brinson

Subject: Re: END THIS SHIT SHOW of CRAPPY education in RRISD
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2021 14:57:16 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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Well that's very troubling, Dr. Xiao, that our RRISD students' educational experience has been, and continues to be, impacted so **negatively** by *selective enforcement* of supposed health & safety policies for which you, an accomplished scientist, can provide no scientific explanation. Quite troubling indeed. Commissioner Morath or Representative Maynard, can you offer any insight here? **Why would RRISD Safety & Security staff abide by an entirely different set of safety standards than students as it pertains to a "deadly virus?"** Thanks very much!

On Jan 18, 2021, at 2:45 PM, Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you for bringing this video to my attention. I don't have an explanation.

Jun

On Mon, Jan 18, 2021 at 2:21 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Wait, wait, hold up y'all! Is it just me or is THIS right here blatant hypocrisy?? And Tiffanie, I thought black people are NINE TIMES more likely to DIE?!?! I'm gettin' worried here that Chief Yarbrough and his other black staff members may be suicidal?! I asked around to a few folks and it seems that I'm being FLOODED with examples of RRISD extracurricular activities & elementary classes where group photos were either completely prohibited or in the rare occasion that they *were* allowed, masks were **mandatory**, OR 6+ feet distance was required at a bare minimum. I've also got numerous students and parents saying their extracurricular group had to **PAY** a lot of money to hire a Photoshop artist to composite individual photos into a group photo. **Dr. Xiao, being a scientist, can you help me understand what protection a police uniform provides from a microscopic virus?** This is all so fascinating!!

I'll get you lots more examples later today/tomorrow. So far I have:

- Caldwell Heights 5th graders prohibited from taking class photos.
- Forest Creek 5th graders prohibited from taking class photos.
- Round Rock High School Lady Dragon JV Basketball team - individual pics were taken but no group pic, they are "photoshopping" one of the team to have a group pic for the season. This also happened for 9th grade and Varsity teams too as pictures were all at the same time and they were super strict on the girls leaving their masks on, social distancing and literally sliding the mask off for the quick seconds it takes to snap the individual photo.

- Cedar Valley MS was allowed zero football pics, not even individuals. For basketball, they took only individual photos and will be photoshopping a group pic.
- RRHS Volleyball teams were denied all group photos.
- Walsh MS volleyball, basketball and football were denied all group photos.
- RRHS Football was denied group photos and "group position" photos.
- Numerous parents are questioning why their students are prohibited from playing outside without masks, but RRISD Safety & Security staff are apparently fine to wear no masks & no social distancing.
- CRHS Soccer prohibited from taking group photos.

Here is the McNeil Ladies Golf team staying spread out so they'd be allowed to take a group photo:
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Here is the CRHS Tennis Team's group photo after hiring a Photoshop artist to composite individual photos since they were prohibited from actually taking a group photo:
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RRHS Drill Team required to wear masks outdoors AND even when distanced:
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Westwood HS Tennis team wearing masks & distanced so they'd be allowed to take a group photo:
<image1.jpeg>

I look forward to your *scientific explanation*, Dr Xiao. And I also look forward to a logical and intelligent explanation about the apparent hypocrisy going on here. "Do as I say, not as I do." New RRISD manta??

Thank you for your prompt attention to this very serious concern.

April Brinson

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 11:38 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Wow, thank you!!!! This is fantastic and exciting news and a MUCH FASTER response than I expected. I didn't expect for masks to be completely abolished, but hey, I'll take it!!! My kids are SOOOOO EXCITED!!! Thank you!! They told me that this is the Director of Safety & Security and his staff so we KNOW he knows his stuff on **safety**. Students are celebrating the news!!! 😊 Please keep the great news coming!!²² <https://twitter.com/jeffreyyarbrou2/status/1350870878238765061?s=21>

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On Jan 17, 2021, at 2:49 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Excellent, Dr. Xiao. So glad to hear your admirable values and dedication to our students' **quality** of education! Get it done, please. Thank you!! Our kids' **ONE CHANCE** at a great education is slipping by, day after day after day. We're out of patience. Completely OUT. I ask that anyone receiving this email please follow up with me on **specific, tangible, relevant improvements as they're implemented**. Please keep me posted so that I can tangibly SEE improvements even *before* my kids tell me. I will be the FIRST to ***SHOUT YOUR PRAISES from the rooftops of Round Rock, TX*** as I see that you're DOING what NEEDS to be done for our on campus kids' quality of instruction and educational experience. We're watching VERY closely to see that your **ACTIONS** match your WORDS. Thank you again!!!

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 2:28 PM Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I am not interested in political or philosophical debates. I am for tangible improvement of outcomes for every student.

Thanks,

Jun

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Xiao,

I see that you have created a Message Board post on the subject of improving the on campus experience and **quality** of instruction. **THANK YOU!** I appreciate you DEMONSTRATING publicly that your words are *not* empty lip service. I hope this is an indication of URGENT corrective **ACTION** coming very shortly to the on campus experience. These kids who REQUIRE quality in person instruction have **SUFFERED** through March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December and half of January. ENOUGH is ENOUGH. Parents like me are DONE. **DONE**. We can only send nice, diplomatic emails for so long and be IGNORED. We. Are. Done.

I, and MANY other parents, will be watching NEXT WEEK for tangible improvements that we can point to with confidence that we are FINALLY being **HEARD**. Here again are mine:

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7. Bring back ALL teaching support staff including private lessons teachers for band/orchestra/choir/etc, plus ALL SpEd therapists BACK ON CAMPUS working face-to-face with students.
8. Bring back concerts and performances on campus. Live performance is **CRITICAL** to growth and learning for fine arts students.
9. Do NOT DARE tell a PARENT that they are NOT WELCOME on THEIR own child's school campus that THEY PAID FOR. ALLOW PARENTS to attend conferences, volunteer, and generally BE INVOLVED with THEIR child's education ON CAMPUS.
10. When students are OUTSIDE or INSIDE with PLENTY OF SPACE (6 feet or more), allow them to remove the **NASTY** bacteria-laced face diapers.
11. Any teacher who has a problem with fulfilling the job description of THEIR JOB needs to go. Whether that be an ADA leave if they qualify, a move to a dedicated online school teaching position, a career change, whatever. If I cannot or am unwilling to fulfill the duties of MY JOB, I MUST do something different. Teachers are NOT an exception.

Again, THANK YOU Dr. Xiao, for SERVING on this board with **PURPOSE**, not as a figurehead, but with actionable purpose in providing the **QUALITY** EDUCATION that our students **DESERVE**.

Sincerely,
April Brinson

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 3:20 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you VERY MUCH, Trustee Bone, for your reply and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the **GRAVITY** of the unacceptable situation on campuses, and ongoing for SOOOO MANY MONTHS now with little to no corrective action. I heard you say last night that PARENTS need to KNOW what they're going to do, and make plans accordingly if this "education" SHIT SHOW continues much longer. I'm one of them. I don't KNOW what I'm going to do yet, but it **HAS TO** involve withdrawal from RRISD if y'all don't turn this sinking ship around STAT. I'm at my absolute wit's end as you may have noticed by me getting to the point (after NINE MONTHS) of sending a VOLUNTEER SCHOOL BOARD raging, profanity-laced, expletive-FILLED, **WELL DESERVED** I might add, emails. I know LOTS of people who write them, **they just don't hit send**. Maybe soon they will. Maybe they SHOULD. I'm a generally passionate person, but THIS IS OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME. **Y'all are PUSHING people to their breaking points.**

As I also heard you say last night, parents and students are **DESPERATE**. You hit that nail on the head, Lady! We're **DESPERATE** for our kids to get the quality of EDUCATION we MOVED HERE for, the EDUCATION that is the KEY to their future **SUCCESS**. I really would LOVE to spend my spare time volunteering in my kids' schools, even participating in "Trustee Appreciation Month," **NOT spending my time CUSSING Y'ALL** (not you! not Trustee Weston!) **OUT** for Appreciation Month, maybe baking some cookies- whoohoo. Other than you and Trustee Weston, the other 5 of you have made that impossible for me BECAUSE I **CARE** ABOUT MY KIDS' FUTURES and the **QUALITY** of their education MORE THAN I'm willing

to sugar coat the **TRUTH** that their education in RRISD **SUCKS**. It keeps me awake at night- that RRISD is **FAILING MY CHILDREN**. PLEASE prove me wrong that y'all are NOT idiots. **SHOW ME I'm WRONG** about that. **Immediately implement the list of improvements I sent, THAT Y'ALL**

FINALLY ASKED FOR. Please!

Again, thank you Trustee Bone, I deeply and genuinely appreciate your time, efforts and service to our District.

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 12:31 PM Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

April,

Thank you for continuing to advocate for students and impressing on the board the gravity of the situation. I appreciate your input on what changes can be made for real in-person school and know our administration will utilize this type of feedback to improve the in-person experience for our students.

Best Regards,
Mary Bone

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 9:15 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Y'all ASKED, and about FUCKING TIME. Here it is, get it FUCKING DONE like YESTERDAY, you goddamn idiots.

Thank you, Tiffanie, for AT LEAST calling out the goddamn elephant in the room that IF this SHIT SHOW of BOTH online & on campus IS ALLOWED next year, **Jesus Christ let's hope the legislature and TEA are SMARTER than y'all**, BUT IF IT IS and y'all are STUPID enough to WASTE our resources on this BULLSHIT for ANOTHER year, that you AT LEAST completely and totally **SEPARATE the two learning modalities**.

TONS of teachers and OBVIOUSLY TONS of students DON'T GIVE A FUCK that "we're in the middle of a pandemic." Cory, people I know have resorted to a drinking game at this point every time you **JUSTIFY** this BULLSHIT "education" with the phrase, "aahhh ahhhh ahhhh we're in the middle of a pandemic." Give us a break, I'm havin' to scrape people off the goddamn floor, drunk as skunks. Just FUCKING SHUT IT when talking about people who NEED and WANT their kids back in NORMAL school. **We're MORE THAN WILLING to accept risk for reward**, as Mary said, thank you Mary. I THOUGHT YOU SAID you care about **CHOICE?!?! BULLSHIT**, you liar, we've had NO legitimate CHOICE for NINE MONTHS. And we don't give a FUCK that YOUR KID thinks everything is dandy on campus. DO YOU UNDERSTAND that **WHAT we DO GIVE A FUCK about** is **OUR KIDS' EDUCATION??** Y'all's STUPIDITY is fucking over our kids' FUTURES. And FUCK YOU for that. You **EARNED** that FUCK YOU.

Alright... YOU ASKED so you **BETTER** FUCKING ACT or you're even bigger idiots than you've already proven yourselves to be... On TUESDAY...

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2021 12:09:59 -0600
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I. HAVE. HAD. IT. MY healthy children will NOT be denied a Free Appropriate Public Education based upon *someone else's* health situation. DONE. NOT HAPPENING. TRY ME.

THANK YOU for all you do and your OUTSTANDING leadership in the district!

On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 11:51 AM Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

Thank you April!

On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 10:36 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:


Dr. Presley,

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On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 10:01 AM Round Rock ISD <noreply@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2021 11:51:22 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you April!

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Subject: Thank you for contacting RRISD Board of Trustees. Spring baseball
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 2021 16:57:48 +0000
From: Katy Hardin <[REDACTED]>
To: "Board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org" <Board_of_trustees@roundrockisd.org>
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My name is Katy Hardin and I am the mother of [REDACTED] player at Round Rock. I wanted to submit my input as to the potential cancellation of the spring season. Losing the majority of last season in 2020 was devastating to my son as well as the rest of the [REDACTED] team. [REDACTED] became depressed from isolation and was spending virtually every day all day in his bed. He was moody and not himself. Fortunately, we were able to resume baseball through our select team for summer and fall, without incident. [REDACTED] attitude and mood improved, and his grades shot up this fall. He was beside himself with excitement when he was able to resume off-season at Round Rock and has talked non-stop about his hopes for this season because I'm his words, [REDACTED] moments with his teammates are his most cherished times and best memories. He was literally in tears last night when he found out about today's meeting and the potential of cancellation of his first varsity season.

I implore you to consider what sports mean to these kids. For some, it's all they have to keep them going. Some kids feel they have nothing to hold onto or look forward to, and unfortunately, some have chosen to end their lives because of it (article attached at the end of this email). If even one child succumbs to grief and depression, do you want that on your conscience? Fall sports were allowed to resume this year as they should have been. Please don't punish the spring sports kids by robbing them of the precious memories they can never get back and the much needed social interaction they crave. This virus has a 99.7% recovery rate. Is that .3% worth the consequences to our kids' mental health, happiness and wellbeing? I think not. If the kids can sit together at school and pass each other in the halls, they can surely safely play ball outside without incident. The season begins almost two months from now. A lot can happen in two months and this virus could disappear for all we know. I beg you to make the right decision and let our kids play ball and make those cherished memories they'll carry with them forever. Thank you.

Katy Hardin

Article I mentioned above...

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.wmtw.com/amp/article/father-of-brunswick-teen-who-died-by-suicide-says-pandemic-isolation-impacted-his-mental-health/34885614>

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Subject: Extracurriculars are critical to kids' development, education & mental health
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2021 12:36:15 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org
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Dear Board of Trustees, Dr. Presley & Ms. Estes,

The rest of the Region & State, other than rogue AISD, is continuing with non Varsity extracurriculars for spring semester. Middle School Band Directors have already notified students and parents that UIL is transitioning back to in person events for spring semester and are planning accordingly for rehearsals and preparations to be competitive with our surrounding districts. Districts, including RRISD, have invested thousands of dollars into instrument masks, PPE, sanitation, additional hygiene, distancing, etc. **It would be illogical to throw all of that extensive investment out the window to then cancel extracurriculars. How would that make logical sense?** Extracurriculars like band **provide critical growth and development to kids like mine's education.** Please don't take extracurriculars away from my kids, as that's a terrible, short-sighted, and **developmentally harmful decision.** Extracurriculars provide our RRISD kids with a positive outlet, which is also **very beneficial to mental health.** Lastly, extracurriculars are voluntary, including in the recent spring semester planning communication from our MS Band Directors. Anyone not wishing for their student to participate is fully welcome to opt out. Please PLEASE don't prohibit those students who truly NEED extracurriculars in their life from participating with the rest of the Region & State.

Thank you,
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Subject: Re: Extra asynchronous time feedback
Date: Thu, 17 Dec 2020 08:46:04 -0600
From: Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>
To: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>
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Dr Presley, This makes a lot of sense to me and I really hope these points are taken into account when the a-sync days are planned.

-dw

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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>
Bcc: danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org
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Hi Cory,

I was reading the message board and I saw your comments about wanting to keep campuses open, but not supporting the reduction of at home virtual students. I feel like maybe I should tell you something. I'm a bit conflicted on whether to even mention this, but it's important to your job as a Trustee in serving the greater goal of education so I think I should. It's really not in my personal best interest actually to even mention this because my kids, especially my high schooler with barely any kids on campus, is greatly benefiting from so few kids on campuses. She receives WAY more attention and one-on-one help than those at home. Not only that, but she receives help on everything from college planning to summer program applications, letters of recommendation, advice on all sorts of topics, etc etc and she gets to know her teachers well. Obviously she's there wanting to do all that, has parents encouraging her to be there, and she's also extremely outgoing and talkative which facilitates all the extra help she receives. I'm aware this extra attention isn't supposed to happen in the name of "equity," but this is reality. I'm pretty okay with the status quo here if we're going to base it purely on MY life and kids. But then there's a tug at me about what's actually in the interest of the greater good for students beyond my own and education in general, the same tug that is presumably why folks like you run for a Trustee position.

When I read your comments about not supporting a goal of reducing virtual learners, I can't help but wonder if you understand the true and honest reasons so many high schoolers haven't, and still aren't next semester, coming back to campus. I'm curious if you honestly believe it has anything, like literally *anything* whatsoever, to do with the virus. Let me assure you that for a LARGE majority of the high school students, their reasons for not returning to campus have absolutely, positively NOTHING to do with the virus. My kid is extremely extroverted like I said, friends with MANY other kids. She's a teenager so obviously she doesn't tell me everything. We have a pretty good relationship though and she definitely tells me enough to know the real reasons these kids don't want to come back and they will *not* come back until they HAVE TO regardless of whether covid19 vanished from the earth. I do know you understand the cheating advantage at home because I heard you bring it up a couple meetings ago. But the other reasons I hear straight from the teenagers' mouths...

1. Cheating is easier from home, we covered that. That's a big one.
2. Kids are able to keep their cameras off and work jobs like at the Forest Creek Golf Pro Shop, Dancer's Closet etc etc during classes. These kids are hooked on the extra spending cash, making bank with more work hours available to them. They only have to get their school work turned in by 11:59. They keep an AirPods in and help customers as needed during class. These are NOT kids supporting their family to make ends meet. This is discretionary teenager spending money being made at the expense of a quality education.
3. Getting high. My kid TELLS ME kids are getting high DURING class. They have no cameras on, parents gone at work, MANY are doing drugs and enabled like never before.
4. Laziness. They like being able to not get dressed and ready for the day. Not sure how that serves them in preparation for the work world, college, military service, etc.
5. Becoming TikTok famous. Kids are posting on social media literally during class. My daughter has a kid in one of her classes who has garnered an impressive TikTok following with 35k followers and got called out by the teacher during class because he was in his pool recording & posting on TikTok. The teacher found out his TikTok account and she announced in the Google Meet for him to "get out of the pool."

So ya know, whatever, it serves our family well for my high schooler to be in a school with one-on-one tutors in every asynchronous class period. I'm just wanting to make sure you're not actually so naive to think that these kids, who DO EVERYTHING and GO EVERYWHERE together are actually terrified of covid between the hours of 9:05 - 4:20. I know you're not actually that naive. I can't imagine. By not supporting the reduction of virtual learners who truth-be-told have zero concerns over covid, I think it's fair to say is grossly enabling these high schoolers' bad habits, and I can't say that is an admirable position to hold as a Trustee.

Thanks for listening.

April

Subject: Re: Why is RRISD not renting out gyms to City of RR??
Date: Fri, 11 Dec 2020 09:47:44 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <Daniel_Presley@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org
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I'm on the east side and I contacted our neighboring district, Hutto ISD, to ask about their policies regarding facilities rentals this year. They ARE renting out their facilities as usual to their existing "grandfathered" contracts including gyms. They have added an addendum this year for an extra cleaning fee so the price has gone up to cover the additional cleaning, but otherwise nothing has changed. I heard you mention the looming potential budget shortfall in the tens of millions of dollars. Do you understand that the district is hemorrhaging money and it IS your fault because of policies like refusing all facilities rentals?? I'm certainly not saying renting out facilities will cover all of the funding loss from the thousands of students we ran off this year, BUT it's something. It's something called COMMON SENSE. If Hutto can rent out their facilities, SO CAN WE.

On Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 12:01 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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time?? And third, I'm CERTAIN that any and all parents or City of RR would sign a covid waiver if you're worried that someone is going to catch covid from your gym. It's really ridiculous and anti-student and the YOUTH leagues that use these gyms owned by RRISD, ARE RRISD STUDENTS!! Please reconsider.

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Thank you,
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Dr. Daniel Presley
Round Rock ISD
Chief of Schools and Innovation

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Subject: Why is RRISD not renting out gyms to City of RR??
Date: Tue, 8 Dec 2020 14:47:37 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>
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Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2021 11:51:42 -0600
From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
To: Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>
Cc: Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, mary_bone@roundrockisd.org, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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Here is the agenda for next Thursday's (1/21) January Regular Board Meeting.

Regarding my request from the 1/13 meeting that a Covid19 discussion be added, in particular a discussion of testing, I was informed by President Weir that administration plans to gauge community interest in testing during the Town Halls on 1/19, 1/25, and 1/26. To register to attend those town halls, go here: <https://news.roundrockisd.org/2021/01/13/round-rock-isd-to-host-virtual-town-halls-in-january/>

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PUBLIC HEARING: 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

- 1. Public Hearing: 2019-2020 Annual Report - Dr. Cathy Malerba

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Under Section 551.074 and 551.071, the Board will Receipt of Quarterly Internal Audit Report and Lighthouse complaints or concerns against Trustees.
- 2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.074, the Board will consult with attorneys to discuss the duties, roles and responsibilities of a public officer and employees.

CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE/EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Enrollment Pilot Program for Out-of-District Students - Dr. Kenneth Adix

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY BOARD

- Approval of Board Minutes
- Adoption of House Bill 3 Early Literacy, Early Math and College, Career, and Military Readiness (CMR) Campus and Student Group Targets - Dr. Cathy Malerba
- Approval of Annual Audit - Dr. Kenneth Adix
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Write a comment...

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YOU are one desiring to probe **MY CHILDREN** for body fluids and *have* participated in destroying the quality of their education and YOU want to talk about ABUSE?!?!?!? Get. A. Fucking. Clue.

On Sat, Jan 16, 2021 at 1:11 PM Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

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As of this moment, there is no plan for testing. There has been a request for discussion. And that discussion is warranted.

Thank you for making your thoughts known. I read them. I am able to read past all of the curse words and accusations to distill your care and concern for your own children.

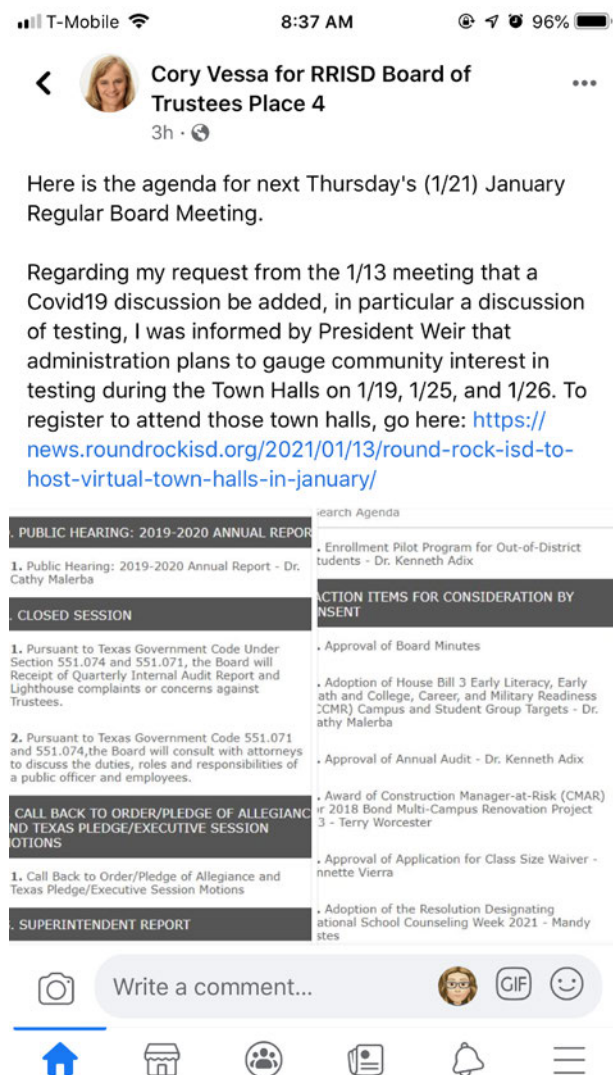
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From: April Brinson <[REDACTED]>
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Cc: Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org>, Cory Vessa <cory_vessa@roundrockisd.org>, Amy Weir <amy_weir@roundrockisd.org>, Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org>, Amber Feller <amber_feller@roundrockisd.org>, Danielle Weston <danielle_weston@roundrockisd.org>, Daniel Presley <daniel_presley@roundrockisd.org>, Mandy Estes <Mandy_Estes@roundrockisd.org>, Nancy Guerrero <nancy_guerrero@roundrockisd.org>, Tom Maynard <tom@maynardfortexas.com>, commissioner@tea.texas.gov
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Wow, thank you!!!! This is fantastic and exciting news and a MUCH FASTER response than I expected. I didn't expect for masks to be completely abolished, but hey, I'll take it!!! My kids are SOOOOO EXCITED!!! Thank you!! They told me that this is the Director of Safety & Security and his staff so we KNOW he knows his stuff on **safety**. Students are celebrating the news!!! 😊 Please keep the great news coming!!^[2] <https://twitter.com/jeffreymarbrou2/status/1350870878238765061?s=21>





On Jan 17, 2021, at 2:49 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Excellent, Dr. Xiao. So glad to hear your admirable values and dedication to our students' **quality** of education! Get it done, please. Thank you!! Our kids' **ONE CHANCE** at a great education is slipping by, day after day after day. We're out of patience. Completely OUT. I ask that anyone receiving this email please follow up with me on **specific, tangible, relevant improvements as they're implemented**. Please keep me posted so that I can tangibly SEE improvements even *before* my kids tell me. I will be the FIRST to ***SHOUT YOUR PRAISES from the rooftops of Round Rock, TX*** as I see that you're DOING what NEEDS to be done for our on campus kids' quality of instruction and educational experience. We're watching VERY closely to see that your **ACTIONS** match your WORDS. Thank you again!!!

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 2:28 PM Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I am not interested in political or philosophical debates. I am for tangible improvement of outcomes for every student.

Thanks,

Jun

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Xiao,

I see that you have created a Message Board post on the subject of improving the on campus experience and **quality** of instruction. **THANK YOU!** I appreciate you DEMONSTRATING publicly that your words are *not* empty lip service. I hope this is an indication of URGENT corrective **ACTION** coming very shortly to the on campus experience. These kids who REQUIRE quality in person instruction have **SUFFERED** through March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December and half of January. ENOUGH is ENOUGH. Parents like me are DONE. **DONE**. We can only send nice, diplomatic emails for so long and be IGNORED. We. Are. Done.

I, and MANY other parents, will be watching NEXT WEEK for tangible improvements that we can point to with confidence that we are FINALLY being **HEARD**. Here again are mine:

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with students.

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Again, THANK YOU Dr. Xiao, for SERVING on this board with **PURPOSE**, not as a figurehead, but with actionable purpose in providing the **QUALITY** EDUCATION that our students **DESERVE**.

Sincerely,
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On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 3:20 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you VERY MUCH, Trustee Bone, for your reply and **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** of the **GRAVITY** of the unacceptable situation on campuses, and ongoing for SOOOO MANY MONTHS now with little to no corrective action. I heard you say last night that PARENTS need to KNOW what they're going to do, and make plans accordingly if this "education" SHIT SHOW continues much longer. I'm one of them. I don't KNOW what I'm going to do yet, but it **HAS TO** involve withdrawal from RRISD if y'all don't turn this sinking ship around STAT. I'm at my absolute wit's end as you may have noticed by me getting to the point (after NINE MONTHS) of sending a VOLUNTEER SCHOOL BOARD raging, profanity-laced, expletive-FILLED, **WELL DESERVED** I might add, emails. I know LOTS of people who write them, **they just don't hit send**. Maybe soon they will. Maybe they SHOULD. I'm a generally passionate person, but THIS IS OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME. **Y'all are PUSHING people to their breaking points.**

As I also heard you say last night, parents and students are **DESPERATE**. You hit that nail on the head, Lady! ☐ We're **DESPERATE** for our kids to get the quality of EDUCATION we MOVED **HERE** for, the EDUCATION that is the KEY to their future SUCCESS. I really would LOVE to spend my spare time volunteering in my kids' schools, even participating in "Trustee Appreciation Month," **NOT spending my time CUSSING Y'ALL** (not you! not Trustee Weston!) **OUT** for Appreciation Month, maybe baking some cookies- whoohoo. Other than you and Trustee Weston, the other 5 of you have made that impossible for me BECAUSE I **CARE** ABOUT MY KIDS' FUTURES and the **QUALITY** of their education MORE THAN I'm willing

to sugar coat the **TRUTH** that their education in RRISD **SUCKS**. It keeps me awake at night- that RRISD is **FAILING MY CHILDREN**. PLEASE prove me wrong that y'all are NOT idiots. **SHOW ME I'm WRONG** about that. **Immediately implement the list of improvements I sent, THAT Y'ALL FINALLY ASKED FOR.** Please!

Again, thank you Trustee Bone, I deeply and genuinely appreciate your time, efforts and service to our District.

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 12:31 PM Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

April,

Thank you for continuing to advocate for students and impressing on the board the gravity of the situation. I appreciate your input on what changes can be made for real in-person school and know our administration will utilize this type of feedback to improve the in-person experience for our students.

Best Regards,
Mary Bone

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 9:15 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Y'all ASKED, and about FUCKING TIME. Here it is, get it FUCKING DONE like YESTERDAY, you goddamn idiots.

Thank you, Tiffanie, for AT LEAST calling out the goddamn elephant in the room that IF this SHIT SHOW of BOTH online & on campus IS ALLOWED next year, **Jesus Christ let's hope the legislature and TEA are SMARTER than y'all**, BUT IF IT IS and y'all are STUPID enough to WASTE our resources on this BULLSHIT for ANOTHER year, that you AT LEAST completely and totally SEPARATE the two learning modalities.

TONS of teachers and OBVIOUSLY TONS of students DON'T GIVE A FUCK that "we're in the middle of a pandemic." Cory, people I know have resorted to a drinking game at this point every time you JUSTIFY this BULLSHIT "education" with the phrase, "aahhh ahhhh ahhhh we're in the middle of a pandemic." Give us a break, I'm havin' to scrape people off the goddamn floor, drunk as skunks. Just FUCKING SHUT IT when talking about people who NEED and WANT their kids back in NORMAL school. **We're MORE THAN WILLING to accept risk for reward**, as Mary said, thank you Mary. I THOUGHT YOU SAID you care about **CHOICE?!?! BULLSHIT**, you liar, we've had NO legitimate CHOICE for NINE MONTHS. And we don't give a FUCK that YOUR KID thinks everything is dandy on campus. DO YOU UNDERSTAND that WHAT we DO GIVE A FUCK about is OUR KIDS' EDUCATION?? Y'all's STUPIDITY is fucking over our kids' FUTURES. And FUCK YOU for that. You EARNED that FUCK YOU.

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PS. Amy, STOP the stupid giggle and condescending tone when another Trustee says something that YOU think is stupid or with which YOU disagree. We, the VOTERS, the PUBLIC, don't appreciate it. Knock it off NOW. The FUCKING TAXPAYERS thinks it's perfectly LEGIT to be asking which campuses y'all are **closing** if the buildings **WE PAID FOR** are not being fully utilized. DO NOT DISRESPECT the TAXPAYERS again. It's NOT cute.

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 2:06 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you, Tiffanie, for acknowledging me, now please acknowledge **MY CHILDREN**. Y'all need to CHECK YOURSELVES if you *actually believe* that you have even **BEGUN TO** address and recover from these DEVASTATING losses just published by TEA below. What's the ol' saying? "**If you find yourself in a hole, STOP DIGGING.**"

"The results of the study indicate students experienced 3.2 months of instructional loss from the closures, in addition to the typical 2.5 months of summer learning loss. To gain greater insight into what the data from these optional assessments revealed and what statistical methods were used to reach this conclusion, visit [Assessment Reports and Studies | Texas Education Agency](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/news-releases/news-2021/optional-beginning-of-year-assessments-data-help-quantify-initial-impact-of-covid-19-on-texas-students)."

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GET IT TOGETHER, YOU MORONS.

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Put down the Goddamn screens on campus. Pull the Goddamn manipulatives and teaching tools out of the closets. Reinstate the hands-on learning and labs in classes. Start providing REAL EDUCATION, you absolute freaking idiots.

For God sake pull your heads out of your asses, you FOOLS.

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Tiffanie Harrison
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Subject: Re: END THIS SHIT SHOW of CRAPPY education in RRISD
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Wait, wait, hold up y'all! Is it just me or is THIS right here blatant hypocrisy?? And Tiffanie, I thought black people are NINE TIMES more likely to DIE?!?! I'm gettin' worried here that Chief Yarbrough and his other black staff members may be suicidal?! I asked around to a few folks and it seems that I'm being FLOODED with examples of RRISD extracurricular activities & elementary classes where group photos were either completely prohibited or in the rare occasion that they *were* allowed, masks were mandatory, OR 6+ feet distance was required at a bare minimum. I've also got numerous students and parents saying their extracurricular group had to PAY a lot of money to hire a Photoshop artist to composite individual photos into a group photo. Dr. Xiao, being a scientist, can you help me understand what protection a police uniform provides from a microscopic virus? This is all so fascinating!!

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I'll get you lots more examples later today/tomorrow. So far I have:

- Caldwell Heights 5th graders prohibited from taking class photos.
- Forest Creek 5th graders prohibited from taking class photos.
- Round Rock High School Lady Dragon JV Basketball team - individual pics were taken but no group pic, they are "photoshopping" one of the team to have a group pic for the season. This also happened for 9th grade and Varsity teams too as pictures were all at the same time and they were super strict on the girls leaving their masks on, social distancing and literally sliding the mask off for the quick seconds it takes to snap the individual photo.
- Cedar Valley MS was allowed zero football pics, not even individuals. For basketball, they took only individual photos and will be photoshopping a group pic.
- RRHS Volleyball teams were denied all group photos.
- Walsh MS volleyball, basketball and football were denied all group photos.
- RRHS Football was denied group photos and "group position" photos.
- Numerous parents are questioning why their students are prohibited from playing outside without masks, but RRISD Safety & Security staff are apparently fine to wear no masks & no social distancing.
- CRHS Soccer prohibited from taking group photos.

Here is the McNeil Ladies Golf team staying spread out so they'd be allowed to take a group photo:



Here is the CRHS Tennis Team's group photo after hiring a Photoshop artist to composite individual photos since they were prohibited from actually taking a group photo:



RRHS Drill Team required to wear masks outdoors AND even when distanced:



Westwood HS Tennis team wearing masks & distanced so they'd be allowed to take a group photo:



I look forward to your *scientific explanation*, Dr Xiao. And I also look forward to a logical and intelligent explanation about the apparent hypocrisy going on here. "Do as I say, not as I do." New RRISD manta??

Thank you for your prompt attention to this very serious concern.

April Brinson

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 11:38 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Wow, thank you!!!! This is fantastic and exciting news and a MUCH FASTER response than I expected. I didn't expect for masks to be completely abolished, but hey, I'll take it!!! My kids are SOOOOO EXCITED!!! Thank you!! They told me that this is the Director of Safety & Security and his staff so we KNOW he knows his stuff on safety. Students are celebrating the news!!! 😊 Please keep the great news coming!! 🙏🙏 <https://twitter.com/jeffreymarbrou2/status/1350870878238765061?s=21>

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On Jan 17, 2021, at 2:49 PM, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Excellent, Dr. Xiao. So glad to hear your admirable values and dedication to our students' **quality** of education! Get it done, please. Thank you!! Our kids' **ONE CHANCE** at a great education is slipping by, day after day after day. We're out of patience. Completely OUT. I ask that anyone receiving this email please follow up with me on **specific, tangible, relevant improvements as they're implemented**. Please keep me posted so that I can tangibly SEE improvements even *before* my kids tell me. I will be the FIRST to **SHOUT YOUR PRAISES from the rooftops of Round Rock, TX** as I see that you're DOING what NEEDS to be done for our on campus kids' quality of instruction and educational experience. We're watching VERY closely to see that your **ACTIONS** match your WORDS. Thank you again!!!

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 2:28 PM Jun Xiao <jun_xiao@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

I am not interested in political or philosophical debates. I am for tangible improvement of outcomes for every student.

Thanks,

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On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Xiao,

I see that you have created a Message Board post on the subject of improving the on campus experience and **quality** of instruction. **THANK YOU!** I appreciate you DEMONSTRATING publicly that your words are *not* empty lip service. I hope this is an indication of URGENT corrective **ACTION** coming very shortly to the on campus experience. These kids who REQUIRE quality in person instruction have **SUFFERED** through March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December and half of January. ENOUGH is ENOUGH. Parents like me are DONE. **DONE**. We can only send nice, diplomatic emails for so long and be IGNORED. We. Are. Done.

I, and MANY other parents, will be watching NEXT WEEK for tangible improvements that we can point to with confidence that we are FINALLY being **HEARD**. Here again are mine:

1. Pull ALL of the manipulatives back out of the closets.
2. Pull ALL of the lab supplies and hands-on learning tools out and USE THEM with FIDELITY according to the TEKS.
3. Pull the paper and pencils back out of the closets. My children have [REDACTED] They NEED to be strengthening their writing coordination and skills.
4. Close the Chromebooks UNLESS specifically using them for an EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE such as typing a paper, typing notes, a specific assignment that needs to be completed via the screen, etc.
5. Do NOT have teachers in the SAME ROOM talking to my kids via a SCREEN. Look kids in the physical eyes when speaking to them.
6. Reinstate ALL NORMAL IN PERSON teacher tutorials. Do NOT tell on campus kids to go sit in the lower commons to talk to their teacher down the hall via a screen. AGAIN, put down the screens and TALK to kids' physical FACES.
7. Bring back ALL teaching support staff including private lessons teachers for band/orchestra/choir/etc, plus ALL SpEd therapists BACK ON CAMPUS working face-to-face with students.

8. Bring back concerts and performances on campus. Live performance is **CRITICAL** to growth and learning for fine arts students.
9. Do NOT DARE tell a PARENT that they are NOT WELCOME on THEIR own child's school campus that THEY PAID FOR. ALLOW PARENTS to attend conferences, volunteer, and generally BE INVOLVED with THEIR child's education ON CAMPUS.
10. When students are OUTSIDE or INSIDE with PLENTY OF SPACE (6 feet or more), allow them to remove the ***NASTY*** bacteria-laced face diapers.
11. Any teacher who has a problem with fulfilling the job description of THEIR JOB needs to go. Whether that be an ADA leave if they qualify, a move to a dedicated online school teaching position, a career change, whatever. If I cannot or am unwilling to fulfill the duties of MY JOB, I MUST do something different. Teachers are NOT an exception.

Again, THANK YOU Dr. Xiao, for SERVING on this board with **PURPOSE**, not as a figurehead, but with actionable purpose in providing the **QUALITY** EDUCATION that our students **DESERVE**.

Sincerely,
April Brinson

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 3:20 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you VERY MUCH, Trustee Bone, for your reply and **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** of the **GRAVITY** of the unacceptable situation on campuses, and ongoing for SOOOO MANY MONTHS now with little to no corrective action. I heard you say last night that PARENTS need to KNOW what they're going to do, and make plans accordingly if this "education" SHIT SHOW continues much longer. I'm one of them. I don't KNOW what I'm going to do yet, but it **HAS TO** involve withdrawal from RRISD if y'all don't turn this sinking ship around STAT. I'm at my absolute wit's end as you may have noticed by me getting to the point (after NINE MONTHS) of sending a VOLUNTEER SCHOOL BOARD raging, profanity-laced, expletive-FILLED, **WELL DESERVED** I might add, emails. I know LOTS of people who write them, **they just don't hit send**. Maybe soon they will. Maybe they SHOULD. I'm a generally passionate person, but THIS IS OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME. **Y'all are PUSHING people to their breaking points.**

As I also heard you say last night, parents and students are **DESPERATE**. You hit that nail on the head, Lady! ☐ We're **DESPERATE** for our kids to get the quality of EDUCATION we **MOVED HERE** for, the EDUCATION that is the KEY to their future **SUCCESS**. I really would LOVE to spend my spare time volunteering in my kids' schools, even participating in "Trustee Appreciation Month," **NOT spending my time CUSSING Y'ALL** (not you! not Trustee Weston!) **OUT** for Appreciation Month, maybe baking some cookies- whoohoo. Other than you and Trustee Weston, the other 5 of you have made that impossible for me BECAUSE I **CARE** ABOUT MY KIDS' FUTURES and the **QUALITY** of their education MORE THAN I'm willing

to sugar coat the **TRUTH** that their education in RRISD **SUCKS**. It keeps me awake at night- that RRISD is **FAILING MY CHILDREN**. PLEASE prove me wrong that y'all are NOT idiots. **SHOW ME I'm WRONG** about that. **Immediately implement the list of improvements I sent, THAT Y'ALL FINALLY ASKED FOR.** Please!

Again, thank you Trustee Bone, I deeply and genuinely appreciate your time, efforts and service to our District.

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 12:31 PM Mary Bone <mary_bone@roundrockisd.org> wrote:

April,

Thank you for continuing to advocate for students and impressing on the board the gravity of the situation. I appreciate your input on what changes can be made for real in-person school and know our administration will utilize this type of feedback to improve the in-person experience for our students.

Best Regards,
Mary Bone

On Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 9:15 AM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Y'all ASKED, and about FUCKING TIME. Here it is, get it FUCKING DONE like YESTERDAY, you goddamn idiots.

Thank you, Tiffanie, for AT LEAST calling out the goddamn elephant in the room that IF this SHIT SHOW of BOTH online & on campus IS ALLOWED next year, **Jesus Christ let's hope the legislature and TEA are SMARTER than y'all**, BUT IF IT IS and y'all are STUPID enough to WASTE our resources on this BULLSHIT for ANOTHER year, that you AT LEAST completely and totally **SEPARATE the two learning modalities**.

TONS of teachers and OBVIOUSLY TONS of students DON'T GIVE A FUCK that "we're in the middle of a pandemic." Cory, people I know have resorted to a drinking game at this point every time you **JUSTIFY** this BULLSHIT "education" with the phrase, "aahhh ahhhh ahhhh we're in the middle of a pandemic." Give us a break, I'm havin' to scrape people off the goddamn floor, drunk as skunks. Just FUCKING SHUT IT when talking about people who NEED and WANT their kids back in NORMAL school. **We're MORE THAN WILLING to accept risk for reward**, as Mary said, thank you Mary. I THOUGHT YOU SAID you care about **CHOICE?!?! BULLSHIT**, you liar, we've had NO legitimate CHOICE for NINE MONTHS. And we don't give a FUCK that YOUR KID thinks everything is dandy on campus. DO YOU UNDERSTAND that **WHAT we DO GIVE A FUCK about** is **OUR KIDS' EDUCATION??** Y'all's STUPIDITY is fucking over our kids' FUTURES. And FUCK YOU for that. You **EARNED** that FUCK YOU.

Alright... YOU ASKED so you **BETTER** FUCKING ACT or you're even bigger idiots than you've already proven yourselves to be... On TUESDAY...

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4. Close the Chromebooks UNLESS specifically using them for an EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE such as typing a paper, typing notes, a specific assignment that needs to be completed via the screen, etc.
5. Do NOT have teachers in the SAME GODDAMN ROOM talking to my kids via a SCREEN. Look these kids in the physical eyes when speaking to them.
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Our kids have dealt with this BULLSHIT March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December, January, AND COUNTING... Y'all ASKED HOW SPECIFICALLY YOU CAN IMPROVE THE SHITTY ON CAMPUS EXPERIENCE. I have just told you. Now get to WORK. I would LOVE to be showering y'all with PRAISE and APPRECIATION during this "Trustee Appreciation Month," BUT unfortunately **y'all have NOT EARNED that.**

PS. Amy, STOP the stupid giggle and condescending tone when another Trustee says something that YOU think is stupid or with which YOU disagree. We, the VOTERS, the PUBLIC, don't appreciate it. Knock it off NOW. The FUCKING TAXPAYERS thinks it's perfectly LEGIT to be asking which campuses y'all are **closing** if the buildings **WE PAID FOR** are not being fully utilized. DO NOT DISRESPECT the TAXPAYERS again. It's NOT cute.

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 2:06 PM April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you, Tiffanie, for acknowledging me, now please acknowledge **MY CHILDREN**. Y'all need to CHECK YOURSELVES if you *actually believe* that you have even **BEGUN TO** address and recover from these DEVASTATING losses just published by TEA below. What's the ol' saying? **"If you find yourself in a hole, STOP DIGGING."**

"The results of the study indicate students experienced 3.2 months of instructional loss from the closures, in addition to the typical 2.5 months of summer learning loss. To gain greater insight into what the data from these optional assessments revealed and what statistical methods were used to reach this conclusion, visit [Assessment Reports and Studies | Texas Education Agency](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/news-releases/news-2021/optional-beginning-of-year-assessments-data-help-quantify-initial-impact-of-covid-19-on-texas-students)."

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Time to EMPLOY SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED COMMON SENSE. We have a **LOT** of CATCHING UP TO DO and TIME'S A TICKIN' for these kids. **YOU, YES YOU, are RUINING these kids' LIVES.** They're gonna be working shitty jobs, not going to or even getting accepted to college/higher education, let alone being PREPARED for the COMPETITIVE **GLOBAL** ECONOMY & WORKFORCE. HOW DO Y'ALL SLEEP AT NIGHT?!? Seriously?? Really, I'd love to know.

GET IT TOGETHER, YOU MORONS.

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 12:47 PM Tiffanie Harrison <tiffanie_n_harrison@roundrockisd.org> wrote:
Thank you sharing your thoughts.

On Thursday, January 14, 2021, April Brinson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

DEAR GOD (AND Cory Vessa, Tiffanie Harrison, Amy Weir, Jun Xiao & Amber Feller).

PLEASE END THIS SHIT SHOW of CRAPPY education in RRISD. Year 2 of this utter NIGHTMARE and I'm losin' it over here. Ok, you're right, I've done lost it, soooo livid every fucking day of my life since March. Since August, I blame YOU, the Board of TRUSTees. I'd appreciate my kids actually having competitive career skills and being PREPARED for college. **DO YOU GIVE A FUCKING SHIT about my kids?!?!?!?** Don't EVEN FUCKING TELL ME you care. What a slap in the face that would be. Ha!

Put down the Goddamn screens on campus. Pull the Goddamn manipulatives and teaching tools out of the closets. Reinstate the hands-on learning and labs in classes. Start providing REAL EDUCATION, you absolute freaking idiots.

For God sake pull your heads out of your asses, you FOOLS.

FUCK YOU,
April Brinson

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