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The Honorable Kathleen Hochul

Governor of New York State

New York State Capitol Building

Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

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We are supportive of families who choose to vaccinate their children, and any families who choose for their child to wear a mask to school. We are, however, not in support of taking away this choice. This is a healthcare decision that should be made by parents and their family doctor.

Although the FDA maintains that the approved COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for children, several risk factors need consideration including follow-up studies of vaccine recipients to observe any long term complications.

While we share your desire to protect the safety and promote the well-being of all New Yorkers, the nature of a COVID-19 vaccine mandate would place the responsibility of enforcement on the shoulders of school districts thus causing an undue burden. This burden erodes our ability to focus on supporting the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and community members, which is our utmost concern.



The mandate could potentially do more harm than good right now. A mandate will forcibly remove many students from the in-person educational setting that we believe to be essential to their academics and well being. We need to keep children in the classroom. Our children's mental health has been severely affected during these unprecedented times.

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The Honorable Kimberly Jean-Pierre

Assemblywoman of New York State

640 West Montauk Highway

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Dear Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre,

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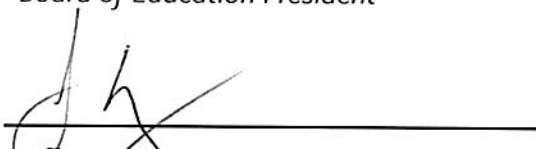
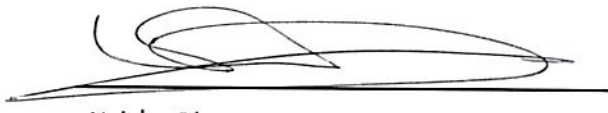



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The Honorable Michael Durso

Assemblyman of New York State

512 Park Blvd.

Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Dear Assemblyman Durso,

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The Honorable Keith Brown
Assemblyman of New York State
6080 Jericho Turnpike
Suite 302 & 310
Commack, NY 11725

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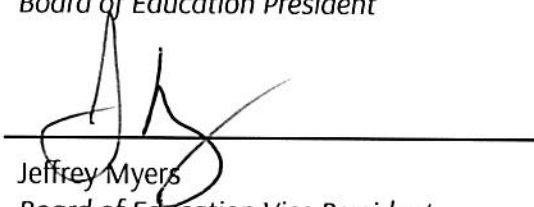



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