



Santee School District

SCHOOLS:

Cajon Park
Carlton Hills
Carlton Oaks
Chet F. Harritt STEAM
Hill Creek
Pepper Drive
PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
Rio Seco
Sycamore Canyon
Alternative
Success Program

February 10, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

We are writing to ask that you revise the State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021, to eliminate weekly testing requirements for unvaccinated K-12 faculty and staff.


Throughout this pandemic we have been diligent in following all California Department of Public Health guidance. With SAFE AT SCHOOL measures in place, the Santee School District was one of the first school districts in Greater San Diego County to reopen to in-person learning, and we have been successfully able to remain open and in-person throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

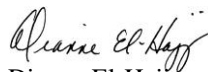
However, the weekly testing of our K-8 unvaccinated faculty and staff has been taxing during an already difficult time. The testing has at times forced our unvaccinated staff to choose between completing the mandated testing requirements and their responsibilities providing instruction. This mandate also affects our vaccinated staff as they are requested to fill vacancies due to COVID positive staff absences, as well as cover for unvaccinated staff while they test.

We are confident with our current safety and testing protocols, that we will be able to continue providing a healthy and safe environment for our students and staff.


In the best interest of the academic success of our students, and students statewide, we respectfully request that you eliminate the testing requirements for unvaccinated K-12 faculty and staff.


Sincerely,


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