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School District No. 57 Board of Education has chosen not to implement a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for staff at this time.

After careful and thoughtful consideration of all of the data available regarding COVID-19, School District No. 57 Board of Education has decided not to implement a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for staff.

"The Board did not make this decision lightly. We have considered all information available to us from many sources including the Medical Health Officers from Northern Health, the Ministry of Education and the B.C. Public School Employers' Association." says Sharel Warrington, Chair of the SD57 Board of Education. "Given all the information we considered, the Board has decided not to pursue a vaccine mandate at this time unless directed by Public Health."

"Serious consideration was given to many factors including the priority of the health and safety of students and staff in SD57 as well as the potentially significant impact on student learning."

"The Board of Education will not be seeking voluntary staff disclosure regarding their vaccine status.," continues Warrington. "**We strongly encourage and support vaccinations as we believe they are the best protection against serious illness.** We will continue to monitor vaccination data provided by the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control."

Media are invited to attend a question and answer session to be held at the School District No. 57 office today at 3:00 p.m.

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