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Why have the words, "back-to-school" become a threat?



DID YOU KNOW?

Your Board of Education is allowing the Department of Health to determine what is medically right for your child.

The New York State Education Dep't (NYSED) is threatening school districts for giving parent's choice.

Did some school boards return to virtual to avoid the tough truth from parents? Are a circle of Superintendents telling them to?

A few brave Islip students are protecting us all.

HOW IS THE NYSDOH CONTROLLING MY SCHOOL BOARD?

NY Gov. Kathy Hochul acquired the office of Governor by default on August 28th. Hochul's first agenda item was a state-wide mask mandate. The new governor immediately directed the NYS Dep't of Health (NYSDOH) to amend statute 10 NYCRR 2.60. The NYSDOH is not a law making body. Notably, the new changes are called "requirements" or "mandates", but not law. A *mandate* is defined as an authoritative command. Knowing this, why are our school boards listening to the Department of Health without question? Covid has not had a significant impact on the K-12 community. NYSDOH Commissioner, Dr. Howard Zucker, cites mask benefits from studies in Thailand and China as the reason to enforce masks. Parents, healthcare professionals, and Industrial Hygienists are attending Boards of Education (BOE) meetings proving otherwise; using significant research and evidence, including U.S. statistics. The FDA at the recent 167th annual VRBPAC denounced covid boosters and challenged "gaming" of Pfizer trial studies. Massapequa and Locust Valley School Districts are standing behind the parents by partaking in a lawsuit to stop the governor and DOH from government overreach. Taking away taxpayer's local control, in any form, is a dangerous road. If it's school boards today, what will it be tomorrow? History has shown (refer to Nuremberg Codes) that using **public health** to induce fear and control is a very real threat to society.

CAN MY SCHOOL BOARD JOIN THE LAWSUIT TOO? OR START ONE?

YES! Many school districts have already been sent letters by local residents urging them to join and protect the parent's and taxpayer's **local rights**. Unfortunately, many BOE members are not following through. There is rising concern that superintendents are advising and/or intimidating them not to do it. Some boards are claiming they have to "follow the law". Board members should have enough knowledge to know mandates are not law. Various Long Island school boards have tried to take shelter behind what many view as excuses, such as, fiscal responsibility of the cost to join a lawsuit, or that only one school district needs to join. The first duty of any elected official is to protect your constitutional rights. **This isn't a mask or unmask argument.** Current legislation in the state assembly is set to remove more parent and taxpayer rights. Senator Brad Hoylman's (D, 27) 2019 bill removed religious exemption. Now, Hoylman has introduced bill S7320 to allow pharmacists to vaccinate children between the ages of two and 18. Urge your Board of Education to join this legal action in order to protect your right to choose what is best for your child and our schools. **Retain your constitutional right to local control.** The following law firm has presented a lawsuit on behalf of two school districts so far. The law firm deals only with Boards of Education. Write your school board to join. BOE information and e-mails can be found on the school district website.

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Or encourage your school board to start a lawsuit. Multiple boards should join to decrease cost and protect board members from intimidation.

What Else Should I Know?

Is the NYSED Using Scare Tactics To Control?

Betty Rosa, the Commissioner of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) sent a scathing and threatening letter to a Long Island School Board on August 31st. Commissioner Rosa advised the school board that the Department of Health (DOH) will "enforce...criminal and civil penalties" if they gave parents a mask option. The NYSED asserted that they will join the DOH in punishing the school district by means of "removing elected board members from office and... withholding State aid."

The question is, why is the NYSED and the DOH threatening school districts? Should we be fearful that these government agencies are working together to pressure and intimidate our elected board members? Why is Betty Rosa misleading the school district board members into believing they are breaking the law? The mask mandate is a *mandate*, not a law. As we see, some school boards are returning to virtual BOE meetings despite no increase in covid; it leaves many wondering why?

If a school board member is compromised due to their line of work or affiliations, then they should dutifully step down for the greater good.

HOW CAN OUR ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY IF THEY ARE BEING THREATENED OR GIVEN MISLEADING INFORMATION?

Is our community facing a violation of our rights that hasn't been experienced in America before? More and more parents are showing up at board of education meetings to voice their concerns. Parents and taxpayers have expressed frustration at how elected board members are dismissing their concerns. One parent stated, "This is my first BOE meeting. I always vote.

Board members are local people, they need to treat neighbors and voters better."

A troubling issue that has risen to debate is that the Teacher's Union has played a large role in campaigning for certain board members to be elected. There is now worry that board members are answering to special interests instead of the parents and taxpayers.

One small group of Islip students bravely exercised their rights to not wear masks. They were segregated and intimidated by school officials.

A police report has been filed against the school.

Is My Child's Learning Being Affected?

In 2018, the NYS Board of Regents created new guidance on what should be taught in public schools. The document is titled, Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework (CR-S). The document can be found here:

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/crs/culturally-responsive-sustaining-education-framework.pdf>

Many phrases in this document may sound like an inclusive learning framework. However, upon closer inspection it calls upon educators to teach through a lens of identity. Students are taught to be focused on their personal culture, gender, and sexuality. Lily Tang, a survivor of Mao Zedong's Culture War in China, fears that this new framework is exactly what was done to her and her friends when they were growing up in China. Tang is warning parents to beware. The Culture War in China collapsed the country into communism. Indeed, excerpts from the document state,

- Marginal student cultures have been "historically disenfranchised" in (pg 6).
- Students trained as "agents of social change" (pg 7).
- "...cultural inclusion that broadens what ethnic groups, classes, sexualities, and abilities are privileged in the creation and maintenance of traditional education" (pg 11).
- "...culturally responsive education must also be sustaining, that is it must work to encourage cultural pluralism and not cultural assimilation" (pg 13).

These are just a few tenets of the framework. Each of them discourage an assimilation into American culture and values. Through the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) it has been uncovered that school districts across Long Island and NYS have been spending thousands of dollars of taxpayer money to BOCES and other vendors to train administration and staff on how to teach these beliefs.

Millions in grants and funding are issued to school districts that comply with curriculum changes. Money is also attached to schools that follow DOH mandates.

Can we prevent an attack on education, law enforcement, and the American judicial system? NYS has over 60 counties and 20 million residents spread over 8 regions. Are our elected officials doing enough?

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