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Contra Costa County Education Leaders Join Call for Teacher Vaccinations

Martinez, CA - Today the Contra Costa County School Boards Association (CCCSBA) and fourteen school board presidents sent a joint letter calling on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and Contra Costa County Health Services to: “(1) immediately ensure that all education workers in Contra Costa County school districts, particularly those reporting to work in-person, have priority access to COVID-19 vaccines; and (2) provide clear and consistent communications about how education and childcare workers are to receive their vaccines.”

Public schools in Contra Costa County have been closed since March 2020. The extended closures have affected school children academically, socially, and emotionally. The closures have also complicated matters for parents who are forced to choose between working and leaving children home alone.

CCCSBA president Cherise Khaund said, “Federal, state, and local government have emphasized how critical safe, open schools are to the economy and to public health. In the depth of this global pandemic, these claims must be met by action.” Khaund is also president of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education.

The letter further states, “Our districts are ready, willing, and able to support County public health efforts.” West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education President Mister Phillips agrees: “There’s a reason public schools are part of the emergency response network. Let us do our part to help vaccinate school employees like school districts in other counties,” says Phillips.

[Click here](#) to read the letter.

CCCSBA includes trustee representation from the 18 public school districts within Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa County Office of Education and the Contra Costa Community College District. CCCSBA sponsors educational events on timely topics for school board members, superintendents, and the public. CCCSBA encourages members and the public to advocate on local, state, and national legislation and policies affecting public education.

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