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Assemblyman Flora,

We would like to thank you for the work you do on behalf of our area. We know that these are trying times as a leader and we appreciate you taking the time to listen to your constituents. We are writing to ask for your support in ensuring that there are exemptions in place for personal, religious, and health concerns for student vaccinations of COVID-19.

The past year and a half has been a very inconsistent time for our students and their education. We have done everything we could to ensure a positive educational experience through a temporary distance learning format as well as when our students were able to return for in person learning. Throughout all of the changes, students have suffered in the area of academics, mental health, and social skills. We believe that the best option for the children in our community is to provide opportunities for them to learn in our classrooms.

The exemptions on vaccinations give our families a choice to do what they feel is best for their child. By allowing exemptions, our students would be able to continue to grow and learn under the very best circumstances. While independent study may work for some families, for many it is not an option as they try to navigate work and childcare.

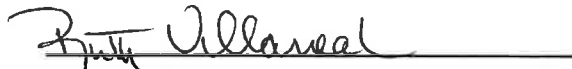
Thank you for your commitment to education and for representing our local concerns. We appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Gratton School District Board of Trustees



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