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COVID-19

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Requiring vaccines for school staff

Full Name \*

Gayle Hartman

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Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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I am in support of requiring COVID-19 vaccines for all school staff. Unvaccinated staff are a liability to both the vaccinated staff and children, and introduces unnecessary risk into in-person learning. I think we would agree that we would all like in-person learning to continue and the best way to ensure that is for everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated. Many education and day care settings require staff to be vaccinated for other highly communicable diseases like pertussis (with the DTAP vaccine) so I don't see why we wouldn't require COVID-19 vaccines. I wish you would have decided to take up this issue earlier so that it would have been in effect well in advance of the school year starting to make it actually useful. At this point even if teachers were vaccinated tomorrow we will still start the school year without fully vaccinated teachers putting our children (and others) at risk. Requiring masks is a good starting point, but we need the staff to be vaccinated as well.