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Board President

Vaccination Requirements for Dually Enrolled High School Students

Board of Health and Board of Regents,

I am reaching out to you today on behalf of the Oasis Academy Board of Directors. Oasis Academy, like all high schools in the state in accordance with NRS, offers dual enrollment classes for high school students. At our school specifically, all of our high school juniors and seniors take all of their classes at Western Nevada College (WNC). We suspect that when the State Board of Health made their decision to require vaccination by November 1 in order to register for spring classes, these dually enrolled high school students were not considered in that decision making process. We are asking for clarification on the following:

1. Does the vaccination requirement apply to dually enrolled students who are 16+ in age **who attend classes on NSHE campuses?**
2. Does the vaccination requirement apply to dually enrolled students who are 16+ in age **whose classes take place only on their high school campus?**
3. Does the vaccination requirement apply to dually enrolled students who are **under 16 years** of age when the FDA approval does not include this age group?
4. Many high school teachers are also considered WNC employees. They are adjunct professors and must onboard through the WNC system to teach these classes. Are these instructors going to be held to the same requirements as other faculty?

The Oasis Academy Board of directors strongly believe that dually enrolled high school students attending public schools should be exempt from this requirement. These are high school age students who are often not allowed to make their own decisions regarding their health and as such students may have to unenroll from their high school. Dual credit courses have proven to be extremely beneficial to not only the students, but also to the enrollment numbers at NSHE institutions. We would hate to see students lose this opportunity and we would hate to see NSHE enrollment drop as a result of this decision.

We recognize that November 1 is fast approaching and are hopeful that we can get clarification on this matter by Oct. 1 so that we can inform our students and their families of the requirements. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our school CEO, Melissa Mackedon (mmackedon@oanv.org) should you have any questions. Thank you for your dedication to state health and higher education in Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karla Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

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