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Dear Superintendent Bowers, President Bueno and Trustees,

In my letter last month, I shared that I was harassed and bullied after speaking at the November School Board meeting. Following the January meeting, I was made aware that more members of our community, including teachers, are being harassed and bullied after sharing their concern and dismay over many of the comments January 11th. I ask that you please address that we are a community and while we can have difficult discourse in the public square, tactics of intimidation, name calling and bullying are unacceptable.

I understand that parents of unvaccinated children do not like the short term policy to send children home to quarantine while we experience this current surge. This is not discrimination as some speakers claimed. This is one of the consequences of a choice. Choices have consequences. If parents don't like the consequences, they are welcome to make a different choice.

I was also particularly disturbed by the use of the term "pureblood." While I'm aware it's a current social media trend among the unvaccinated, or a term from Harry Potter by use of the followers of the evil wizard Voldemort, it's history goes much deeper and darker than current pop culture. It is an antisemitic whistle call. Maybe they don't know the history of the term, but its history is disturbing none the less.

"Limpieza de sangre is Spanish for purity of blood, a concept developed in 15th-century Spain, referring to a person without Jewish, Muslim or heretical ancestry. Purity of blood became an obsessive concern in Spain when persecuted Jews and Muslims began converting to Christianity in large numbers. Converts were dubbed New Christians and those claiming to have limpieza de sangre called themselves Old Christians."

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/659/tracing-the-roots-of-discrimination/>

I also appreciate the district for listening to the experts, as Mr. Van Schack stated. Claims of follow the science can often lead you toward a confirmation bias to find the "science" that confirms your viewpoint. Follow the experts who have been trained with years of education and expertise.

Sincerely,
Katherine Koziowski