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Subject: Understanding from 2/15 Meeting

Evening Board,

I received the clear message last night at the board meeting that LVJUSD is following the guidance of the experts. As described last night, these experts are public health officials for the county, the state, and the CDC. LVJUSD will be following the guidance of these experts despite information they receive otherwise. However, my question to the board is this, have you ever experienced an expert who makes an error? Have you experienced an expert change their mind when more information/data is received? Have you ever asked for a second opinion?

Parents have come to the board because we have seen how these experts are missing information and making decisions based on limited information. I challenge you to really think for yourself and ask if the experts you are following might be wrong.

If you still find that experts are infallible, I'd like to point you to a number of public health errors that took seconds to come to mind: oxycodone epidemic, promotion of cigarette smoking, thalidomide for morning sickness, and the Tuskegee syphilis study. In the last few months, information has come out that tried and true covid measures, such as universal lockdowns and masking, were basically ineffective. So maybe, just maybe, they are wrong about other things too.

I'm sure masking will ease for our children soon, since that is the wave of the country, but I'm disappointed the board didn't act sooner. This doesn't give me much confidence in future decisions that will need to be made, the biggest of which is the possibility of required student vaccinations. Remember, our experts could be wrong like they have been before, the only difference here is we can't remove a vaccine like we can a mask. I hope you can stand on your own and err on the side that there could be mistakes by our experts. Sadly though the decisions ultimately fall on you and the ramifications of your actions will be felt at the ballot box as these health officials are unelected. Therefore our only recourse is to look at those who were tasked to represent us since they blindly followed the guidance of experts who were ultimately wrong.

Hoping for some independent thought from the Board,
Sara