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The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners Urges Repeal of Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for Teachers and School Staff. Oregon students are facing two years of learning setbacks. Scores in reading, writing and math fell dramatically during COVID-19 school disruptions, adding to already low scores for many students who were falling behind.

Currently, according to OHA rule OAR 333-019-1030, teachers and school volunteers are still required to be vaccinated.

Some school districts may be offering religious and medical exemptions which allow parents and family members to volunteer in classrooms, but many districts aren't allowing volunteers at all or are only allowing those who have proof of vaccination.

The CDC guidance states that they do not differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. This means that the OHA rule is no longer following CDC guidance and "the science" and should be repealed.

Schools should be focusing on getting students back on track academically.

Parent volunteers should be in schools helping with learning and easing the staffing shortage. It is time for OHA to remove the permanent vaccine rule currently restricting who can work and volunteer in Oregon schools.

It's time to allow teachers to focus on our students, and allow volunteers into our classrooms, regardless of vaccination status. The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners urges a repeal of OAR 333-19-1030.

Sincerely,

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Vice-Chair

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Commissioner

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