

# Sayville Public Schools



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Regents Office  
State Education Building  
89 Washington Ave.  
Albany, NY 12234

September 6, 2019

Dear Vice Chancellor Brown,

The Sayville Board of Education would like to express our concerns for students with sincere and genuine religious objections to mandatory vaccinations. Such children may be denied access to a public education and services by the hastily enacted revision to the Public Health Law Section 2164. These parents and students have expressed the harmful impact this will have on them. We support all of the children of our district and their religious and medical freedom. We strongly object to this law. We urge you to repeal and/or delay the implementation of this revision to the law so that these children may continue to attend school after the 14 calendar days.

While the Sayville Board of Education recognizes its obligation to follow the current laws of New York State, members of our community believe this law is unconstitutional and discriminatory. In following this law, we may be forced to exclude our children who attended our schools with religious exemptions. We strongly object to excluding such students. We also recognize this law puts our district at risk of a lawsuit being filed against us.

We fail to see the need for such an extreme and hasty revision to the law. As such, we ask you once again to reconsider the recent amendments to Public Health Law 2164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kolar'.

The Sayville Board of Education