



# **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Minutes of Special Meeting of October 07, 2021**

**Special Meeting** of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, on Tuesday, October 07, 2021, at 2:15 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairwoman Diane Porter	Vice-Chair Corrie Shull
Mr. James Craig	Mrs. Linda Duncan
Dr. Chris Kolb	Mr. Joseph Marshall
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	

All Board members attended the meeting via videoconference.

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.  
Kevin Brown, General Counsel  
Eva Stone, Health Coordinator

This meeting was conducted via video-teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826. The primary location for this meeting and where all members could be seen and heard by the public was VanHoose Education Center. Members of the Board were permitted to attend in-person or via video-teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826. Members of the public were permitted to attend in-person or watch the live-stream of the meeting.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Porter called the October 07, 2021, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 2:15 p.m.

#### **II. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Order #2021-163 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for October 7, 2021. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### III. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Order #2021-164 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021, meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### IV. Action Items

#### A. Acceptance of an Update on and Approval of a Revised New Way Forward Regarding the 2021-22 School Year

Dr. Pollio presented the update and rationale for actions regarding the District response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dr. Shull questioned transportation for students testing positive. He then asked, "Why are we not demanding that all students who participate in indoor sports be vaccinated as a requirement of eligibility?" He encouraged the District to follow the example of other districts that have required vaccination of staff and students. He asked if proof of antibodies would be sufficient proof and if the District would accept self-tests purchased at a pharmacy. He asked for clarification regarding requirements for spectators and other participants such as team managers.

Mrs. Duncan asked if the District should provide extra help for the nurses who are testing for athletic participation.

Mr. Marshall stated that there is concern among athletic directors regarding the extra work and wanted to ensure they have support. He asked if the District is concerned about a lack of tests-to-play or vaccination requirements in other counties. He questioned requirements for coaches and resources for enforcing the masking policy in gymnasiums and other indoor facilities. He asked if the requirements would be for winter and spring sports. He concluded by asking for clarification regarding the pay differential increase.

Ms. McIntosh expressed concern with consequences for students because of parent decisions. She asked if the District is including academic teams and chess clubs and things like that in weekly testing as well. She asked about the potential for any statewide requirements.

Dr. Kolb discussed non-certified staff being able to supervise children on their own and stated, "I hope that we're thinking about ways to prevent it from becoming something we rely on given that hopefully, at some point in the future, not only will it not be necessary but it won't be allowed." He then discussed the test-to-play and agreed with Dr. Shull that vaccine mandates would be better. He wanted to clarify that this would be a simpler process for staff to follow rather than trying to discern who is vaccinated and who is not and keep up with ever-changing lists. He wanted to ensure that the District would be monitoring the test-to-stay data to watch for any upticks.

Mr. Craig asked Dr. Pollio to expand on the discussion of why, from an operations perspective, it is so difficult to track students who are vaccinated and those who are not. He wanted to clarify if vaccination status is protected under FERPA. He asked if athletes who are exposed to positive cases will be given the option to test-to-stay.

Chair Porter asked for clarification regarding students who have to go get a test between 3:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at night at one of the District's locations in order to return to school the next day. She expressed concern with disparity and acknowledged that some children do not have the opportunity to go to a testing site.

**Order #2021-165 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education accept a report on a New Way Forward regarding the District response to the COVID-19 pandemic; approve the attached revised JCPS COVID-19 School Operations Plan that includes a "Test to Stay" Program and a "Test to Play" requirement that students participate in regular COVID-19 diagnostic screening testing to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities; approve a two hundred dollar (\$200) Vaccine Incentive Payment for employees; and approve a six dollar (\$6.00) per hour payment to classified hourly staff for performing instructional activities. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## V. Consent Calendar

A. Report of Certified Leaves

B. Report of Personnel Actions

C. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions

1. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Academic Schools

2. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Academic Services

3. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions - Exceptional Child Education

4. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions - Operations

D. Recommendation for Approval of Field Trip Request

- E. Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Science Lab Renovation at Jeffersontown High School**
- F. Recommendation for Approval of Projects, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Forms**
  - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Form for Playground Renovation at Bloom Elementary School**
  - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Form for Health Science Renovation at Doss High School**
- G. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms**
  - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Wall Addition at Ballard High School**
  - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovation at Bates Elementary School**
  - 3. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Wall Addition at Newcomer Academy**
- H. Recommendation for Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Stadium Storage Building at Ballard High School**
- I. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders**
- J. Recommendation for Approval of Deed of Conveyance, Memorandum of Understanding, and Resolution for the Greenwood Road Widening and Multi Use Path Project at Greenwood Road Elementary and Pleasure Ridge Park High Schools.**
- K. Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments.**
- L. Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More**
- M. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended August 31, 2021**
- N. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer**
  - 1. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Invoices**
  - 2. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Purchase Orders**
  - 3. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Vouchers**
- O. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding**
  - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants**
  - 2. Acceptance of Funding from the Kentucky Department of Education**
  - 3. Acceptance of Funding from the Kentucky Department of Education for the Office of Transition Readiness**
  - 4. Acceptance of Funding from KentuckianaWorks for the Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center Educational Programming**
  - 5. Acceptance of the Kentucky Innovative Learning Network Travel Grant for 2021-2022 School Year**
  - 6. Acceptance of Flexible Focus Funds from the Kentucky Department of Education**
- P. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements**
  - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Campbellsville University for Dual Credit**
  - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with University of Louisville College of Education and Human Development**
  - 3. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Department of Education for the Release of JCPS Employee**



4. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Department of Education for the Release of JCPS Employee
5. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Young Authors Greenhouse
6. Recommendation for Approval of Permanent Agreement with KDE to Participate in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Summer Food Service, and the Child and Adult Care Food Programs
7. Recommendation for Approval of Third-Party Cooperative Agreement with Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for Transition Services
8. Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to a Student Teacher/Field Placement Agreement with University of Louisville
9. Recommendation for Approval of Addendum to a Student Teacher/Field Placement Agreement with Eastern Kentucky University
10. Recommendation for Approval of Modification of Contract with Kentucky Department of Education for Family Resources and Youth Services Centers
11. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Renzulli Learning
12. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Illuminate Education
13. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement Amendment with Public Consulting Group
14. Recommendation for Approval of an Amendment to the Student Teaching Agreement with Bellarmine University
15. Recommendation for Approval of Agreement for Statement of Work with Ring Central
- Q. Acceptance of Update on the Kentucky Department of Education Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Grant Contract for 2020-2021
- R. Recommendation for Approval of Letter of Intent to Enter into a Lease Agreement with BMW Investments LLC, and/or Academy of Music Production, Education, and Development, Inc., for Space Located at 2500 West Broadway to be used as an ELEV8 Student Learning Center
- S. Recommendation for Approval of Shortened School Day for One Exceptional Child Education Student
- T. Recommendation for Approval of Payment of Out-of-District Expenses for Board Members
- U. Recommendation for Approval of Revised Temporary Changes to Salary Pay Rates
- V. Recommendation for Approval of Appointment of the 2021-2022 Calendar Committee Members

**Order #2021-166 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for October 7, 2021. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

**Order #2021-167 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn at 3:13 p.m. passed with a motion by Dr. Corrie Shull and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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Diane Porter  
Chairwoman

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Dr. Martin A. Pollio  
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,  
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**Gilpin, Angela F.**

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**From:** Kenneth Hayden <hayden\_k@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Hayden  
**Subject:** Test to Play

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of JCPS. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning.

I have 2 student athletes at Ballard High School. I have vaccinated them against my better judgement. I DON'T agree with the test to play scenario. I vaccinated them so we didn't have to do all of this nonsense!

- 1) JCPS athletes are not the ones spreading it. Numbers are plummeting.
- 2) There is also a huge population of students who play club level sports and do activities outside JCPS that are not being tested.
- 3) The majority of JCPS athletes have literally done everything you have asked them to do - most have been vaccinated and followed every protocol you've given and they shouldn't continue to be penalized.
- 4) You are holding our kids to a standard inside a bubble that the rest of the community is not asked to do including teachers and staff.
- 5) Why can't we just apply TEST to STAY to athletes and activities. If a kid test positive in a sport / activity give the parents the option to allow their student to continue to participate with a daily

Thank you,  
Jennifer Hayden

Sent from my iPhone

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Let Them Learn <letthemlearnjcps@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris@kolbforschoolboard.com; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; Linda Duncan; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Do Not Mandate Weekly Testing

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Dear JCPS Board Members:

JCPS families oppose the unnecessary weekly testing of asymptomatic students. In addition to the number of false positives and unforeseen complications that will result from such an ill-advised policy, these are a few reasons that our families have cited:

- JCPS students are not the ones spreading it; cases are plummeting.
- There is a huge population of students who play club level sports and do activities outside JCPS; they are not required to test.
- The majority of JCPS students and student-athletes have already done everything asked of them - most have been vaccinated or have natural immunity and have followed every protocol; they should not be penalized.
- JCPS students are being held to a standard that the rest of the community is not.

Testing should be reserved for symptomatic students and staff as needed.

Sincerely,  
Let Them Learn in JCPS

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Worth, Christopher A. <chris.worth@louisville.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 2:18 PM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris@kolbforschoolboard.com; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; lindadduncan@live.com; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** NO on these testing plans

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There simply is no science backing up this absurd plan to have kids tested with this frequency. The false positives alone will send families and schools into a tailspin.

Not to mention it will only enrich the labs doing the tests, and merely misallocate resources from where they can be optimally used.

Any one of you voting for such a plan should be ashamed of themselves. It is disheartening to the callous disregard of our Children's welfare at the hands and votes of the people we would expect to have their best interests at core of their decision making.

Even in Florida the rates are plummeting and there is simply no difference between the unmasked

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/scottmorefield/2021/10/06/as-cases-plummet-in-florida-new-data-show-forcibly-masking-kids-made-no-difference-n2597079>

So enough with this nonsense. No testing for kids not sick, and ditch the masks as they aren't effective anyway.

Spend the testing money on Vitamin D supplements for the kids, and golly, actually get some positive results for an expenditure for a change.

Christopher Worth

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Leigh Robertson <leighrobertson0912@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:04 AM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris.kolb@jefferson.kyschools.us; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; linda.duncan@jefferson.kyschools.us; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Please Vote No Test to Play

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Good morning. Please vote NO when considering Test to Play. Testing students that have no symptoms is a gross waste of resources and time. As with any illness, it is always appropriate and appreciated to screen for symptoms. If someone has symptoms of any illness, they should not be allowed to participate until they are well. If a child goes to the pediatrician and does not display symptoms of an illness, the pediatrician will not test them because it is not medically necessary. JCPS should not be promoting unnecessary services that waste time, money and distract from focusing on more important issues. JCPSs involvement in COVID mitigation has gotten out of hand and is not aligning with what is in the best interest of our children. Their mental health matters and some of the asinine measures being taken so the system can appear to be "doing the right thing" are only creating more long term issues for our kids. Please, I implore all of you, to please move forward and start focusing your meetings and efforts on issues that will actually advance the progress of JCPS as well as promote the overall health and wellbeing of our students.

Reach out any time if you'd like more insight regarding the mental health perspective of JCPS. I take care of not only your students, but many of your employees. Your system is not doing well. Something needs to change.

Have a nice day.

Leigh Robertson, LCSW  
502-553-2158



## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Krystal Lee <krystal.surratt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:50 PM  
**To:** Gilpin, Angela F.; JCPS-Communications; Pollio, Marty A; White, Theresa M  
**Subject:** Re: Board Approves 'Test to Stay,' 'Test to Play' Programs

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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Good Evening:

During the JCBE meeting today at 2:15pm I heard one of the board members say that Parents did not give a real reason as to why they are against having their children tested weekly. I would like to give you some of those reasons now.

Myself along with many others feel this policy/mandate is a political move and has nothing to do with the safety of our children. This mandate will lead to an increase of **reported** cases. I emphasize the word reported because the number of cases will not actually change between now and when the policy goes into effect. We will however be documenting them now and in doing so, that data is going to be used against us. This increase in **reported** cases will be used as a scare tactic to garner more community support for a mandate on this vaccine. Why would we mandate this vaccine for children? Have any of you truly sat down with an open mind and thought about this? Our children are the portion of the population who are the least at risk of having severe symptoms let alone dying from this virus. You can read on the CDC website that the only benefit to getting this vaccine is it will more than likely (not 100%) prevent extreme complications from the virus. It is a fact that this vaccine **does not** prevent the vaccinated from getting the virus and it **does not** keep the vaccinated from spreading the virus. Again, this vaccine **only protects the vaccinated from severe side effects** that is it! So please explain to me why we should agree to a policy that would lead to a vaccine mandate for our children who's bodies are already fully capable of doing what this vaccine claims to do.

Another issue with weekly testing is the fact that these tests are not 100% accurate, especially when testing asymptomatic patients. How many kids will be quarantined or sat out over faulty testing? Will those numbers then be added to the data? The answer is yes. This is not acceptable.

I can't forget to mention that this is a violation of our constitutional rights. We have the right as American citizens to decline medical testing as well as a vaccine. The second we give up these rights for any reason we are headed down a really slippery slope. You can scoff this off or shake your head but the Holocaust happened and it didn't happen over night. It took years and years of slowly changing minds using similar techniques and by the time humanity realized what was happening it was too late. I'm urging you, do not allow fear of a virus with a 99% survival rate to scare you into submission. What you do today will impact our children's future more than you could possibly imagine.

To reiterate, we don't want weekly testing because that testing is going to be used against us to mandate a vaccine that is not necessary! Our students being vaccinated WILL NOT protect teachers because vaccinated people spread this virus daily. We don't want weekly testing because these tests are not full proof and will send kids home for weeks when they aren't even sick to begin with. These kids some of whom are at risk will not

only miss out on their education but also meals. We don't want weekly testing because in doing so we are taking away civil liberties setting an astonishingly scary precedent for our children and their future.

Not to mention, WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS? Are we using funding that could be used towards a better education to pay for these tests? Funding that could be spent on making bus stops safer for children?


The fact that the board treats parents who don't agree with them as if they are uneducated or bad people is completely and utterly disrespectful not only to us but to JCPS as well. After all, most of the parents you are referring to received their K-12 education from JCPS. This treatment does not teach our kids to be tolerant of others views, thoughts or opinions. As an educator and a leader shouldn't You be setting an example of acceptance and a willingness to collaborate with people who do not feel how you feel for reasons just as valid as yours?

Respectfully,

On Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 4:51 PM Jefferson County Public Schools  
<[jcps.communications@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:jcps.communications@jefferson.kyschools.us)> wrote:

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# BOARD UPDATE

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## Board Approves 'Test to Stay,' Test to Play' Programs

**October 7, 2021** – The Jefferson County Board of Education approved two key measures this afternoon at a specially called meeting. “Test to Stay” and “Test to Play” were approved to minimize the impact of quarantining and keep students and staff in school.

**Test to Stay:**

- An optional program open to students and employees if they are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and been ordered to quarantine by a medical professional.
- If individuals test nightly for seven days and have a negative result, they can return to school or work the next day. (Testing will be offered free of charge at middle and high schools and other selected locations in the afternoons/evenings. Click [here](#) for a list of sites.)

**Test to Play:**



- Required program for any student taking part in regular extracurricular/interscholastic athletics or activities, beginning **November 1**. Students must take part in weekly testing, which is available at every middle and high school.

To read more about these programs, click [here](#) for the New Way Forward Update.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a \$200 incentive payment for all JCPS employees who are fully vaccinated by December 1. The Vaccine Incentive Payment is an initiative of the Kentucky Department of Education, which announced \$100 stipends to incentivize school employees to get inoculated against COVID-19 and encouraged districts to match that amount.

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## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Chandra Blair <blairfam13904@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:50 AM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris.kolb@jefferson.kyschools.us; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.;  
Duncan, Linda D; corrie.shull@jefferson.kyschool.us; marty.pollio@jefferson.kyschool.us;  
Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** TEST TO PLAY - VOTE NO

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Why do you keep punishing the people that have done everything you've asked them to do? Why would the Test to Stay be OPTIONAL but the Test to Play be required? And most kids are vaccinated, so again, why would they need to be tested regularly? You pushed to have them vaccinated, so most did, including my student athlete. And now you want to make vaccinated students get tested regularly in order to play their sport??

**This absolutely should be a PARENTS decision, NOT the board. This is MY child - not yours. IT'S MY CHILD - NOT YOURS!**

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE - DON'T DEMAND ANYTHING MORE ON OUR CHILDREN. THEY HAVE DONE WHAT THEY WERE TOLD TO DO!!!**

**VACCINATED CHILDREN SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE TESTED!!**

The Blair Family

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Melanie Hamilton <mlhjb@yaho.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 7:38 AM  
**To:** Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Test to Play Concern  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20211005-150735\_Samsung Internet.jpg

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Dear Ms. Gilpin,

I have been trying to email Dr. Pollio and the JCPS Board members concerns about the Test to Play plan they are voting on today, but not one of them will respond to me. Can you please help get this into their hands?

The Test to Play option being voted on today does not mention vaccinated athletes or students. Can you confirm vaccinated athletes and students do not have to participate in this requirement?

In a Facebook post made by James Craig (attached), it says vaccinated students/athletes would have an option. Can you make sure this is still addressed and offered to your vaccinated athletes/students?

KDE, KHSAA, nor JCPS required this all of last year when this same group of people didn't even have an option for a vaccination. What other group of vaccinated people is being expected to test weekly???

JCPS athletes are not the ones spreading it. There is also a huge population of students who play club level sports not associated with JCPS. You aren't making them test. See the discrimination? It's also not fair to group ALL athletes and extracurricular students into the same large category either. Basketball players and wrestlers, for example have much higher contact than other sports. Additionally, JCPS athletes are the ones that have literally done everything you have asked them to do - most have been vaccinated and followed every protocol you've given them the past two years. They shouldn't continue to be penalized or have to pay the price because of other people and their choices. Once again, you are holding them to a standard that literally nobody else is being held to. You aren't even making teachers test weekly.

Please make sure when you vote today that you make Testing to Play an OPTION for vaccinated students, and NOT a requirement.

Sincerely,  
Concerned parents, students, athletes, and coaches



## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Melissa Vasher <mjenkins79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris.kolb@jefferson.kyschools.us; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; linda.duncan@jefferson.kyschools.us; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Test to Play Should Be Test to Stay

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I oppose the "test to play" weekly screening for extra curricular activities. I strongly believe that any extracurricular program should be modeled after the test to stay - if exposed then start testing. Why should we subject our students to weekly testing, which is traumatic for some students. My child is a 4th grader and just started participating in chess club at his school. Which will be a great activity for my child who has PTSD from prior trauma in his earlier life and also has ADHD and dyslexia. He had to quarantine earlier this school year and cried when I went to have him tested so he could play in his first soccer game as it would be a day outside of the quarantine if he was negative. He didn't want to do it. If he has to test weekly to learn and play chess with other students he may choose not to. Or we will do this exact activity outside of the school system because of the unfair requirements. This is discrimination against kids who just want to be kids and be involved in activities, the other students don't have to do this testing. They are masked at chess club. He's not breathing heavily on others. He's not closer to other students than he is during the regular school day. Other students are not being asked to do this to attend school and neither are teachers or other school staff. It's voluntary, as it should be - unless there is a confirmed exposure. My child is not being asked to test weekly to play soccer for the YMCA or participate in any activity outside of JCPS and should not be held to a standard that others are not.

Thank you,

Melissa Vasher

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** rebecca raymer <beckahk75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:16 PM  
**To:** Gilpin, Angela F.; Sarah McIntosh; Pollio, Marty A; Shull, Corrie C.; Marshall, Joseph C.; chris@kolbforschoolboard.com; Craig, James R.  
**Subject:** Test to play

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I have no problem and am pleased that we are considering the test to stay program in our schools. My youngest has been quarantined twice this year and missed out on almost a month of school because of the crazy restrictions that have been imposed on elementary students. However, if you do move forward with test to play, I am concerned for both of my children. My entire family, excluding my 10 year old is vaccinated. We made this decision months ago so that our children would not have to repeatedly be tested or quarantined. If you choose test to play, It should absolutely be the children who are unvaccinated and those that are vaccinated with symptoms only (but that would fall under test to stay anyways)

As for it being a matter of convenience, it's no big deal for the school nurse or whoever will be doing the testing to check a child's vaccination record. It should all be on file at the school. And if this is all for safety reasons there are much bigger conversations to be had, like how you plan to keep my child safe from the violence that is making its way into the classrooms. We have lost more children to gun violence in our city than we have to covid.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Raymer

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Kelly Dauk <kellydauk@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 7:33 AM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; Chris Kolb; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; Linda Duncan; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Test to Play

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Dear Superintendent Polio and Board Members-

I am a JCPS parent, and local pediatric hospitalist- meaning I am a physician who cares for hospitalized children. I am writing to you today about the recent vote for Test to Stay and Test to Play programs.

I am 100% on board with Test to Stay. While it is an incredible logistical challenge, this program whereby kids who are not vaccinated and have a significant exposure have the option of staying in school with a negative test rather than quarantining (being isolated at home with difficult to provide education) is absolutely the right step forward while we continue to contact trace in the manner which we are currently doing.

I am 1,000,0000% against Test to Play- whereby kids REGARDLESS of VACCINATION STATUS- and who are ASYMPTOMATIC- are required to test weekly. And will be MISSING CLASS to do so. This is frankly NOT the standard of care in the medical community. Especially in schools requiring masking and distancing. Especially given a 30-35% reduction in cases over the past month in our community. Especially in high schools where 100% of the population is vaccine eligible. Do we really think what is driving COVID in our community is masked kids doing after school activities?? That is an absolute falacy. Not to mention the number of kids we are "catching" who are positive with voluntary testing already is incredibly low. What an incredible waste of time, resources, and instructional minutes.

What criteria must we meet to STOP THIS PROGRAM???

My fully vaccinated, asymptomatic HIGH SCHOOL student- going to a school where EVERYONE is ELIGIBLE to receive a vaccine, should not be forced to miss ANY instructional minutes in order to participate in an after-school activity!!!! Nor does she have time to test outside of school given her incredible extracurricular and school work load unless she is symptomatic.

My request is that you give this program SERIOUS further consideration and STOP IT!

Any programming which helps move things forward in terms of vaccinating as many students and family members is where we must spend time and energy!

Thank you for reading this correspondence. I know you are navigating very difficult times and appreciate your commitment to students and families.

Best,  
Kelly Dauk, M.D.

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## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Sherry Mckinzie <sherrymckinzie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 2:50 PM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris.kolb@jefferson.kyschools.us; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; Duncan, Linda D; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Test to play

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I am very concerned and upset about the thought of you forcing our kids to test weekly in order to participate in school sports and feel apart of their school community.

Schools are not these huge super spreaders so many of you thought they were going to be and the positivity rate continues to decline.

My 7th grader plays sports outside his school and testing weekly is not required, which I know a lot of clubs don't require. These other clubs, including the one he participates in are not having issues.

JCPS is the only intity that has these insane standards they expect our kids to live by. The rest of the world is moving on and you guys are stuck. Have you seen or been to a weekend college football game? Do you never leave your home?

If you are requiring kids or giving them the option to test to stay, the test to play seems a bit excessive. It makes one wonder what kind of kick back is the district getting for administering so many test. Let's not mention the poor validity of these test. I have know several that have test positive that have actually been negative.

Finally, let's speak of the trauma of weekly testing. My son will not test weekly under any circumstances. The trauma he went thru the first time he was tested when his dad and I had covid was enough to last a life time. He hates school currently and was looking for away to find his place and you are taking that away from him. He tolerates the mask, but would rather not, he is over the insane amount of violence in his school, and now it's one more thing, one more reason for him to not like school. How is any of this equitable, your favorite phrase for our kids. Some of you are asking of our kids, what you do t even have your own kids do because they play club sports.

I know this has probably fallen on 9 deaf ears and that saddens me as a mom of a student in JCPS.

Sherry



## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Mike & Kathleen Sims <mikesims2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris.kolb@jefferson.kyschools.us; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; Duncan, Linda D; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Test to Play

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Dear Dr. Pollio and JCPS Board Members,

With this email we wish to express our opposition to Test to Play for JCPS Student Athletes because there is no need for it. Based on JCPS' own numbers, of which we have been pulling daily since 9/7/21 from the JCPS Covid19 Daily Data Google Sheets, less than 1% of the entire student population is testing positive on a daily basis. So why are you choosing to subject student athletes to an unneeded test? Just looking at today's numbers at 10:01 a.m., Male HS had the highest number of positive tests at 13, and there's a low probability that all of them are athletes. So, again, what is the reasoning for requiring all Student Athletes to be tested weekly in order to participate in their sport? We are not opposed to a team being required to be tested if one player tests positive, but there is no good reason that ALL student athletes have to be tested weekly.

Both of our sons have played club basketball, volleyball and baseball since December 2020 and not once were they required to have a Covid test to play and not once was there a problem with a Covid outbreak. Therefore, we are respectfully asking you to vote NO to Test to Play.

Thank You  
Mike and Kathleen Sims

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Max Harrison <maxhharrison@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** Gilpin, Angela F.; chris.kolb@jefferson.kyschools.us; Shull, Corrie C.; Porter, Diane L; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; linda.duncan@jefferson.kyschools.us; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh  
**Subject:** Today's vote on Test to Play

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JCPS board members,

As a parent of three school aged children I wanted to express my opinion on today's vote. All three of my children play sports and participate in club teams as well as school leagues. Over the past two years all of my kids have played in at least club teams with zero Covid issues. The numbers of covid cases and hospitalizations continue to plummet statewide. In my opinion a yes vote is an overreaction aimed at pleasing extreme political views. I do not believe this is a decision based on science or fact. I am not alone, the majority of parents I speak with are in agreement with me on this.

I believe that most of you have good intentions, however, sometimes good intentions lead to undesirable results. I believe this is the case for JCPS. Violence is up, test scores are down, enrollment is down (as parents who can afford flee JCPS for private schools), participation in sports at JCPS is down. Meanwhile, board members continue to make embarrassing public statements, thrash out at parents who do not follow their extreme left wing political opinions and demonize any parents with a concern that does not match their own. I have personally experienced this in a phone conversation with the board member of my children's district. I'm not naming names but he insulted me and hung up the phone after I voiced concern at the beginning of this school year.

I am not some extreme parent. I look at the data and see that numbers clearly falling, vaccination rates are continuing to rise, while the number of confined covid cases & hospitalizations are below the pre-covid flu levels. Yet this board continues to search for more ways to single out children and their parents who do not agree with their extreme political agenda.

The **American Academy of Pediatrics** does not recommend testing in many cases, per link and text below:

<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-testing-guidance/>

**No testing.** *Testing is not generally recommended for indirect exposure such as exposure to a close contact and not directly with the infected person, unless the close contact subsequently tests positive or develops symptoms. Testing is also not generally recommended for asymptomatic patients who have previously tested positive within the past 3 months against SARS-CoV-2 (see "What are the recommendations for testing after previous infection or after COVID-19 vaccination?" below).*

In my opinion, this JCPS board's decisions have caused unnecessary stress on parents and children and nobody should be surprised in the uptick of violence, drop in test scores and the fleeing of enrollment in JCPS schools.

My final points:

- 1) JCPS athletes are not the ones spreading it. Numbers are plummeting.
- 2) There is also a huge population of students who play club level sports and do activities outside JCPS that are not being tested and there have been few to zero serious issues.
- 3) The majority of JCPS athletes have literally done everything you have asked them to do - most have been vaccinated and followed every protocol you've given and they shouldn't continue to be penalized.
- 4) You are holding our kids to a standard inside a bubble that the rest of the community is not asked to do including teachers and staff.
- 5) Why can't we just apply TEST to STAY to athletes and activities. If a kid test positive in a sport / activity give the parents the option to allow their student to continue to participate with a daily test.

Regards,

Max Harrison

## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Jennifer Griffin (Go Fetch Marketing) <lucysar2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:04 PM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; chris@kolbforschoolboard.com; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; lindadduncan@live.com; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Vote NO

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Dear Board Members and Dr. Pollio,

Please vote NO when considering Test to Play. Testing students that have no symptoms is a gross waste of resources, time, and **grant funding**. I don't see why the same protocol for TEST TO STAY can't be applied to athletes and students in extracurricular activities. If a kid is exposed give their parents the option to use the TEST TO STAY to continue to participate in their activity.

Additionally, it is a complete waste of time, money, and man power to test vaccinated students. I was NOT a fan of vaccinating my kids, but I did it so they could have some sense of normalcy in schools but since making this decision it has only backfired and taught my kids when you do the right thing you don't get rewarded. A matter of fact you are punished. My kids are still in masks and now you want to test them because it is just convenient to test ALL. Once again you can not mitigate a virus in the bubble of a school building. It is hypocritical to let kids run around at sporting events and in the community and then mask and test when they are in school. When is it ever going to be enough? What is your end game? What is the ending metric to all this madness? ZERO cases?

JCPS should stop promoting unnecessary services that waste time, money and distract from focusing on education. JCPSs involvement in COVID mitigation has gotten out of hand and is not aligning with what is in the best interest of our children. Their mental health matters and some of the asinine measures being taken so the system can appear to be "doing the right thing" are only creating more long term issues for our kids but causing confusion, frustration, and a focus away from what is really important in the system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Griffin



## Gilpin, Angela F.

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**From:** Anthony Griffin <apgriffin0130@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** Porter, Diane L; Chris Kolb; Craig, James R.; Marshall, Joseph C.; Linda Duncan; Shull, Corrie C.; Pollio, Marty A; Sarah McIntosh; Gilpin, Angela F.  
**Subject:** Vote No on Test to Play!

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Anthony Griffin