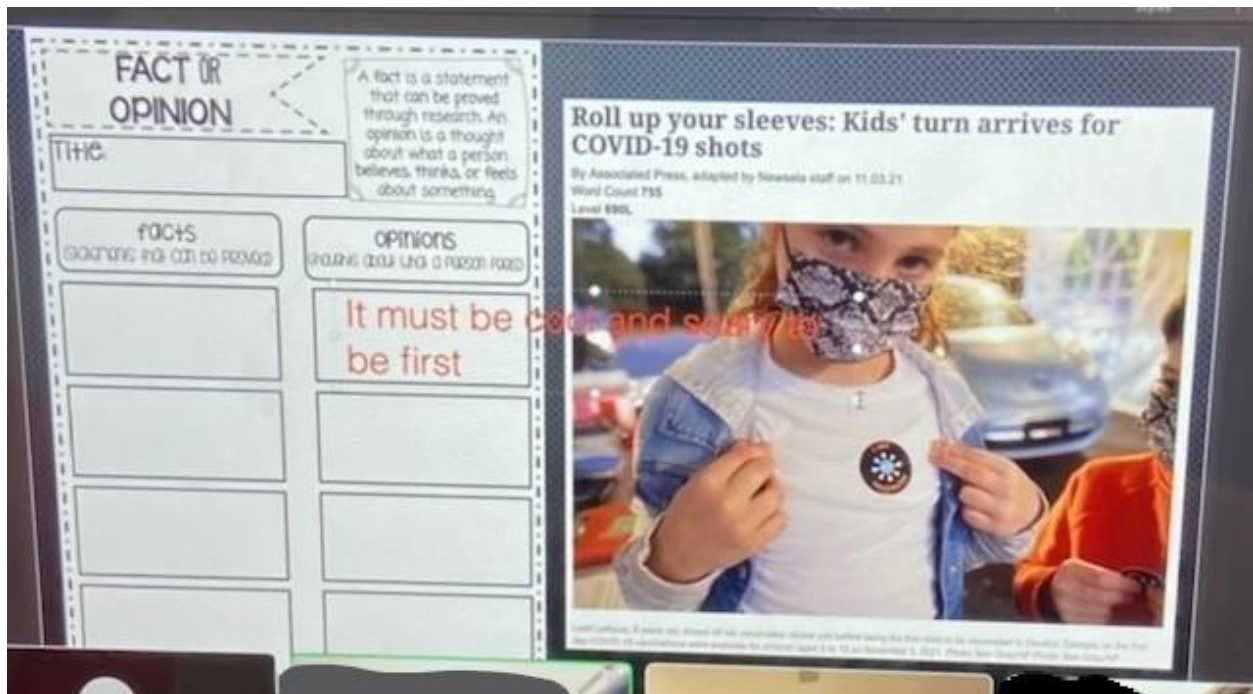




Community Voice

Elementary Assignment Specifically About COVID-19 Vaccine Despite Assurance that Staff Would Not Discuss the Vaccine with Students



As a parent I was concerned that with the amount of COVID-19 vaccination communication we were receiving from KSD that our kids would be pressured to discuss the vaccine at school. We recognize that **medical decisions are private and personal for everyone**, so we sought clarification from our KSD elementary school principal.

We asked the principal to **confirm that the COVID-19 vaccine was in no way being advertised or discussed with the children directly**. We specifically stated that this included posters, announcements or discussions from the teachers to the students about the vaccine or vaccination events.

We were given assurance from the principal that her understanding was that the vaccine information would only be shared with families via email and that KSD was

committed to being considerate of students' and staff members' privacy related to the vaccine.

She stated that it was possible that students would talk about getting the vaccine while at school but that in those cases the staff would do its best to keep the conversations respectful of each family's privacy.

It was very clear that the expectation was that staff members were not to be discussing the vaccine with students. And then within the same week our child had the above assignment & class discussion about the vaccine.

It really struck us as inappropriate (and in conflict with the principal's assurances) that vaccines were used as the example for an elementary "fact or opinion" lesson when there are literally countless other options. Why was *this* the topic that our young children were confronted with discussing? And how are we to trust our school leaders when this happens?

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