



## Community Voice

### Substitute Teacher Overstepping Boundaries with our Children

Our child's long-term substitute teacher collected all of the students' cell phones at the beginning of class and proceeded to share her personal views on the COVID-19 vaccine. She talked about her belief that the vaccines are effective and said that the students should get vaccinated if they had not already. I am not writing to debate the efficacy of the vaccine, but this medical advice/perspective being pushed on students at school is inappropriate.

I spoke with the school principal about this incident and it was confirmed that teachers are not supposed to collect phones (for liability reasons) and that teachers are not to share their personal views and beliefs in this way.

*As a parent I wonder: Are all teachers (including substitutes) made aware that collecting phones from students is against school policy unless the phone is disrupting the learning environment (as stated in the KHS handbook)? And are all teachers made aware that they are not to push their personal views (particularly regarding medical treatments) on our children?*

The line between educating (this was in a math class) and pushing personal views on our kids seems to be getting very blurry in KSD.

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