

refused vaccinations for your child, we strongly urge you to consider this event as a reminder of their importance and urgency.

Yours,
Charles A Kilburn, MD
City of Berkeley Public Health Division

A beat.

ELI

well
that's a little intense

SUZANNE

can I see it?

Don hands her the letter. She starts reading it.

DON

I spoke to him on the phone
he's actually very nice
very helpful

I'm heading out to meet with him in just a [few minutes]
that's why I asked you all to
and thank you for coming so quickly

ELI

do we know who it is?

DON

I don't know
and even if I did I couldn't
legally I couldn't tell you

ELI

sure yeah no
but how many kids are we talking about here
who are uh
unvaccinated?

DON

I haven't had a chance to pull exact figures
but I think we can say
we can safely say
it's quite a few

CARINA

really?

SUZANNE

(Looking up from the letter.)

can I

I'm sorry

can I just

Voice a Concern with this letter?

Eli reaches out for the letter, and Suzanne passes it to him.

DON

um

of course

SUZANNE

it's just

the way it's being framed?

if we're going to send this out

I'd feel much more comfortable if we're able to convey

that we're Passing On this message

but that this message is not the school's message

DON

it's not a choice Suzanne

it's going out

tonight

SUZANNE

right

and

of course we will do whatever we are obligated to do legally

but

I just think we need to be very thoughtful about how we
because this is a very
for many people I think
a very private
a very personal issue

ELI

totally totally
like we did the Delayed Schedule
you know we spaced them out
and we have some friends who were like
that's still WAY too many vaccines
and other people who were like *you should NOT have waited so long*

which basically meant we got the side-eye from everyone

SUZANNE

exactly
and we don't want anyone to feel pressured
or shamed

ELI

buuuuut

I think it's probably fine
like I think people will get it
I mean it's clearly signed by Doctor Health Department Guy
it's not like Don is writing this letter

Eli hands the letter to Carina.

SUZANNE

look

if we decide
if our stance is
you know
the school is going to be a resource to direct people to
to different kinds of information
so they can Make Informed Decisions

that would be one thing

but to just have this go out to everyone and say nothing?
it feels Very Irresponsible

I mean they receive this official-sounding letter and

CARINA

but isn't it actually just like
An Official Letter?

SUZANNE

that's what I'm saying

DON

I certainly was not assuming we would say nothing
that's why I asked you all to [come in]

and I think you're right Suzanne
that we want to be
sensitive
about how we approach this
and wouldn't want to be perceived as adjudicating or

any more than we would for
religion or
political affiliation or
dietary preferences

but this is just a document we're passing on
there's no judgment

SUZANNE

well to me Don
what you've just said is a little like
it's like you're saying
We welcome all religions
Now here's your copy of the *New Testament*

DON

that's
a little uh [extreme]

is it?

ELI

huh
no no yeah
I can see that

'cause it's like
is this what you're saying Suzanne?
that even if it's a message that we conceptualize as Value Neutral
we have to try to be cognizant of the way it's going to be received
'cause it's really more about
Individual Parent's Responsibilities / than it is about what we are

CARINA

I'm sorry to [interrupt]
but doesn't it seem like
I mean of course that makes sense

but shouldn't we be
right in this moment
just focused on
you know
Getting The Message Out?

SUZANNE

I think that's right
I think
I'm sorry Eli
but I think she's right

because our responsibility in this room is not actually first
as Individual Parents
it's first
as Custodians of the School

CARINA

no exactly

SUZANNE

and it strikes me that right now
what matters most is
like you said
Getting The Message Out
that we are one community
a community of respect

and just to reiterate the principle of:
I may not agree with your Point of View
but I deeply respect your right to hold that Point of View

ELI

no yeah
that's what I was saying

DON

so maybe it's
in addition [to the letter]
maybe we say something along the lines of
I'm just spitballing here

that we are a school of *choice* and a community of *intention*
and we come from diverse backgrounds and perspectives
but that we are all in this together
and that
that it's our diversity which is the source of our strength

ELI

beautiful

SUZANNE

and then at the bottom we could include links to resources
and say
as you are navigating your way through this moment
here is some of the broad array of viewpoints in our community

I could point people to some very good websites

DON

great great

does that
would that work for you Carina?

CARINA

um I'm not
I'm not
to be honest I'm not sure I'm a hundred percent comfortable with that

SUZANNE

oh?
well that's
that's fine

can you
are you able to articulate what it is that's
making you uncomfortable?

*The tiniest of beats. Carina chooses to not read "articulate"
as a microaggression.*

CARINA

it's just
if we're saying
here's what the health department says
and then
here's something that refutes that

isn't that
isn't that taking a position too

isn't our position then
don't listen to the health department?

SUZANNE

oh I don't think so

DON

okay so
what I'm hearing is that / there's a need to balance

ELI

oh oh oh!
sorry to [interrupt]

I'm just thinking
this is such a multifaceted [issue]
I don't know if the four of us can fully encapsulate [the scope]
and we're always talking about looking for opportunities to
to showcase
to put our Values Into Action
so maybe this is a great moment for a
Community Activated Conversation

DON

hmmm

CARINA

what's that?

ELI

it's a
it's a bit like a Town Hall Meeting
but more participatory

DON

it's a new initiative

SUZANNE

last year we had an eighth grade production of Peter Pan
which
I don't know what they were thinking

so as you can imagine
there were some
Very Strong Feelings

ELI

and aside from the extremely problematic portrayal of Native Peoples
there's actually a whole host of Colonialist Issues in terms of the content
that I for one had been completely blind to so

DON

and the C.A.C. was really
it was a very thoughtful discussion
and there were some great breakout sessions
and we ended up
we came to
what I thought was a very [good agreement]
we set the production in Outer Space
and that really solved the [problem]

ELI

so then all the kids got to fly

DON

I think everybody ended up feeling really good about that

and ever since we've been
we've been looking for another moment to

SUZANNE

it's a wonderful idea Eli

ELI

thank you

DON

it could be a pretty amazing opportunity I think
to demonstrate for the students
to see how we can come together as a community
and exchange ideas around a difficult issue

Warn end of
Scene

SUZANNE

and if we did that
I would be willing to
would this work for you Carina?

we allow the letter to go out As Is
and
we let everyone know that before they rush into anything that
as soon as possible
ideally tomorrow
we'll be having a Community Activated Conversation
so that we can really
delve into [the nuances]

CARINA

yeah no that's
great
that sounds great

ELI

perfect

DON

you know it's like Sylvia Culman
she was the first board president before Suzanne
she used to always say
if consensus was easy, everyone would do it

SUZANNE

it's so true

A tiny moment, in which they bask in their consensus.

Meiko bursts in.

MEIKO

sorry sorry sorry

ucchh

I completely could not get out of the house

I thought Olivia was all better but
her fever came back
and now her face is all swollen
I think maybe she's allergic to gluten?

sorry sorry please continue
what'd I miss? 1 2 3 4 [2] 2 3 4

Lx 30 & S 56.3

Lights.

SL & SR QLight
ON

w/ Clear from
Deck Ops

Scene 3 (4 Days Later – Evening)

SL QLight OFF

It's evening, but blinds have been pulled down over the windows to block the light from creating glare for the camera.

Viz. Eli Onstage

Lx 32

Don is seated at a desk with a laptop open in front of him.

Viz. Don Closes Shades

SHADES Down

Behind him sitting on desks are Carina, Meiko, and Suzanne.

Viz. Eli and Don
@ Computer

The group behind Don is positioned so they are in view of the laptop camera, but too far away to be able to read what's on the screen.

PJX 0 & S 57.1
& Lx 34

*Eli is kneeling next to the laptop, futzing with it.
Projected we see the EUREKA DAY Livestream Page.*

Viz. Don Solo @ Computer

PJX 0A & S 57.2

Viz. Suzanne Goes to get
stool (edge)

PJX 0B & S 57.3

DON

(Leaning forward into the mic.)
thanks so much for your patience everyone
we're gonna be ready to go in just a minute

Viz. Suzanne Offstage

SR QLight OFF

ELI

they can see you but they can't hear you.

DON

ah

ELI

yet

DON

got it

Viz. Ria Sitting

Lx 40 & S 57.4

ELI

(To the camera.)
sorry about the feed dropping everyone
we have Achieved Liftoff

Eli goes and sits with the group behind Don.

DON

all right

so

why don't we go ahead and get started?

The livestream conversation proceeds here. Footnotes indicate when the comment appears. The italicized comments are ones the audience sees as they appear, but Don DOES NOT, because his attention is elsewhere.

Just first of all

I want to say how much I appreciate all of you taking the time to be here

um

virtually [1: Karen Sapp. We can hear you now Don.]

Pjx 1 & S 58.6

Don reacts to the notification sound, reads the screen.

thank you Karen

He turns his attention back to the camera.

now

I know for many of you [2: Leslie Kaufman. [Thumbs-up emoji]]

Pjx 2 S 58.8

Don looks at the screen again, sees it's just a "like," and decides to push forward and ignore the comments for the moment.

and for myself

it's been a Very Chaotic

and very frightening

couple of days

ELI

actually Don

it's better for the video if you just sit back in your chair naturally
the sound quality's fine I'm pretty sure
Don sits back.

DON

Right {3: Bryan Serulnak. Any update on when school's reopening?}

Pjx 3 & S 59.2

I wish we could be together here
physically
but we were informed by the health department that was Not Advisable
so {4: Guita Lakani. I think that's what they're about to tell us.}

Pjx 4 & S 59.4

just to do a little framing {5: Mikeala Morse-Turner. Is Hallie not on the board anymore?}
the way we're thinking about this is

Pjx 5 & S 59.5

a series of concentric circles
those of us here in this room are a tiny circle {6: Delia Perez. They moved to Vancouver.}

Pjx 6 & S 59.6

and we're going to be having a conversation
about what's happening in our community {7: Leslie Kaufman. [Sad-face emoji]}

Pjx 7 & S 59.7

and we'll try to answer your questions
and those of you watching and commenting on the livestream {8: Myla Townes. I'm pretty sure it was Montreal.}

Pjx 8 & S 59.8

you're a larger circle that envelops
and informs us

S 59.9

Also during this:

Eli gets a text. Reads it, replies quickly.

Meiko sees him do this. Gives him a quizzical look.

*He looks up. Sees her look. Gives her a smile/shrug and puts
his phone away.*

They both turn to the camera.

and then there's the even larger circle of the people in our community Pjx 9 & S 60.1

{9: Delia Perez. Actually we visited them in Vancouver over the summer. So I think I'd know!}

who are not able to participate right now in this conversation

and so it's Pjx 10 & S 60.2

{10: Delia Perez. They're really happy there!}

all of our responsibility to to

Hold Stake for them

and bring their concerns and ideas into these circles as much as we can Pjx 11 & S 60.3

{11: Leslie Kaufman. [Thumbs-up emoji]}

and also I want to say

as you're probably aware

there are a lot of eyes on us right now Pjx 12 & S 60.4

{12: Taylor Aberra-Harris. Is this a recording or is this

live?}

I know some of you have been contacted by the media

and people are wondering

how a community like ours is going to respond to this kind of uh Pjx 13 & S 60.6

{13: Tyler Coppins. It's live. Hence the term, "LIVESTREAM!"}

adversity

so

I'd like to ask everyone to just be very

conscious

of our speech and to be aware Pjx 14 & S 60.7

{14: Arnold Filmore. In fairness, you CAN watch recordings of

old ones}

that while this is a conversation for our community

we

each of us Pjx 15 & S 60.8

{15: Marla Nonner. All four of us are watching!!!}

as individuals

are also representatives of that community Pjx 16 & S 60.9

{16: Tonya Wallace. Samara and Tom aren't able

to watch but they wanted me to say they wish they could.}

so let's do our best to make sure we all keep our conversation

truthful

and helpful {17: Svetlana Givental. I can see the video but still can't hear. Can anyone else hear?}
and supportive

Pjx 17 & S 61.1

is there anything you wanted to add Suzanne?

SUZANNE

oh
thanks Don
I'll just say
as you know

this community means so much to me x

Pjx 18 & S 61.4

{18: Orson Mankel. Svetlana, you might have it muted. Click the little speaker icon on bottom right.}

and has been a part of my life for so long
and I know

I know there's a lot of anxiety right now {19: Svetlana Givental. Thank you Orson!}

Pjx 19 & S 61.5

and I'm just
I'm trying to

I'm keeping my heart open to all of you

and I know that you'll all do the same {20: Dara Konrad. Oh Suzanne!}

Pjx 20 & S 61.6

DON

also
joining us virtually we have uh
on the livestream is Sarah Howell
who's the parent of a fourth grader and is a pediatrician x

Pjx 21 & S 61.8

{21: Leslie Kaufman. [Thumbs-up emoji]}

and is making herself available to answer any immediate um [medical questions]

are you there Sarah?

Viz. Eli in center of group

Don looks at the comments. Everyone else leans in to see.

A beat, then: x

Pjx 22 & S 62.1

{22: Sarah Howell. Hi Everybody :}}

okay! (beat) x

S 62.2

Don turns his gaze back to the camera.

As does everyone else except Eli, who receives another text and gets involved in a text exchange, while still trying to give half his attention to the group conversation.

so

what we know right now is

we are aware of fifteen students who have contracted mumps

but it might be

it's still early {23: Pila Baum. WHOA}

Pjx 23 & S 62.4

we're expecting ultimately the number may be much higher x

Pjx 24 & S 62.5

{24: Sandy Washington. Some of those might be false positives.}

and I wonder Sarah would you

can you let everybody know the uh

the symptoms to look for?

Don reads the messages. He reads 23 and 24, but has no context and before he can read further back message 25 appears and he reads forward from there.

MEIKO

I can also jump in here and say

Don I know you can't say anything but I'm allowed to x

Pjx 25 & S 62.7

{25: Sarah Howell. symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite, pain while chewing or swallowing, and swollen salivary glands.}

I mean I can out myself, right?

so our family

Olivia had it, has it {26: Sarah Howell. If you think your child has any of these symptoms please contact your doctor IMMEDIATELY.}

Pjx 26 & S 62.8

and I can say / for us there was

SUZANNE

oh Meiko

we're trying not to use the term "outed"

Pjx 27 & S 63.1

{27: Deborah Roth. Is it okay to take Tylenol for fever?}

MEIKO

(To Suzanne.)

hmmm?

SUZANNE

it's just a bit loaded

that term has a sort of historical association with shame

Pjx 28 & S 63.3

{28: Sarah Howell. Tylenol or Ibuprofen is fine. Just not aspirin.}

maybe a more neutral [term]?

Mini-beat. Meiko masks her annoyance.

MEIKO

sure

anyway um

Pjx 29 & S 63.6

{29: Darla Campese. I'd also suggest ginger or turmeric? I find they work better than Tylenol a lot of the time and NO chemicals.}

what was I [saying]?

oh so

Olivia had a fever

that kind of came and went annnnd

their face got very swollen like uh

Pjx 30 & S 63.7

{30: Sarah Howell. No harm in giving ginger, but we're looking for the fever-reducing attributes of Tylenol. Can't get that from an herbal remedy.}

like when you get your wisdom teeth [out]?

but they've really

Olivia's been

just been a trooper

you know {31: Darla Campese. Actually that's not true. Apple Cider Vinegar, Garlic, Raisin are

Pjx 31 & S 63.9

good for reducing fever. This has been widely studied.}

I knew this was a risk when I chose not to immunize
I went into this with eyes wide open and
I'll say it's definitely an inconvenience [\[B2: Terry Nguyen. We've also been Gluten and Processed Sugar-free since our little guy got sick and it made a big difference in the swelling.\]](#)
but the truth is
I'm really enjoying this time we're getting to spend together

Pjx 32 & S 64.1

so I think that might be one way to look at it [\[B3: Darla Campese. Great suggestion Terry! Also natural nut butters \(almond, pistachio\) may help with the aches.\]](#)
you know?
as sort of a gift
a swollen gift to be sure

Pjx 33 & S 64.3

ELI

(Putting his phone away and rejoining the conversation he hasn't fully followed.)

what do you get for the girl who has everything? [\[B4: Leslie Kaufman. \[Thumbs-up emoji\]\]](#)

Pjx 34 & S 64.6

MEIKO

...riiiight

DON

(Off the comments.)

oh-kaaay

so it seems like there's a
good
conversation underway online
but I am also going to try to keep us moving so

I understand there's been some
miscommunication around [when school is reopening]
so

to be clear
school is closed through Wednesday

and
at that time

only students who
have received the MMR vaccine or
who have already had mumps um
and faculty too

will be able to return
until the quarantine is lifted 35: *Erin Catlett-Harris. I made a giant batch of soup and can* Pjx 35 & S 65.3
bring some to anyone who's sick.

so
one thing that is going to happen we've uh
we're definitely going to have to postpone
this year's seventh grade a capella concert
because
with about a hundred students impacted by the quarantine
there's just no way to rehearse

now the health department is recommending
that you get the mumps vaccine 36: *Christian Burns. Wait. HALF the school is antivaxxers?* Pjx 36 & S 65.5
Seriously?????
if you haven't already

but just to be clear
you needed to have had it prior to September 14th
to be included in the category of people who are [fine] 37: *Sandra Blaise. "Anti-vaxxer" is* Pjx 37 & S 65.7
not really a term I'm comfortable with. It's actually something said out of IGNORANCE.

to not be affected by the um
quarantine

*Don reads comments 36 and 37 and starts to lose his train
of thought.*

so
uhhhhh

SUZANNE

I think it's worth amplifying that point Don? [\[38: Christian Burns. Oh well then Sandra, enlighten away!\]](#)

Pjx 38 & S 66.1

DON

(Momentarily looking up from the comments.)

um yes

which point?

SUZANNE

even if they do get the vaccine now

they still wouldn't

they'd still be forced to stay home [\[39: Sandra Blaise. It's easy to call someone crazy if you've never walked a mile in their shoes.\]](#)

Pjx 39 & S 66.3

so there's no

there's no tangible benefit to getting it at this point

CARINA

well there is a

I mean isn't the benefit of getting it

that then you would have the immunity? [\[40: Sandra Blaise. I wake up every single](#)

morning wishing I could go back to being that carefree dairy and sugar-eating person I was 15 years ago.]

Pjx 40 & S 66.6

SUZANNE

or you can also just get a natural immunity

ELI

but for that wouldn't you have to like [\[41: Sandra Blaise. But I can't\]](#)

have the disease

Pjx 41 & S 66.8

SUZANNE

of course there's a trade-off

that's why it's so important

every family get to make the decision that's right for them X

Pjx 42 & S 67.1

{42: Karen Sapp. Exactly Sandra! Protect your children by EDUCATING YOURSELVES.}
right Meiko?

MEIKO

uh yeah no

I mean no one's saying vaccines don't work

ELI

oh okay yeah X

Pjx 43 & S 67.3

{43: Tyler Coppins. OR, Protect your children by VACCINATING THEM.}

MEIKO

like

for what it's worth

if you're saying

have vaccines reduced diseases in the world? X

Pjx 44 & S 67.6

{44: Terry Nguyen. Gotta trust your parental instincts. If it feels wrong, it IS wrong.}

Absolutely

do they largely work at what they're supposed to do?

Absolutely

like, they definitely work X

Pjx 45 & S 67.7

{45: Sandra Blaise. And we wonder about the rise in autism, learning differences, allergies
etc.}

are they the only answer?

are they the best answer?

for me

that I'm not so sure about X

Pjx 46 & S 67.9

{46: Tyler Coppins. Thanks for the perspective, Patient Zero!}

ELI

you just mean like

it's one thing if you're looking at this from a Public Health Perspective

talking about what's best for Whole Populations

as opposed to maybe

the choices people are making as Individuals

Pjx 47 & S 68.1

{47: Franny Richards. Not true. She wasn't the first. Get your facts straight!!!}

MEIKO

no exactly

CARINA

I'm sorry but

isn't that

isn't that the same thing?

Pjx 48 & S 68.3

{48: Bryan Serulnek. Is it fair to have school open if half the kids can't be there? We ALL pay tuition.}

like

isn't the population just made up of a bunch of individuals?

ELI

I think she just means more

it's one thing when it's the 1950s and there's a polio epidemic

Pjx 49 & S 68.6

{49: Lena Birnbaum-Gerstein. Wouldn't staying open for only ONE category of kids be a form of discrimination?}

in that case

SUZANNE

well there's actually a lot of debate

about why we don't see much polio anymore

you know they have evidence

it had been around since the ancient Egyptians

Pjx 50 & S 68.8

{50: Alandra Garcia-Hunt. Yes. Far more equitable to just keep it closed for everyone right now.}

ELI

really?

SUZANNE

oh yeah

they could tell from the
I think the sarcophaguses? x

Pjx 51 & S 69.1

{51: Terry Nguyen. And then we could add on some Saturdays when we come back?}

MEIKO

(To Carina.)

also I think it's just about being humble
you know? x

Pjx 52 & S 69.3

{52: Sandra Blaise. Or longer school hours?}

SUZANNE

so

as to why it had a big spike and then went away

it's not so cut and dry {53: Lena Birnbaum-Gerstein. Maybe skip spring break?}

Pjx 53 & S 69.5

MEIKO

like in the '50s they recommended giving formula instead of breastmilk

because it's easier to digest

which it is x

Pjx 54 & S 69.6

{54: Courtney Riley. Wait what???? Why should we be forced to keep our kids home because you CHOOSE to endanger yours?}

SUZANNE

(To Eli.)

hygiene plays a big factor probably

DON

(Off of comment 54.)

okay okay let's just [slow down]

MEIKO

(Continuing.)

but now we know how important breastmilk is

for building the biota of the gut

and like

how important gut bacteria is if you want to grow up to be like a
Healthy Vibrant Person

Pjx 55 & S 70.1

{55: Darla Campese. Actually Courtney, we're CHOOSING to keep our kids safe}

DON

(To the livestream audience.)

can we hold for just one second and

Pjx 56 & S 70.3

{56: Deborah Roth. Maybe we could use some tuition money for a day camp these weeks?}

I'm just gonna try to get us all back on the same page here

so um

let me just let me just respond

Pjx 57 & S 70.5

{57: Erin Catlett-Harris. Great idea! And also use some for in-home tutoring?}

if we can all

(To the group.)

sorry sorry

Pjx 58 & S 70.6

{58: Darrel Creighton-Bolano. I'd be happy to lead morning yoga sessions.}

(Back to the camera.)

okay okay um

Pjx 59 & S 70.7

{59: Christian Burns. Wait. Why would WE pay for YOUR private tutoring?}

just just just

Pjx 60 & S 70.8

{60: Erin Catlett-Harris. It's in EVERYONE's interest that we don't have half the school
falling behind.}

(To the group, and the camera.)

okay

so

I would like to respond directly to

it seems like a few people have brought up the idea

of keeping the school closed entirely

until the end of the quarantine

and just to be clear {61: Reid Nuzzi. WHAT????}

Pjx 61 & S 70.9

that's not really something we're

that the executive committee is not discussing that right now x

Pjx 62 & S 71.1

{62: Franny Richards. DON! How can you make such a HUGE UNILATERAL decision without our input????}

ELI

no yeah no

SUZANNE

but we could

DON

hmmm? *{63: Alandra Garcia-Hunt. That is NOT how we operate!!!!}*

Pjx 63 & S 71.4

SUZANNE

I'm not saying we should do that

But *{64: Tyler Coppins. CANNOT BELIEVE we are even having this conversation!}*

Pjx 64 & S 71.5

isn't that what the C.A.C. is for

to be an open forum for people to Bring Forward ideas x

Pjx 65 & S 71.6

{65: Kate Pacyniak. Typical behavior from the Executive Committee of FASCISM.}

DON

um

I suppose

CARINA

wait I'm sorry

why would we keep the school *{66: Leslie Kaufman. [Thumbs-up emoji]}*

Pjx 66 & S 71.8

closed if we don't have to

SUZANNE

well there are a lot of things that we don't have to do x

Pjx 67 & S 71.9

{67: Doug Wong. Okay here's another idea: what if we made the quarantine days OPTIONAL.}

that we choose to do as a community / because of our [values]

CARINA

not everyone can afford
three weeks of childcare
or taking off work

SUZANNE

it'd be a burden no question
I'm not suggesting we do it
I just think we want to
have the whole picture

ELI

okay so

Don if we did keep it closed x

Pjx 68 & S 72.1

{68: Orson Mankel. Doug, that's idiotic. If the
"problem" is that we won't have enough kids in
class, why make the problem worse???

would we end up needing to
add days onto the end of the year?

DON

well it would depend on how long
obviously

but I would imagine so x

Pjx 69 & S 72.3

{69: Rivka Rasmussen. Orson Mankel, please
do not call another member of our community
an "idiot." We're all just trying to figure this
out.}

*Suzanne gives her attention back to the screen, effectively
ending the conversation with Carina.*

CARINA

(Responding to Don.)

but also

just from a fiduciary [standpoint]

utilities, mortgage, salaries

these are sunk costs, right? x

Pjx 70 & S 72.6
& Lx 42

{70: Orson Mankel. I said the IDEA was idiotic, not him.}

ELI

unless it's like a

a furlough situation? {71: Orson Mankel. Which it is.}

Pjx 71 & S 72.7

CARINA

would that even be legal?

ELI

legal, not legal

that's what lawyers are for

SUZANNE

well couldn't it just be like

like closing for the Jewish Holidays

Pjx 72 & S 73.2

{72: Orson Mankel. But I APOLOGIZE if you misinterpreted.}

MEIKO

oh

that's an interesting way of [thinking about it]

S 73.4

During the following, Eli receives a text, sends a text, receives a text. Texts back and forth anxiously.

SUZANNE

because I recall

when we made that decision

Pjx 73 & S 73.5

{73: Melanie Alexander. Great analogy Suzanne!! It WOULD be just like closing for the Jewish Holidays.}

the thinking behind it was

we didn't want to single out those who would be missing

Pjx 74 & S 73.6

{74: Leslie Kaufman. [Thumbs-up emoji]}

to make them feel alienated for their religious practice

so closing school on those days was

Pjx 75 & S 73.7

{75: Francis Alvarez. Um, sorry. Religion ≠ vaccine denial}

is

a sign of respect

During the following, Meiko notices Eli's texting. Gets his attention. Mouths "Is everything okay?" He nods and waves her off.

CARINA

I'm sorry

just to

Pjx 76 & S 73.9

{76: Josephine Lawrence. Actually Francis, sometimes vaccine refusal does = religion.}

um

isn't it one thing to do it for just one or two days
but a whole other / thing x *{77: Josephine Lawrence. Who are you to question my religious beliefs???* to

Pjx 77 & S 74.1

SUZANNE

it's a difference of scale maybe

ELI

(Rejoining the conversation, which he'd been half-following.)

but I wonder

isn't it also a matter of

of planning? x *{78: Francis Alvarez. Ignorance is your religion, Josephine?}*

Pjx 78 & S 74.3

of uh

intentionality?

SUZANNE

I'm not sure what you mean x

{79: Sandra Blaise. Doesn't it all come down to faith?}

Pjx 79 & S 74.5

ELI

it's about it's about

it's volitional

stated up front at the beginning of the year x

{80: Sandra Blaise. Do you have faith that our bodies were built to handle these kind of pathogens?}

Pjx 80 & S 74.7

so when you you you choose to enroll

MEIKO

you're saying x *{81: Sandra Blaise. Or faith in Big Pharma?}*

in the same way you agree

as part of this community

that you're not going to pack nuts of any kind in your child's [lunch] x

{82: Darrel Creighton-Bolano. As a chiropractor, I've seen all sorts of terrible things from Main-stream Medicine.}

Pjx 82 & S 74.9

ELI

exactly

I mean Tobias loves peanut butter and jelly sandwiches x

Pjx 83 & S 75.1

{83: Myla Townes. Sorry, chiropractors are not doctors.}

but

DON

(Catching up on comments 82 and 83, then addressing the camera.)

you know I think we might be getting / a little offtrack

SUZANNE

I hear that Eli x

Pjx 84 & S 75.3

{84 : Darla Campese. Actually chiropractors have way more hours of schooling in anatomy than Western Doctors.}

and maybe going forward that's something we're going to want to

[address]

But

I do think there is a whole set of implicit agreements that are made x

Pjx 85 & S 75.5

{85: Myla Townes. My dog has way more hours in sniffing shit than Western Doctors, that doesn't make him a Proctologist.}

when you choose to be part of this community

we couldn't possibly spell out every single assumption

ELI

yeah no for sure / but

DON

(Reads comment 85, then to the in-person group.)

can we just pause this conversation for one second and x

Pjx 86 & S 75.8

{86 : Orson Mankel. You want to play Russian roulette with your kids, go for it. But when you bring Little Miss Typhoid Mary to school, you put all our children at risk.}

(Turns back to the screen.)

and

(Reading comment 86, then talking to the camera.)

uh uh okay

ooo

let's all just

can I ask everyone who's participating here to just

Pjx 87 & S 76.1

{87: Delia Perez. You're a disgusting human, Orson Mankel}

(Reads comment 87.)

let's just take our fingers off the keyboards for a second and

Pjx 88 & S 76.3

{88: Myla Townes. What's truly disgusting is endangering others people's children over your pseudo-scientific bullshit.}

okay

let me just say

we truly appreciate you taking part in this

experiment

Pjx 89 & S 76.5

{89: Carlos Banyon. Let's all take it down a notch guys.}

because that's what it is

this virtual C.A.C.

and I think

and I am absolutely not trying to censor anyone

Pjx 90 & S 76.6

{90: Josephine Lawrence. Not a guy, sorry.}

but I think for this to work

we need to

we need to imagine that everyone is here in the room together

Pjx 91 & S 76.7

{91: Tonya Wallace. Maybe let's all try just closing our eyes and listening?}

so we can all be part of one conversation

okay? {92: Leslie Kaufman. [Thumbs-up emoji]}

Pjx 92 & S 76.8

Okay.

Don, in school-teacher mode, waits to confirm the comments have stopped, the way he would when he's waiting for the class to stop talking.

Once he's satisfied they've stopped:

uhhh Suzanne what were you saying?

SUZANNE

I um

I was talking about what are we choosing
when we choose to be part of this community
what are those values?
and how do we make choices / that align with those [values]

ELI

so but
okay

so isn't part of Making Positive Change in the World
isn't embedded there the idea
that you as an Individual have agency in society
that you have the ability to make choices
and your choices have an impact on those around you
so isn't that
isn't the second part of that
that Choices Have Consequences

and part of making a choice is embracing those consequences?

Pjx 93 & S 77.5

{93: Dara Konrad. Heidegger has a great treatise on this concept. Link: www.nccu.edu/1079/heid_sch.pdf}

DON

would you expand on that?

ELI

sure

I mean

Rebecca and I chose to vaccinate
of course we did the Delayed Schedule

Pjx 94 & S 77.8

{94: Dara Konrad. It's a pretty easy read, as far as Heidegger goes.}

but you know
we made that choice

so now
and as a result
Tobias is now not at risk so

which could be another way to think about it
Risk-Reward

Pjx 95 & S 78.1

{95: Sandy Washington. *The Delayed Schedule makes so much sense. Not anti-vaccine, just maybe we give TOO MANY at once.*}

we took that risk and now this is the reward
we get to

to have Tobias keep going to school

Pjx 96 & S 78.3

{96: Sarah Howell. *Medically there's NO benefit in delaying vaccines or spreading them out.*}

SUZANNE

oh my god Eli

is that

do we really want to be thinking of our children as a

like your stock portfolio?

Pjx 97 & S 78.5

{97: Jamila Hayes. *NOT TRUE! Babies immune systems are too fragile to handle 14 viruses.*}

CARINA

well maybe it's simpler to just

just at a basic level

why should the students

Pjx 98 & S 78.7

{98: Arnold Filmore. *The "mainstream" medical literature is ALL funded by Big Pharma.*}

the ones who are immunized

ELI

right

why should they be penalized?

isn't that a sort of Collective Punishment {99: Leslie Kaufman. *[Thumbs-up emoji]*}

Pjx 99 & S 78.8

MEIKO

uh but

punishment implies you did something wrong

Pjx 100 & S 78.9

{100: Darla Campese. *There's a community in China where the entire population was forcibly vaccinated and they still had a massive outbreak of Rubella.*}

DON

right

we would certainly not want to feel like we were
engaging in a form of
punishing the child for the sins of the parent

SUZANNE

can we

Pjx 101 & S 79.3

{101: Erin Catlett-Harris. We went to Beijing last summer and could hardly breathe!}
can we not?

frame this in terms of sin and punishment
that makes me very uncomfortable

MEIKO

me too actually

Pjx 102 & S 79.5

{102: Sandra Blaise. There's SO MUCH corruption in Chinese Pharma!!!!}

DON

you're right

I apologize

that was inappropriate

Pjx 103 & S 79.6

{103: Arnold Filmore. Just answer honestly: Would you rather have measles or autism?}

SUZANNE

because an equally valid frame could be

this is an Unjust System

if the school stays open for only some of the students

Pjx 104 & S 79.7

{104: Orson Mankel. Just answer honestly: Were you dropped on your head as a child?}

ELI

I think that's a little over the top

SUZANNE

really?

Pjx 105 & S 79.9

{105: Christian Burns. TRUE FACTS: Moonlanding wasn't faked. 9/11 wasn't an inside job. Global Warming is real. Vaccines Don't Cause Autism.}

ELI

yeah

SUZANNE

well Eli

tell me this

do you want to bring Tobias over for a playdate at my house tomorrow?

ELI

what?

SUZANNE

do you want to bring Tobias

over for a playdate at my house tomorrow?

if you have total confidence

Pjx 106 & S 80.5

{106: Karen Stacin. Mock all you want, but I saw so many bad things as a nurse.}

ELI

um

sure

he's been immunized

SUZANNE

really?

Pjx 107 & S 80.7

{107: Karen Stacin. That's why I decided I would NEVER subject my children to Western Medicine of any kind.}

ELI

yes

SUZANNE

well

you know who else was "immunized"?

the first student to be diagnosed with mumps

Lx 44

DON

SUZANNE!

SUZANNE

Suzanne

Pjx 108 & S 80.9

{108: Reid Nuzzi. Did you just say you'd NEVER TAKEN YOUR CHILD TO A DOCTOR????????}

I'm not going to say

the child's name Don
but people need to
know
(To the camera.)
these vaccines don't
always work

*Don addresses the
camera.*

I cannot comment on
WE should not be
commenting on an
individual [student] x

Pjx 109 & S 81.2

{109: Karen Stacin. *The best thing I can do for them is
leave their bodies PURE.*}

ELI

is that true?

but I can say

I think I can say x

Pjx 110 & S 81.4

{110: Tonya Qun. *That's child abuse!!!*}

SUZANNE

maybe someone can
post a link to this online
(Eli checks his phone)
Merck is currently
being sued for
falsifying data

my understanding is x

Pjx 111 & S 81.5

{111: Leslie Kaufman. *[Thumbs-up emoji]*}.}

there has been a case *stands up*

S 81.6

of a student who
was vaccinated x

Pjx 112 & S 81.7

{112: Karen Stacin. *When they
are adults they can make their
own choices about their bodies.*}

ELI

contracting [mumps]
but I think what's
really

sorry excuse me just
one sec

what's going to serve
us best here is x

*He walks away from
the group so he's not* Pjx 113 & S 81.8

{113: Carlos Banyon. *I'm sorry.
As a therapist, I have an ethical
obligation to report any
at-risk children.*}

and that's why you're
seeing
around the country
you're seeing most
people who are

getting mumps *have*
been vaccinated

Don Starts Catching Up

Makes A Call

CARINA

Really? Where'd you
hear that?

ELI

hi yah
I think you should go

which is why
which is why x

yah no

Pjx 114 & S 82.1

{114: Carlos Banyon.
I'm now have to call}

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES}

SUZANNE

I can send you some Articles

Don reads the comments and loses his bearings for a moment.

no no just go right now

MEIKO

(To Carina.)

{115: Paula Moody. THAT was not called for. Don't be such a fucking asshole.}

Okay okay

Pjx 115 & S 82.3

Im leaving right this second

plus there is this board that gets to decide which vaccines are mandatory and many of

{116: Josephine Lawrence. Breaking News: Human Beings survived MILLIONS of years before Western Medicine.}

Pjx 116 & S 82.4

people on the board also hold patents

He attempts to *regain control*:

okay fine no I'll just meet there okay

SUZANNE

Exactly! The conflict

I think we may have {117: Myla Townes. And half of all women died in childbirth!}

He hangs up. Walks back.

Pjx 117 & S 82.6

of interest is ridiculous and it's not like it would be the first time Merck had been

and this is of course my fault

MEIKO

overstepped {118: Darla Campese. Wake up!!! The answer is not to get another dose of a failed vaccine.} some initial Ground Rules

is everything okay?

Pjx 118 & S 82.7

Caught red-handed

so {119: Christian Burns. Remember that time I got crippled from polio? Oh, no wait. I didn't. Cause I got FUCKING VACCINATED.}

ELI

Ummm yah no

Pjx 119 & S 82.8

lying to the public.

do you remember
Vioxx?

Don reads comment 119

I don't know

CARINA
um...vaguely?

okay okay
I have said this once
and I am going to say
again

MEIKO
what is it?
Can I Can [do
anything]

SUZANNE
it was a painkiller
but they hid that

and I am going to
say it [x]

ELI
I said ITS FINE!

Pjx 120 & S 84.3

{120: *Lena Birnbaum-Gerstein.*
Your complacency in the destruction
of children's lives is disgusting.}

it caused heart attacks
and strokes

More Emphatically
if we can't [x]

(To the group and
the camera)

Pjx 121 & S 84.5

{121: *Tyler Coppins. What do*
stupid people and dead people
have in common? The dead
people don't know they're dead either!}

CARINA
okay yeah no that
sounds familiar

Don reads comment 121

sorry everybody I
have to run I'll um
[get caught up later]

SUZANNE
they paid out a fine

Please THINK that
the things you say are
going to be taken as [x]

Pjx 122 & S 84.7

{122: *Frances Alvarez. Maybe*
IGNORANCE is a communicable disease}

of five billion dollars

examples of
how our community behaves and [x] sorry

Pjx 123 & S 84.8

{123: *Pila Baum. Sorry but refusing to acknowledge vaccine*
injury is like the GERMANS circa 1944 claiming that they had
no knowledge of the concentration camps.}

CARINA
Wow

Eli Exits

NOTE: Don reads and reacts to all comments going forwards

SUZANNE
and it's not like they're
the only ones
google it

if this is not going to

big pharma is paying
out hundreds of

millions of dollars in
fines almost every
single year so the
idea we should just
“take their word for it”

CARINA

well no sure
but I think vaccines

are pretty well tested

by the time they get
to market

SUZANNE

well that’s the way it’s
supposed
to work
but oh! and actually
really a there’s
excellent new docu-
mentary that’s
just been released
they got a whistle-
blower from inside
a chemist I believe
they got him to go
on camera and

be a *productive*
conversation

{124: Tyler Coppins. Ding ding
ding! We have a winner! First Nazi reference.}

I am going to ask you
all once again to just
to just STOP TYPING

And take a deep
breath

{125: Lena Birnbaum-Gerstein.
Have fun on your Pied Piper Death
Marches. My kids are not joining the parade.}

and close your

And to to

{126: Lena Birnbaum-Gerstein.
How may of you geniuses are aware
that vaccines contain cells from human fetuses}

Picture a Garden

a garden lined with Old Broken Stones

{127: Orson Mankel. If my newborn gets
mumps, I’m gonna sue you all into your graves.}

PICTURE A GARDEN

Pjx 124 & S 85.1

*Don’s STOP TYPING
grabs Meiko’s
attention and she
reads the comments*

Pjx 125 & S 85.4

Pjx 126 & S 84.5

MEIKO
oh my god

Pjx 127 & S 85.6

everything
there's gonna be a
be a screening next
month at the at the
Grand Lake Theater
we should go together

Warn end of
Scene

Don raising his voice on "STOP TYPING" stops Suzanne and Carina in their conversation, wherever they are—it's fine if they're not to the end.

Suzanne, Carina, and Meiko all move closer to the screen to be able to read the comments and see what Don's reacting to.

They are in shock both by where this discourse has gone and by how freaked out Don is—no one's ever seen him lose his cool equilibrium before.

DON

and inside that Garden is a Labyrinth

Pjx 128 & S 86.3

{128: Arnold Filmore. Orson, Are you threatening me?}

Don reads the comments, paralyzed.

Pjx 129 & S 86.4

{129: Guita Lakahni. We're all threatened by your LUNATIC ANTI-SCIENCE DEATH CULT}

this is

Pjx 130 & S 86.5

{130: Josephine Lawrence. Do what you want, just keep your POISON off my kids.}

this is [not acceptable]

Pjx 131 & S 86.6

{131: Christian Burns. The only POISON is what's coming out of your TRASH MOUTH}

Don becomes more and more flustered.

Okay

Pjx 132 & S 86.7

{132: Darrel Creighton-Bolano. Big Pharma is the REAL death cult}

Okay

that is really

Pjx 133 & S 86.8

{133: Darrel Creighton-Bolano. When the revolution comes they'll be first against the wall}

that is really not how we

Pjx 134 & S 86.9

{134: Francis Alvarez. You're a bunch of fucking lunatics}

Maybe he's hyperventilating a little.

This

Pjx 135 & S 87.1

{135: Orson Mankel. I can't believe my kid goes to school with people whose parents are THIS DUCKING STUPID.}

is NOT the kind of language

we use in this community

Pjx 136 & S 87.2

{136: Orson Mankel. *Fucking}

This is NOT how we treat each other

Pjx 137 & S 87.3

{137: Lena Birnbaum-Gerstein. It's no wonder no one wants to play with your kids Orson. Apple=Tree.}

Alright then

Pjx 138 & S 87.5

{138: Myla Townes. Let's just expose all the anti-vaxxers to these "mild" diseases. We'd solve overpopulation!}

I am

I am

Pjx 139 & S 87.6

{139: Arnold Filmore. "Solve overpopulation"? Wow.}

(Pulling out the Big Guns.)

I am going to

I am going to

Count

To

Three

Pjx 140 & S 87.7

{140: Arnold Filmore. You just WISHED DEATH on your fellow human beings.}

Uno!

Pjx 141 & S 87.8

{141: Myla Townes. Natural Selection.}

Dos!

Pjx 142 & S 87.9

{142: Myla Townes. Or don't you believe in that either?}

TRES! x

Pjx 143 & S 88.1

{143: Arnold Filmore. You're an ignorant cunt}

Pjx 144 & S 88.2

{144: Leslie Kaufman. [Shock-face emoji]}

Viz. Laptop Close

Don is briefly paralyzed in horror by the comment (long enough for Leslie Kaufman's emoji to land with the audience), then slams the computer shut, cutting off the feed.

Pjx 145

A Moment. They all look at each other. No one's ever seen Don this riled up before. He closes his eyes. Takes a deep breath.

liiiii

am feeling

like this format

is not facilitating us all bringing our best selves to this conversation

Lights.

Lx 46 & S 88.6

TBD ACT BREAK IF NEEDED

Viz. High Pitched
(0:35)

Lx 48 & Shades to
1/2

Shades STOP

TURN ON SL QLight