

ADDENDUM MATERIAL

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From: Pen Drake <[REDACTED]>
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To: District5; District1; District2; District3; District4; COB_mail
Subject: Dr. Cullen's policies: children in a lightning storm outside, under a tree, holding umbrella is safer than not wearing a mask.

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Dear Supervisors,

I will share my story of my son's first year in school as a kindergartener in 2021-2022 at Desert Sky Community School under the advised policies of Dr. Theresa Cullen, in order to remind this board of the extent of the inanity that extreme policies initiated by her. To be clear, I strongly oppose the reinstatement of this person who was rejected by the more diversified representatives of our greater state.

Dr. Theresa Cullen's policies led my son's school administrators to believe that it would be SAFEST for a child to be left outside in a lightning storm, under a tree, holding an umbrella than to be anywhere in the school building without a mask. They felt they had no choice but to endanger children this way in order to comply with this board's mandates. I have this in writing, and Dr. Cullen's policies were cited.

Furthermore, my son was illegally quarantined, multiple times. I never received the legally required affidavit for any time that he was quarantined. I called the board of health under Dr. Cullen to request it, they never heard of this constitutional requirement, and reasoned that if it were real, it does not apply to them. The office refused to supply the legally required affidavit, but all the same threatened that I can be arrested if I violate their illegally demanded quarantine. Even though I had no affidavit which would serve to officially declare this in writing. The school counted my son as absent because they **WOULD NOT GIVE US THE MATERIALS** he needed for remote learning, another legal requirement. My child missed so much school, and I had **NOTHING** to supplement. I liked the school, and I even liked the admin. But the total lack of weather safety knowledge, contrasted with the sudden mandatory medical directives has to be the most bizarre experience of 2022, for my family. Being a charter school, there was no higher supervision, no one to right the wrongs. MWA

I can't entrust my child to someone who would leave them to play in the lightning, and this is what they were told to do by Dr. Cullen! I used to only have concerns about bullies and school shootings... I never thought this would be something I had to stand up for... Were it not so serious it would be laughable. When I informed her how dangerous that is, she didn't believe me. She gaslit me, told me I was wrong, there is nothing unsafe about it, and as a mandated reporter of such things she would know if it were. She told me she is following the Pima County policies. Even though she was actually grossly stretching and embellishing them, Cullen's office defended her.... Do I have to tell you the risks of sitting outside during a lightning storm... holding an umbrella... Do I?

My son was quarantined for 17 days. The school had no authority to arbitrarily assign the time and the board of health did not suggest 17-day quarantines; at the time it was 10 days. Nonetheless, the board of health defended the school's arbitrary 17 day quarantine, even though it never had the authority to do so. Under Cullen's

guidance, due process became a relic of the past and the constitution was stretched well beyond its limitations, with this board's approval.

It is not possible to accurately account for a single life saved by the Despotic COVID response directed by Cullen, certainly not to the extremes that it was taken. It is, however, possible to quantify the ways these extreme policies devastated residents, and we all hear about it every day. None of you are incapable of hindsight. Please do reconsider continuing this trajectory and find us a fresh face. Dr. Cullen has admitted the errors of her ways, but nonetheless stands by them and will only give us more of the same, or worse. Pima County did not fair well compared to similar counties. That's what we got for doubling down on Dr. Cullen's advice. There are many capable and qualified persons to take this position. We will all do well to have new perspective for the next round. Please open this item for discussion on the next agenda.

Sincerely,
-Heidi Miller