

AFFIDAVIT of Shelta Rambur

I, Shelta Rambur, do depose and state:

1. Beginning in October 2020, both my daughters (ER, age 13, and AR, age 15) would come home complaining of headaches at least 3-4 days per week. This has been a consistent occurrence and ongoing situation. These headaches only happen during school days when they are forced to wear face masks. My daughters are well hydrated, receive proper nutrition, exercise regularly, go to bed nightly at 9:30 P.M. and get chiropractic adjustments regularly. My oldest daughter, AR, has started falling asleep in class; something she has never done before. Their faces are constantly breaking out from bacteria.

2. My youngest daughter, ER, suffers from anxiety and takes prescribed medication. She gets bullied at school and is relentlessly harassed by classmates. Day by day, and week by week it is taking more of a toll on her. ER routinely makes comments when I pick her up after school like:

“I didn’t cry today.”

“My anxiety got the best of me today.”

“I get so freaked out because I can’t see people’s faces. I do not know if they are going to pick on me. Everyone in a mask makes me very anxious.”

I have had to pick up both my daughters from school because they needed a mental health day from being overwhelmed due to wearing face coverings. Both are suffering educationally and emotionally. Both girls complain about how much they hate the face coverings.

3. On many occasions, AR has informed me of teachers and staff interactions about face coverings. For example:

- Mr. Doke (Teacher), “How’s the fresh air, student?” (A derogatory question meaning that student is not wearing her face covering properly, but also an admission that face covering deprives students of fresh air that they need to be healthy.)

- Mr. Martini (Teacher), “Get your face coverings on! My wife was very ill because of Covid. You have no idea how serious this is. Covid is real.”

I have had at least 4 other parents tell me about the bullying, shaming, and targeting from staff to their children. My junior high daughter, ER, has witnessed staff singling out certain students for improper face covering wearing, and then give other students a pass for the same infraction. I tried to talk with the Principal of Sheridan Jr. High about not wearing face coverings. She told me that they have had to call the police to remove parents from a basketball game due to the parents refusing to put face coverings on and that SCSD2 does not care if an adult or child has a medical exemption, which is contrary to the health policy ordered by the Governor. Per



SCSD2, everyone must wear a face covering.

4. In the 2020 – 2021 school year, Sheridan Junior High Parents are not allowed to have lunch with their children in the building. The school openly fosters a non-welcoming environment to parents.

5. On March 2nd and April 6th, 2021, approximately 55 Sheridan Jr High Swim and Dive team members rode on one bus to Gillette, WY for a competition. Many of the kids had to sit three to a seat. Social distancing is arbitrarily imposed and only important when it fits the schools totalitarian attitude.

6. SCSD2 School Board Meeting 4/5/21

There was a school board meeting on April 5th, 2021. A table had been set up outside the building with a laptop and speaker streaming the meeting from inside. At 5:50 P.M. the group of Sheridan County residents standing outside were told that they could enter the meeting, 6 people at a time. Some of us informed the board that it is our right to stay for the entire meeting. Scott Stults replied that would not be a problem and others could continue to come in. However, somewhere along the way that changed. During public comment, I repeatedly stated there are people outside that wished to come in and some wished to speak. Chairwoman Wilson kept denying them entry. Mitch Craft stood outside as the gatekeeper, not allowing the public in. Once Chairwoman Wilson closed public comment, the table and the laptop streaming the meeting were taken away. No one outside had access to the public meeting anymore. They certainly were made to feel like they were not welcome into the meeting. I have the names of the 17 denied entry into the public school board meeting. Of those that were allowed to speak, myself and other parents informed the school board of the many rights violations that were being committed.

7. In addition to violating the open meeting and records laws, SCSD2 board, and employees have and continue to interfere with and violate my right as a parent to make medical decisions for my children. They have interfered with me and my daughters right to free speech and the free speech rights of other parents and students. When confronted, they hide behind State and County health policy and mandates. They claim that they base decisions “on data”, but when any dissenting data is presented to them, they do not want to look at it, much less have a discussion regarding the data.

8. While inquiring about my right as a parent to make medical decision for my daughters, I was recently made aware of my rights and my daughters' rights pursuant to Title 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(e)(1)(A)(ii)(I-III). Clearly, the SCSD2 board and employees are in violation of this federal law. While inquiring about my right and my children's rights to not be discriminated

against, I was recently made aware of W.S.S. 21-2-501 and 21-2-502 that require the schools to give children with disabilities an appropriate education, W.S.S. 6-2-503 (a)(ii)(b) with consideration of the definitions in W.S.S. 14-3-202 (a)(i)(A) define the mental abuse of children as a felony in the State of Wyoming. Even the threat of such segregation/discrimination has negative ramifications on students' mental health. Children are being told if they don't comply, they will be placed in isolation or removed from public school, and denied a public education. I also believe the nine board members that voted to enact the mask mandate have committed Official Misconduct under W.S.S. 6-5-107 (a)(i).

9. I go to board meetings and regularly talk during the public comments section. Several times I have notified the board that they are violating our Rights. I have also presented them with face covering studies and other data. One time I texted Ann Perkins, a board member, about how not every kid is handling face coverings well. She said "Not true, masks are they least of their problems and that I should focus on teaching my children a different mindset."

In July, I really started paying attention to what was happening in other countries, and states like New York and California, specifically how their governments were cracking down and the citizens were losing their rights. I decided to start compiling data - Face coverings studies, covid data on kids, how face coverings affect kids, etc. I also started looking into the U.S. Constitution, the Wyoming Constitution, Wyoming statutes, Civil Rights Act, the WSBA, WDE, WDH and SCSD2 handbook. It became a full-time job to figure out how to arm myself with the knowledge of my rights that would be necessary to keep my kids out of face coverings.

I have attended and have spoken out against mandates at several school board meetings. I have requested an open forum with the school board wherein the public and school board can have an open dialog of question-and-answer session. My request was denied. At the July regular school board meeting, a board member had said, "We need to come together, learn to work collaboratively and communicate better" – This statement is documented in the Sheridan press. How do we do that when the open forum request was denied?

I started the process of communicating my rights with Scott Stults, SCSD2 Superintendent, in early August. I informed him of my and my daughters' rights to religious exemption for face coverings, covid screening, testing, quarantine and/or vaccination. I requested that all communication be in writing. Stults emailed me back saying there is no such request for religious exemption. I emailed him back telling him I was not requesting, rather that I was *invoking* my rights afforded to me by federal laws, the U.S. Constitution, the Wyoming Constitution and SCSD2's own handbook. Stults has yet to reply with a constitutionally valid response in writing. Instead, he had the swim coach call me (8/26/21) stating they would temporarily grant my religious exemption for my high school daughter to ride the swim bus (8/27/21). I also filed a discrimination grievance against Stults and SCSD2 with SCSD2 HR Department.

8/27/21 - The school board announces a special board meeting for the day before school is to start via Sheridan Media. The meeting time is listed as 8/30/21 at 8 A.M. Then, out of nowhere and with no acknowledgement, they change the time to 12 noon. On 8/30/21, a large group (60+) had gathered to attend the meeting. The school board took 6 comments from each "side" of the face covering debate. After comments from Dr. Hunter, Stults read the updated "plan" for school start. The board gave prepared speeches for discussion before voting unanimously for the Covid plan including face coverings. Everyone in the crowd got upset, as all public comment had been seemingly ignored. The School Board, with use of Sheridan Police, removed everyone and adjourned the meeting. I handed each board member a notice of personal liability. Board member Schatz crumpled his up in front of me. Another member let hers drop to the ground.

On 8/30/21 after the board meeting, I went to Jr High and High School to give principals their notice of liability if they violate my daughters' rights.

8/30/21, 5:30 P.M. I had a telephone conversation with Superintendent Stults the night before school. I would ask a question about due process, and he would not answer. I'd ask a question about the mental, social, emotional and learning health of the children. He feigned ignorance. I gave suggestions of how to mitigate covid. None of it mattered. He simply kept repeating, "the expectation is that if your kids want to be in school, they will be wearing a face covering." This has been preserved in an audio recording.

8/31/21 The first day of school. I was walking my daughter (ER) into her first day of school when a friend of hers decided to join us. The friend had previously been kicked out of the building for refusing to wear a face covering, and when she saw us without face coverings, she asked if she could join us. We waited in line for the admissions desk. The principal saw us and asked us to wait in her office. After twenty minutes had passed, she finally comes in and tells us we have to leave if we are not going to wear face coverings. I tell her that she is discriminating against our deeply held religious beliefs and that my daughter and her friend have a right to be accommodated and allowed access to their free and public education. She says no and gets the police. The police try to cite me with trespassing. I didn't want to be arrested in front of my daughter, who has bad anxiety, as I knew it would send her into a panic attack. We left and went to the high school. My older daughter (AR) was sitting in the front office awaiting the principal for not wearing her face covering for deeply held religious beliefs. After making us wait over 30 min, the assistant principal enters. I tell him that my daughter has the right to be accommodated for her religious beliefs and allowed her free public education. He goes away to ask what to do. We wait. Finally, he comes back and tells me that we have to leave if she is not going to wear a face covering. I have filed discrimination grievances against SCSD2 with the school district and US Department of Education OCR Division for both of my children.

10. Last, but certainly not least, the abuse of students and the violations of rights has nothing to

do with health but rather caused by the greed of many elected and non-elected personnel as admitted by Michael Pearlman.

“Michael Pearlman, Gordon’s spokesman, said the declaration is needed if the state is to take advantage of programs aimed at covering some of the state’s expenses for addressing the illness. “One that’s important to keep in mind is that many of (the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s) policies regarding COVID-19 cost reimbursement are based upon the existence of a public health emergency,” Pearlman told the Cowboy State Daily. “So, there would be financial consequences to the state were the governor to lift the state of emergency.” April 15, 2021; <https://cowboystatedaily.com/2021/04/15/wyomings-state-of-emergency-needed-for-federal-funds/>

Policy decisions are based upon “the existence of a public health emergency”. Government officials, at every level, want federal money but, to get that funding, the “emergency declaration is needed”. The Governor and health officials are violating every citizen’s rights and students are being abused, not for any meaningful health care reason, but for money.

This affidavit is a summary of the basic facts. I have supportive documentation such as text messages, audio and video recordings, that will further show just how bad the rights violations have been to both parents and students.

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Signature and Seal of Notary

I, Shalee Walton, on this 21st day of September witnessed Shelta Rambur affix her signature hereon.

Notary

My license expires: October 20, 2024

