

Nate Chrastina

Already serving as a Special Education teacher, I was hired to be the Varsity Boys Basketball coach in Sept. 2021 at Liberty Bell High School in Winthrop, WA. The school administration spoke highly of myself and considered me to be a man of faith, character and integrity. In October, 2021, my wife began speaking at school board meetings about the unauthorized vaccines and unlawful mask mandates. On Thurs. 1/13/22, I spoke at our school board meeting (first time ever) in support of my son who was speaking for his right to choose which mask to wear at school. My wife also spoke at this meeting asking our school board to pass a resolution stating that parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's upbringing. I spoke on behalf of our entire student body at our school and stated that we needed to provide an avenue for our students to express their experiences during these challenging last two years. The school district contacted our county sheriff's office the following day regarding our family. On Sat. 1/15/22, I took our Basketball players through a workout similar to what we had been doing all season. On Sunday, 1/16/22, the school district claims to have been notified by someone in the weight room that morning alleging: "abysmal" mask wearing... and "If integrity is doing what you say you're going to do, even when no one else is looking, our basketball program is in trouble. It lacks leadership and that starts at the top with the head coach." I was placed on paid leave immediately for the remainder of the Basketball season. It is apparent that the school administration retaliated and disciplined myself (and everyone involved) for simply speaking freely at our local school board meeting on behalf of our students and parents rights. Our superintendent, Tom Venable, asked for my resignation and when I declined, waited until the end of the season and then informed me that the district would not be renewing my contract.

Sarah Chrastina

In October, 2021, I began speaking at our local school board meetings about the unauthorized vaccines and unlawful mask mandates. On November 13, our local school held a Vaccine Event in the high school gym to administer Covid-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 and older in our community. I attended this event to ask for the written information being distributed to families regarding this new vaccine still under Emergency Use Authorization. The following week the school administration (Michael Wilbur, Crosby Carpenter and Tom Venable), claimed to have been notified by someone at the event alleging that I was "perceived by the community" as being disruptive. I was reprimanded and threatened with a criminal trespass for my perceived behavior. I decided to resign as an employee of the school district due to this unilateral abuse of authority. I continued to attend our local school board meetings and on Thursday, January 13, 2022, asked our school board to pass a resolution stating that parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's upbringing. The school district contacted our county sheriff's office the following day regarding our family and me specifically. I attended the last home basketball game on Tuesday February 1, 2022. After entering the gym, I was told to leave by the Athletic Director, Michael Wilbur. When I continued to sit in the stands peacefully among fellow parents, the Sheriff was notified and sent a Sergeant to the gym to ask me to leave under threat of a Criminal Trespass citation if I did not comply. I was shocked to discover the Sergeant was willing to uphold a Criminal Trespass against a mother at a sports event without any evidence or investigation of a crime being committed. The following week, Superintendent Tom Venable issued an official Criminal Trespass Warning on February 8, to me citing RCW 9A.52., prohibiting me from being on school district property, indefinitely. The school district prohibited a mother from attending her daughter's outdoor softball games under threat of trespass and arrest. I was finally granted a private meeting on April 14, 2022 with 3 of the 5 school board members, even though I requested a public meeting as required by law. They finally rescinded the Trespass Warning against me on April 20, 2022.