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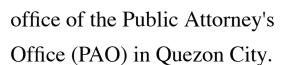
vaccination for minors want
Vice President and Education
Secretary Sara Duterte-Carpio to
make official her earlier
pronouncement allowing
unvaccinated students to attend
the face-to-face classes set to
resume on November 2.

The parents are led by broadcast journalist Dominic Almelor and Tondo, Manila resident Girlie Samonte. They want the Quezon City-Regional Trial Court (QC-RTC) to stop the mass vaccination for children for being "unconstitutional" and reiterated their gratitude to the vice president who "did not see any problem with co-mingling



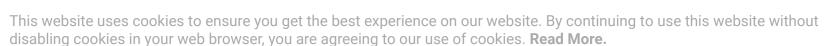
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thankful that we have the vice president who now allows unvaccinated students to attend the face-to-face classes with vaccinated students," the parents said in a news briefing on Thursday held at the central



However, they said a problem may still arise when the inperson learning formally takes place in November unless the Department of Education (DepEd) will come up with an official communication regarding Duterte-Carpio's

announcement





absence of an official directive from DepEd to all schools nationwide, there would be problems, especially for us whose children are unvaccinated but are willing to attend the face-to-face classes because of discrimination," he said.



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14, Duterte-Carpio was quoted as saying that she had recommended to President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. that there should be no segregation and discrimination for the unvaccinated learners

since the Covid-19 vaccination program was not mandatory.

"I don't see any problem with co-mingling of students inside the classrooms because when outside, in their respective houses, in malls, in churches, and in public transportation, students are co-mingling whether vaccinated or not," the vice president said

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agreed with the parents' call to formalize the DepEd secretary's announcement as she hailed Duterte-Carpio's statement.

"Being also a lawyer, the vice president was right as she based her statement on what the law,

RA 11525 (Covid-19
Vaccination Program), dictates
and that vaccination is not
mandatory and which is the
opposite of what the Department
of Health and the previous
DepEd leadership had been
pushing," the chief public
attorney said.

## However, the PAO chief stressed

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parents must be favorably decided by the QC-RTC court in order to totally stop the mass vaccination of the children (5 to 11 years old) using the "experimental" vaccines.

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