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To
The Chairman,
Central Board of Secondary Education,
Shiksha Kendra 2, Community Centre, Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110092.

Sub: Plea for holding 12th examination in physical mode.

Over the decades since independence CBSE has emerged as a mighty pillar of strength supporting the massive superstructure of labyrinth education system India can justifiably be proud of. Starting its journey from rather humble origin in a small location in Darya Ganj, Delhi, in seventies, this self-nurtured venture has come of age extending its reach from terrains of the Himalayas in the North to the Ghats of Vindhyas in the South, from frigid Ladakh to sweltering heats of Jaisalmer, from placid Ganga-fed plains to the hilly zig-zigs watered by the turbulent Brahmaputra, from highly inaccessible tribal pockets of Arunachal to teaming metropolitan cities of Mumbai and Calcutta, the Board has made its omnipresence felt pan-India and even outside India, making it a veritable global educational alternative.

More importantly it is being seen as the epitome of highly prized educational values even the State Boards cherish to emulate. This enviable status the august Board has earned by dint of the unswerving value based stand it has been taking even while weathering the most devastating storms unleashed by fast-changing times and faster changing technologies. Similar threat the Board is pitted against this exam season when many state boards have compromised their righteous stand of holding physical annual examinations to appease the frayed tempers of corona embroiled people. In the circumstances the entire country is waiting with the bated breath to know what the stand of the Central Board will be vis-à-vis Class-12 examination.

The Board obviously will experience a spate of requests to opt for online mode or resort to zero-exam choice as has happened in the case of 10th examination. The august Board in such ticklish situation should stick to the well-considered stand it has already taken of holding physical examination under strict regime of stipulated SOP. The visionary and student welfare centric CBSE authorities have already

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taken all the needed precautions of ideally spacing the examinees six feet apart in every exam centre already fixed by it, by doubling their number, with strict instructions to sanitize the sitting spaces making wearing masks a dead compulsion.

The Board can further request the respective state governments to arrange the screening of the exam- invigilating staff to ward off the possible threat of infection. With the sitting spaces and writing material fully sanitized, examinees ideally spaced and invigilators duly screened the examination centre has become fully safe to hold the examination.

For the safe conveyance of examinees to the exam centers the parents should readily co-operate as the trips to centre will not be more than five or six. The benefit of such physical exam is obviously enormous. The examinees are bound to take their study task dead seriously and ensure effective revision of their study material which will form the basis of their cherished future careers. The examination thus conducted will present a realistic picture of the will and capability of a student, with the result serving as a dependable tool for the next stage career decision. The Board can thus send a strong signal that the certificates issued by it are indeed emblematic of the real worth of the examinees which is possible only if a student is tested observing all the traditional parameters of examination.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely,

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