



## THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Hernando County Board of County Commissioners  
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Dear Commissioners,

I hope this correspondence finds you well and want to thank you for your dedicated service to our community, as well as the incredible partnership that we are proud to share with the Board of County Commissioners. It was brought to our attention that there was some discussion regarding Pasco-Hernando State College's requirements and policies for admissions into our Fire Academy. More specifically, it appears to have been suggested that our Academy had a requirement that all cadets have a flu, as well as a COVID vaccine, in order to be admitted into the program.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure the Board and clarify that in no way does PHSC, nor our Fire Academy program, require these vaccines for admissions. If there are any concerns or individuals who have brought such complaints, please refer them directly to our Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Prashanth Pilly, so that we may address any misunderstandings. He can be reached by email at [pillyp@phsc.edu](mailto:pillyp@phsc.edu), or by phone at 727-816-3490.

We deeply value our relationship with the Board and appreciate your ongoing support of our mission to prepare the next generation of first responders. Should any additional questions or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly. We welcome the opportunity to provide clarity and ensure mutual understanding moving forward.

Thank you once again for your time, partnership and continued advocacy for higher education and public safety.

Sincerely,

Eric Hall, Ed.D.  
President

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