

Olentangy Schools Public Participation Comments for January 27, 2021

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Heather weidenhamer

5410 Grand Oak Blvd galena

How many of you including teachers have gone out to eat, had people over, went on vacation/trip, attended some type of sports events? If you can all answer no then keep the school in hybrid. BUT I'm sure there are a lot of yes we've done these things. Then send them back. The exposure is not at school it is outside of it or at an unmasked sports practice. Get over the 6 feet apart for the students just not feasible for going forward. I know teachers want vaccinated and some will be soon because of age but this should not be the reason to keep these kids from getting back to full time. The teachers and staff are already being exposed to the students everyday. You all need to consider that. And vote for them to return full time February 1. Waiting for the quarter to end is not good. Also allow students to do distance learning if families feel more comfortable. Thanks a mom of 2 fourth graders and a high school senior.

1/27/21 7:22:31

Kris Roach

437 Red Stag Rd., Delaware

I'm begging you to go back to five days of in school learning. My sophomore hasn't been inside the high school since October due to extreme anxiety and depression. She is in counseling and had to be taken to Children's Behavioral Health for critical care services. My freshman who is a scholar athlete and never gets less than an A and plays on school and travel softball teams suddenly has three F's and no desire to do any school work or practice softball. She doesn't even see her friends. It's heartbreaking. She is starting counseling this week. These kids need structure and normalcy. We are strongly considering moving to a private school or another district if things don't change. Please! Our kids need you to be strong for them and go back to normal. Thank you.

1/27/21 8:31:12

Lisa Balek

5223 Somerset Ave, Westerville

Please send our kids back to school full time 5 days a week. My 3 kids are hurting physically and emotionally. All of them are hybrid. We have NOT caught COVID but willing to take the risk. My senior will never have a true high school experience. My sophomore is falling behind in his studies and my seventh grader is suffering emotionally by not learning how to socialize with others. We need to go back. Please follow Dublin, Big Walnut and all of the private schools in Columbus to get us back.

1/27/21 10:05:11

Kimm Massengill-Bernardin

Kimm Mass-en-gill - Ber-nar-din

5750 Burnett Dr N, Galena 43021

With the vaccine shortage and the new, more contagious version of COVID-19 spreading, I think it's a mistake to eliminate the current hybrid plan for students in the 4th quarter. The dangers of COVID-19 are not over and I believe it's important to keep our kids and teachers safe until we know what happens with the new strains and vaccine availability/effectiveness with the new strains. Please keep the current hybrid plan until the end of the year. Thank you.

1/27/21 10:21:51

Lisa Dempsey

358 Abbotsbury Drive Westerville OH 43082

Please go back to school 5 days a week. The kids need this not just for learning but also for their mental health.

1/27/21 10:29:08

Kelly Schorr

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Westerville, oh 43082

I 1000% support my child and all children going back to full time school as soon as possible. Mental well being had deteriorated and grades are low. He shouldn't be teaching himself AP classes.

1/27/21 10:28:56

Jennifer Morgan

3003 breezewood lane galena

We need the kids back in school full time!! Other schools have been full time with no issues. If Olentangy continues hybrid, my family will have no choice but to leave Olentangy Schools and go to private schools

1/27/21 10:27:52

Angie Seigneur An-j-ee Senior

7744 Pinehill Rd. Lewis Center

There are many concerns about Olentangy going back to school 5 days a week beginning with our schools that are already over capacity such as Orange HS. If students were to attend 5 day a week classes there would be no social distancing which is still suggested by the CDC. Franklin County (literally our neighbor) still has a stay at home order. Staff members getting vaccinated for themselves is wonderful but that does not protect the students and yes COVID passes through the younger population as well. Orange HS is still sending out numerous positive or quarantining emails weekly. I do not understand while vaccines are still very hard to get ahold of and the majority of the population still has to wait for theirs how Olentangy sees going back as viable option with how big our district is. Not to mention the mental health aspect of many of the students. There are many that while would benefit from being back in 5 days a week but there are many that have serious mental issues now from this pandemic and if you talk

to any doctors (ours included) they have stated that it could be upwards of several years before our pre-teens and teens recover from this. Olentangy needs to release a plan, that will actually be followed and there will be consequences when it is not, stating how they plan to continue social distancing students and what they plan on doing to help the students that need more support mentally due to this pandemic.

1/27/21 10:43:47

Nicole Moyer

1522 Dale Ford Rd. Delaware, OH

100% desire to have 5 full day, in person school with masking.

1/27/21 10:52:49

Maria Hughes Ma- Ria (Hues)

1352 sunflower st

I believe we should stay on course with the hybrid models. As someone who is immune compromised I am concerned combining everyone without more vaccines and better contact tracing would be a mistake. I receive emails daily about covid concerns at the school and even some to say we have been exposed but nothing ever gets followed up and no more info or concern is given past a email. I am not wanting to have my kids exposed to the others daily and the schools not take quarantine and positive cases more seriously. If we could go two weeks with out a notification of a exposure great consider it but I am getting these daily between my high school student and my middle school student so I don't see where much has changed since the beginning of the school year. Our concern is what that does for our family with two high risk people living with us. Please keep this consistent thru the end of the year and start fresh in the fall. Even my high schooler who goes to college is fully online there. That says something. Please don't disrupt more of our schedules by changing what we are finally successful in and have been able to maintain some source of less exposure and do school

1/27/21 11:09:59

Andrew Cailteux Andrew Kelter

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I am advocating for a return to full time school. Although my kids are doing OK with Hybrid, I do not believe they are getting the full value of their education. I fear things such as college entrance exams will suffer, and many students are really struggling. If Olentangy truly believes in "Maximum learning for every student" please get the kids back in the classroom.

1/27/21 11:12:42

Aileen Wagner I lean Wagner

747 Tree Bend Dr, Westerville

I would like to urge the board not to move away from they hybrid model for in person students this year unless there is a dramatic change in the pandemic that brings the

numbers below the levels we were seeing when school began. I am happy to see that, *with the proper precautions,* the CDC thinks school can be managed safely. The numbers of students in our classrooms and hallways and buses at full capacity would not meet the safety recommendations. Additionally, parents who are comfortable with the risks at the hybrid level have had no opportunity to shift to CDL and are depending on all of you to make the safe choice for our community. Additionally, I'd like to urge you to continue to offer CDL as long as the pandemic continues, particularly when students cannot be vaccinated. CDL offers some of us the best opportunity to maintain some social and academic connections for our children while keeping the immunocompromised around us safer. Thank you for your attention and hard work during this difficult time.

1/27/21 11:26:02

Stephanie Wilson

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Concerned about returning full time as there is not enough vaccine for all teachers, you cannot keep 6 feet distance with the full time model, kids can get very sick and there has not been adequate contact tracing when there is a case at school. Parents under the hybrid model do not have a choice to do CDL if we are not comfortable with full time

1/27/21 10:28:24

Susan Gershman Susan Gersh-man

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The Olentangy Schools currently decide mode of delivery based on the level of public emergency (yellow, orange, red, purple). This strategy prioritizes the safety of teachers, students, and families. The decision whether or not to adopt full time in-person instruction for the last quarter of school should also be based on the public level of emergency, for the same reason that we are currently doing so. (1) Based on the data that we have available, it looks like most cases of COVID-19 in Ohio are not spread through schools. This data is based on schools operating using a hybrid model with masks and 6-foot physical distancing. If schools were to meet at full capacity, physical distancing would be impossible and we should expect more cases to be spread in schools. Past success using the hybrid model does not mean that we should abandon the hybrid model. (2) Even if K-12 teachers are able to receive vaccinations before the last school quarter, no vaccination is 100% effective. For a vaccine to fully protect individuals, a large proportion of the population must be vaccinated. Students will not be vaccinated by the last school quarter, so teachers will still be at a high risk of infection if classes meet at full capacity.

1/27/21 11:32:26

Savannah Breckler

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I am in 100% support of our children going back to school full time for the last quarter of school. Our children deserve to have as much face to face instruction as they can possibly get.

1/27/21 11:01:28 Ashley and Ceylon Wise Ashley and "Salon" Wise 4842
Normandy Dr, Galena

Click the link to find our comments in google docs. Please email me
@parentdiversitynetwork.org if you have any issues accessing the link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V8PS2IsEWq_GVTjRVhPY08luhCfMeqMcyMhxYUvIRIA/edit?usp=sharing

Good Evening Board Members,

We hope this message finds you and your families well. The district rebranding effort is off to a great start. The elementary school mascot names and imagery are very well done. As you know, the middle and high school rebrand presents the district with a more pressing and exponentially more consequential decision surrounding the use of Native American names and mascots.

While we applaud the effort to address these issues, in our opinion, and in the opinion of many throughout our community, maintaining the name while merely changing the imagery does not remedy the problem. While our voices as parents and community members matter, we realize what matters the most regarding this issue are the facts and the opinions of the Native American community.

We realize throughout this tedious process, you have reached out to some members of the Native American community, but in the interest of doing the right thing, maximizing your time, being good stewards of the district's financial resources, and avoiding revisiting this issue again, we encourage you to consider the following statements of perhaps the most prominent and respected voices within the Native American community.

Native Circle is the longest Native American education website. Here's how they explain why maintaining "Braves" is offensive and should NEVER be used on their page entitled "[Offensive Words That Should Never Be Used.](#)"

Brave

This is a word that has been used to refer to First Nations men. Used in thousands of books, and as a name for many sports teams, people are often surprised to find that it is a derogatory term. Here's why: It plays on the 'noble courageous savage' stereotype that was pinned on Indigenous men long ago by early Europeans. Unfortunately, those stereotypes still exist today. It also dehumanizes and equates the Native American male to something less than a man. Comparative example: calling an African American man 'boy'.

From this we gather, the name “Brave” or “Braves” is a derogatory term harkening back to a savage stereotype given to Native Americans by Europeans and is like calling an African American man a “boy”.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization. One of their most pressing initiatives is eliminating the use of Native American names and mascots. Here is an excerpt from this prestigious organization’s 2014 resolution entitled [“Support for the Elimination of Race-Based Native Logos, Mascots, and Names by State Athletic Associations Receiving Federal Funds.”](#)

WHEREAS, educational institutions and national sports franchises, unfortunately, continue the practice of using Native logos, mascots, **and names** despite great success and efforts by Native organizations, tribes, parents, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing base of support calling for the elimination of Native logos, mascots, and names as evidence by condemnation from national leaders, such as President Barack Obama and numerous congressional members; professional organizations, such as the American Psychological Association; education advocacy organizations, such as the National Education Association; human rights and tribal organizations, like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Congress of American Indians; and sports regulatory commissions, like the National Collegiate Athletic Association;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI calls upon the Secretary of the Department of Education to immediately eliminate race-based Native logos, mascots, **and names** from state educational institutions across the United States, especially those receiving federal funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby call for educational institutions and national sports franchises to cease their use of such race-based Native logos, mascots, **and names** in the effort to remove these stereotypes and raise the self-esteem of Native students so they have the same opportunity as their non-Native peers to achieve academically without discrimination;

In summary, NCAI advocates for the immediate cessation of Native logos, mascots, AND names. That initiative is supported by the American Psychological Association, National Education Association, NAACP, and of course by the group that actually represents the Native community, the NCAI. This leads us to a fact and a question.

FACT: The use of “Brave/s” is offensive to many in the Native American community so much so that eliminating it from use as a school mascot, logo, or name is a major initiative for the oldest, most representative and most prestigious Native American organization. This initiative is shared by several other respected national organizations including among others, the American Psychological Association, NEA, and NAACP.

QUESTION: Well ... there is no question! There is no question, we as a district have no choice but to eliminate any variation of the name "Brave/s". Choosing otherwise would be a tremendous slap in the face to the Native American community, the advice of the American Psychological Association, and recommendation of the NEA.

We're aware you already discussed this issue as a board and communications team. We encourage you to reopen the discussion and come to the only conclusion worthy of a district truly endeavoring to create One Community by allowing the rebranding committee to change not only the imagery but also the name in the case of Olentangy HS. Knowing the facts and the offensiveness, we can not in good faith continue to associate this derogatory word with Olentangy HS.

Finally, we understand this email is long, but so too is the Olentangy tradition of using offensive logos and mascots. Taking the mindset that just changing the imagery is one step in a progressive fix only guarantees it will be longer still until we honor the Native American community's wishes, have the courage to do what's right even if it's met with backlash, and end years of racism and offense (knowingly or unknowingly) by eliminating derogatory, demeaning names from our schools altogether.

Thank You,
Ashley and Ceylon Wise

1/27/21 11:31:55

Meghan DeMariano Dee-Mare-E-Ano
2991 Waukeegan Ave

This is a terribly complicated situation. On one hand I am less than impressed with the CDL model we are currently working with. I feel as though you reinvented the wheel and there are plenty of linking teaching/learning models that could have been used. I understand that there are limitations due to legal issues, budgetary constraints, teacher availability, access to devices and internet and so on. But the way the virtual classroom has been run (with the expectation that kids perform the same as doing normal school) is unrealistic and inflicting unnecessary stress on both parents and kids who are in fact, surviving during a global pandemic. So to say the VDK experience has been frustrating is an understatement. And while a part of me desperately wants my children back in school, I strongly believe that the district is being bullied by junk science and loud covid conspiracy theorists in our community. I read the thoughts of the parents pushing for full opening of school citing the little evidence we currently have suggesting spread of covid in schools. Right now many are not operating at full capacity. And the data we have suggest there is not significant spread in school because kids are able to socially distanced, masking and stringent cleaning protocols are in place. In a district as large as OLSD, I struggle to believe the same efforts can remain in place. I also worry about the lack of true contact tracing taking place, the very loud voices in the community that been very anti mask and anti covid from the very beginning, the lack of an effective and

efficient vaccine roll out in the state of Ohio, and the fact that many people are living as if the virus doesn't exist. We do not fully know the extent to which covid affects children long term. The virus has been with us for a year. We don't have nearly enough data to still fully understand how covid affects us long term. A recent study from Ohio State found evidence of ongoing cardiac damage in young adults recovering from covid. And this is not even considering our teaching staff and simply having enough teachers for in person learning. While I recognize the school board is being placed in an absolutely impossible position I want to make sure that your decision is being made based on science and not loud voices pushing for a premature opening of school full time. In the end, there is truly no right answer. I want my kids back in school because of their mental health, my work is suffering and the CDL model is just awful. But I also don't feel comfortable sending them back while there is another 100k Americans expected to die because of covid in the coming weeks. I do not envy your position at all but I want to have faith you will make a decision that keeps our community healthy and safe while also providing the high quality education many of us desired to provide for our children by moving to this district. I know my answer most likely isn't helpful but I truly feel there is no fully right answer. But as a parent in the district I also want to ensure my frustrations regarding CDL are heard while maintaining a level of respect for the very difficult decision you must make. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

1/27/21 11:49:19

Scott Demariano Scott Dee-Mare-e-ah-no
2991 Waukeegan Avenue, Lewis Center, OH

I am opposed to returning to in person learning unless it matches a model my family in Rochester, NY uses, where kids split time at the school to keep the numbers down. Half are two particular days a week and the other half goes in two other days, with day five as a distance learning day for all. I am just more comfortable with less students at the school at any given time so they can space out more and follow Covid protocols. Thank you.

1/27/21 11:44:25

Bryan Hughes Bryan Hughes
1352 Sunflower St. Lewis Center

Given the fact that everyday I receive emails from both the middle and high schools that my children attend that there are new cases of COVID-19, as well as no way our students nor staff has even had the ability to be vaccinated yet. I feel that rushing kids back to school would be a grave mistake. You are putting peoples lives at risk. Finish the year, finish what you have started. Why risk bring everything back, only to watch the numbers explode again, and you are back at home. That back and forth will only affect the kids in a negative manner. Don't cave to pressure, do what is right for our kids and our District.

1/27/21 11:51:21

Brandi Spitler Brandi Spitler
154 Charterhouse Court

Hello and thank you for your time. I am a community Pediatrician and 100% advocate children going back to school full time. As posted today, researchers from the CDC concluded that “ schools operating in person have seen scant transmission of coronavirus, particularly when masks are used and distancing are employed”. Let the children go back full time and wear their masks. Those teachers that want to stay home should continue remote leaning. We are sitting upon almost a year of hybrid learning, and children and their families are still struggling. I am an essential worker and so are teachers. We need to be there everyday to promote the health and education of our students! We are very grateful for our Olentangy school staff and teachers!

1/27/21 12:08:47

Maureen Botos More-een Boat-iss
4737 Sibel Ct. Powell

Dear Board Members and Superintendent Raiff, I am writing you in support of sending my 3 children 5 full days. While my 5th and 7th grader can handle the work at home, my 1st grader falls apart during her at home work days. Although, I know that their curriculum would be adjusted to account for their lack of in classroom instruction, my children feel they are just doing busy work. They love school and they love their teachers. When people pose the question, “don’t you care about the teachers and staff?” My answer has remained the same. The teachers are getting the short end of the stick here. They are teaching the same curriculum twice while still addressing the needs of students and parents at home. They are being exposed to children that may have been at multiple different day cares or homes, because they weren’t able to be in school. I love teachers, I actually have a couple in our family, so I know that they are hard workers, and they have rock solid immune systems! They’ve been coughed on, puked on, and multiple other disgusting things that come from our children, and I know that with the amount of sanitation our schools are providing, they will be safe. Please know that you have an army of parents that support you in opening our schools full time and an even bigger army of students that are ready to learn! Thanks for your time.

1/27/21 12:18:11

Heather Hunter
1443 Aniko Ave Lewis Center

Please keep the district on hybrid learning through the end of the school year. The majority of people at each school are less than 16 years old & do not qualify for the vaccine. The CDC guidelines continue to state social distancing & mask wearing need to be in place. How does the school district plan to accommodate social distancing in already over crowded buildings if at full capacity?

1/27/21 12:04:31

Sanju Thaploo

4720 7 lakes place Powell

I am not comfortable yet to send my child to school yet. It is another month and a half for the school year. It will be difficult for the CDL kids to join the school in the mid year, adjusting to another set of teachers. I think we should continue this school year as it is and change to full time next school year. Thank you

1/27/21 12:35:13

Stephanie Fichtelman Fiktelman

518 crick stone dr delaware

My kids are struggling. One is failing. 3-5 hours of homework takes until 10pm some nights because of the battle to get it done. The only thing standing in the way of full time school is this board. Not the state, not the health department, not even the teachers. Going back full time now gives the chance to work out any and all kinks so there will be NO excuses to pull this less-than-halftime school into the fall.

1/27/21 12:51:48

Marion Ruffner

1184 N 3 Bs and K Rd

My kids are really struggling with the hybrid way of learning, especially my hs freshman. My middle schooler is struggling because of the schedule, or should I say, lack thereof. When agreeing to hybrid I suppose I was under the impression that, on their days off, there would be more of a structured schedule to follow and, boy was I wrong! Perhaps you could blame me for not implementing a schedule at home however, when the work that they have is minimal, I don't see the point of waking them at the crack of dawn to finish work, then have the rest of the day to do absolutely nothing. I'm all for going back 5 days per week IF it is safe to do so. From what I am hearing from my kids, the mask wearing isn't enforced. There are masks off, hanging under the nose etc. And, according to them, this isn't only the students miswearing the masks, faculty has as well. So if protocols are in place, I'm for back to school full time for my kids mental health, most importantly!!!!

1/27/21 13:44:32

Lori Lee Lori Lee

2482 Bryn Mawr Dr.. Lewis Center

I am in support of the schools going back to full-time in-person learning as soon as possible. My freshman son has always been an excellent student and has been actively engaged in learning up until the spring. He has lost the motivation to care about his studies and struggles to complete assignments on time. Both of my high schoolers have missed assignments on at-home days resulting in zeros. My senior has missed out on ENOUGH. It's time to get these kids back on track.

1/27/21 14:03:10

Danielle Pesantes Dan-yell Puh-San-Tez

85 Winding Valley Dr

As the numbers in Delaware keep going down, vaccinations keep going up, and the education gap for so many of our Olenyok students keeps widening.....please allow our students to go back full-time !!!! The virus is still here, but we know how to stay safe, and we also know that numbers are consistently decreasing. Our students need their teachers and school staff!

1/27/21 13:59:40

Jennifer Cantrell Jennifer Cantrell

1276 Rissler Lane

My daughter is in 6 th grade at Liberty Middle. The Hybrid model has been amazing and has accomplished several things for her emotional and social well being as well as her academics. While I would love to see them in school 5 full days; I along with many other parents are uncomfortable with moving to the full 5 day model because the social distancing piece would be impossible to implement. The CDC recently changed their guidelines and stated that school has shown to be safe environment for kids. They changed this based off a study in Wisconsin but the caveat to the study is that social distancing was put into play plus masks. The study was based off a classroom size of 12 or less kids in a class. Therefore, unless there is a way to have all of our kids in full time with 12 or less students; I find the study only concluding that the Hybrid Model is the safest option. I also am concerned with the other Covid 19 variants that are now showing to not only be more contagious, but more lethal. Please, there are A LOT of us parents who are only comfortable sending our kids into the building on the Hybrid model!! The model has been working well and fear a 5 day return will be a logistical nightmare as well as an irresponsible decision.

1/27/21 14:02:05

Chad Sutley Chad Sutley

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I support the return to full time in school classes. First reason is the impact I have seen on my children as it relates their social & psychological wellbeing. The isolation has take a toll and they themselves express it openly. Secondly the online model has been ineffective for my children. Essentially days out of school have been completely lost learning opportunities with nothing to do. They are bored and not challenged academically. It has become part time schooling. As time has passed I have become less concerned with exposure to the virus through school attendance. With the # of cases in the area, it is a good bet that most have either had the virus outright but certainly at least been exposed - perhaps even having had it and not even known due to being asymptomatic. Add in the now available vaccine and the risk continues to diminish. It is also universally excepted that children having contracted the virus fair well in treatment and recovery. Again the risks are low and manageable. Its been a long tough year for our children, the sooner we can restore their education, social & psychological well being the better. They want to be back - just ask them.

1/27/21 14:14:58

Brooke Rigdon
252 Hideaway Court

Thank you for taking the time and reflecting on my comment as well as many others. It's time that Olentangy gets back to 5 days/week of school. The mental health took that this shutdown and hybrid schedule is taking on my child any many others is doing more harm than the virus itself. For the first time ever, my child is receiving mental health services because of the stress and anxiety of struggling in school and lack of consistent schedules. My normally well-adjuster child is suffering from a lack of regular social interaction, failing test scores, and anxiety from being taught at home half the week. My child is not the only one. Other families are suffering in the way my own family is. It's time to rip the band-aid, look at the data from virus spread in schools, and get these kids back to school full time.

1/27/21 13:56:36

Nathaniel Lee Na-THAN-yul Lee
2482 Bryn Mawr Drive, Lewis Center

Despite all the hype, Covid is not unusually harmful for children. To date, a grand total of 58 kids in the entire country aged 5-14 died of Covid. That's about 1 in a million, and all of them had preconditions. For comparison, in 2018, 122 kids died of the flu and it didn't even make the news. Clearly, the policy decision on whether or not to open schools is not based on potential harm to the actual students. Their risk is in line with the flu risk we endure every year. Kids are essentially immune to Covid except those with unusual preconditions; and those kids can opt into online classes. So the only unusual risk we are debating is the risk to teachers and parents who come into contact with students. Dozens of studies show that children are poor transmitters of the virus; but more importantly, we are already subjecting ourselves to that risk right now with hybrid sessions. Doubling the number of kids in classes isn't going to bring them much closer to teachers, so what exactly is the point of the hybrid solution? And the 6-foot spacing guideline is not made under any scientific basis. It's a number pulled out of thin air. Does the difference between 4 feet of spacing and 6 feet of spacing have any relevant impact among a group of people breathing the same air in the same room for 45 minutes at a time?

1/27/21 14:25:16

Stacy Feeman Stay-C Fee-man
7572 High Wind Dr, Powell

I understand that the School Board has tried to do what's best for everyone this year. But now with almost a years worth of data it has been determined that the spread of COVID is NOT happening in the schools. With the cleaning protocols for the classrooms, kids and staff the risk is minimal. We are seeing our kids struggle with school, feeling defeated when their is minimal teaching in short periods of time and the

mental health of our children decline at an alarming rate. When kids aren't in school they're free to go off, play with friends, get on social media or play video games. Is this healthy for our children? Look at the overall picture, know that we have the safety protocols in place and get these kids back in an environment where they can learn and grow! Thank you.

1/27/21 14:32:10

Dan Krumlauf

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Hello, just wanted to express my desire to see the remaining school year be held on a fulltime basis with in person classes. Thank you

1/27/21 14:31:29

Ellen Hoffman Ellen Hoffman

5536 Berwanger Dr., Powell

For those of us with high school-aged children: we are competing for entry into college & scholarships with those students in school 5 days per week. We are missing precious days of education & will be at a deficit when compared to other districts that are in school 5 days per week. The quality & QUANTITY of education matters. When graduation arrives, metrics like scholarship dollars & placement at universities will serve as metrics for how well our children were educated. Please get our kids back in school full-time 5 days a week!

1/27/21 14:30:25

Amanda Miller

866 Covered Bridge Dr Delaware

Our children need to get back to school five days a week. I've watched my own children's attitudes toward schoolwork and general effort decline the longer we stay on the hybrid model. My son has always needed a little "extra" help when it comes to school and I'm afraid that he is slipping through the cracks because he's not getting the full instruction that he requires to succeed. It's a shame that fear and politics are being put before the needs of the kids.

1/27/21 14:38:58

Rob Abner Rob Abner

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1/27/21 14:57:22

Lindsey Forbes Lynd-see Forb-s

6408 Sea Drive, Lewis Center

I support return to FT OLSD for last quarter

1/27/21 14:58:48

Gina Tierney G - Na Tear knee
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I have 4 kids in the elementary school, 2 are suffering significantly - it's not the academics only, it's the social / emotional well being that has suffered tremendously as well. Also, one is on an IEP and she gets the same work as her brother, it's this one size fits all for home learning that is also been detrimental to her growth. It's time, we have had nearly year to figure this out, we need to move forward.

1/27/21 15:22:16

Stephanie Wissman Stephanie Wissman
2900 Royal Dornoch Circle Delaware

I would just like to take a moment to thank everyone- the school board and all the staff- for doing everything they can to keep the students and staff safe and in school as much as possible. I know the board has been and will continue to receive many complaints. Unfortunately you cannot make everyone happy. I have spent a lot of time looking into all the large school districts in Ohio and how they are doing. I am proud of OLSD for being the biggest district in Ohio to stay in person without having to go remote! There is not a single school district with over 12,000 students in Ohio who have been full time (no hybrid or remote learning) and ALL of the districts bigger than OLSD have had to go remote at some point this school year. Please remember, through all the negativity you will see and hear, that you are doing a great job! Thank you!

1/27/21 15:38:49

Shilpa Saxena Shilpa Saxena
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We do not need to OPEN the schools when OLSD is not doing proper contact tracing. Are the parents getting notifications if their kiddo is exposed? If no, why not?? We need to make sure our kiddos are safe by doing distance learning. Safety is most important right now. Thank You

1/27/21 15:39:21

Heather Kovello Heather Kovello
6664 Rocky Ridge Dr. Powell

My son is a sophomore at Liberty and he is struggling tremendously with the lack of a consistent schedule, lack of face to face interactive teaching. He is not learning! He is developing TERRIBLE habits as it relates to his school work (and the fact that there is a lack of school work). They NEED to be back in the classroom 5 days a week!

1/27/21 15:35:59

Kasee Ketcham Ka see
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OLSD I supposed to be one of the best district in Ohio. So why are you failing our kids so miserably. My children haven't learned anything this school year. You have failed

them. The at home learning they are to do is a joke. It was a joke last year and is still a joke this year. It comes without any instruction or actually relevance. It's all fluff to keep my kids busy and say you are actually doing something. The science and all the physicians that know a lot more than a school board do NOT back kids being out of school. It has detrimental effects on kids. I have watched my kids become increasingly more tearful and lashing out because they have nonsense of purpose anymore, no boundaries, no real friendships or connections. Shame on you Olentangy. Please do not tell me that my kids are not worth it! Please do it tell me that the ignorance and scared tactics of teachers unions are more important than my children. You are in the business of education and it's time to step up and do just that. Prove to us that we want to stay in this community. Step UP! Ask all these scared teachers if they've just been at home this whole time. I guarantee they have not, I guarantee they have gone out, eaten in restaurants, gone to sporting events, the grocery store. But yet they are afraid to their JOBS with children who are not the typical spreaders. Give me a break. I am an RN who has been going to work this whole time working with COVID patients and I am not afraid! What scares me more is my children's total lack of an education! The fact that I have lost all faith in this school system! Do better, be better! Our children are worth it! And you all sitting all that board are very easily replaced! My children are not!

1/27/21 15:40:39

Stacy Rethlake

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While I appreciate the board considering the health over the past (almost year) for all at Olentangy, it's time for our kids to return to the school building full-time. My kids perform well in the classroom, at home days are so difficult for my twin 5th graders and Freshman. I have been fighting to get my 5th girls considered for an IEP evaluation consideration since transitioning to Olentangy for the 2020/21 school year. While I appreciate the building plan they created, we don't have enough full classroom in school days to acquire enough data to help. My Freshman also struggles to stay engaged through the Hybrid model. Please reconsider full-time in school days for all students but especially those on IEPs, currently struggling or for the parents who are trying twin enough data for them to be considered for a complete evaluation. I can't begin to explain the struggles we deal with on hybrid days impacting our entire family!

1/27/21 16:02:38

Kathy Snyder

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As I have watched my 10th grade daughter endure this school year on a hybrid schedule, I cannot help but think that she has been cheated. She has been cheated from the support of her teachers who are professional educators on a daily basis. She has been cheated of not seeing her three best friends on the days that she is in school. She has been cheated by not having a Homecoming dance. She has been cheated both socially and academically in so many ways that I cannot possibly list them all. The

research is clear that the virus is not being spread at school. Other districts in our state have had their students in school 5 days a week since the beginning of the school year. Our students deserve to be in school 5 days a week as well.

1/27/21 16:11:43

Brian Blackburn

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For those teachers / students who can't take the Moderna vax - there is a new J&J vax coming out that has different ingredients and not an mRNA. Also there is an anti-body iv treatment available since Nov and approved by the FDA that not only treats someone who gets COVID - but the latest study shows can prevent. All solutions (mRNA, J&J Vax and Lilly/Regeneron antibody treatments) should be part of the discussion on what it would take to open our schools from the position of the teachers union/Governor that this be a requirement. If there is pushback from the board or union, these additional facts should be readily available to anyone wanting to have a fully informed conversation. <https://www.statnews.com/2021/01/21/eli-lilly-says-its-monoclonal-antibody-prevented-covid-19-in-clinical-trial/>. Additionally - we should strongly consider the option to allow all kids to be in the classroom and the teacher teach into the classroom remotely - this is already being used by some teachers from a hybrid model. All that is needed is a classroom manager/aide. This would allow for immediate opening of all classrooms -with 0 risk to any teacher desiring to work from home temporarily or even permanently.

1/27/21 16:17:35

Hanan Primm Ha-nan Pr-imm

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Please open schools in person full time. The kids do not deserve to be treated in such an inconsistent way. If you are concerned of the virus, please give the option of online to those that have concerns. Thank you.

1/27/21 16:51:42

Kristen Smith

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We support students going back to the classroom full time.

1/27/21 16:39:46

Darla Winchel

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Good evening. In light of the most up to date science, COVID-19 in young people shows very low incidence of serious side effects; however, the ramifications from students' not having the full time in person learning experience have been devastating for many students emotionally, socially and educationally. When does Olentangy plan to get students back for 5 day full time education?

1/27/21 17:12:58

Mike Dean Mike Dean

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I will not let me son go back to in person learning until both my wife and I are vaccinated. Based on the current schedule this will not happen until summer. I will be forced to pull my son out of OLSD if you require all students to go back to in person learning.

1/27/21 17:19:46

Kathleen Kaufman

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Just wanted to stop by to stand with our teachers 100%. I'm saddened to see shaming of our educators on social media platforms (open Olentangy is one) as if they're the reason we are in school or not. These parents think our teachers aren't doing their jobs. Please listen to your teachers. Thank you.

1/27/21 17:43:34

Simone Cullivan

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I have seen social aspects of my children's lives significantly decline. They need to be with their peers. Consistency for children who have special learnings needs is lacking nor are parents trained to teach these kids with special needs the way they should be taught. Please return these kids to 5 days a week.

1/27/21 17:49:24

Brittney Scharver

283 Tara Glen

My children deserve to be back in school full time. They are twins, both in 4th grade. My daughter is on an IEP and needs the extra help and in person instruction to help her stay on track. My son, while academically does fine, suffers from anxiety and really struggles with the lack of consistency by being flipped between home and in school days. I have two different examples, academics and mental health, right in my own home that shows me every day why they need to be back in school full time. Thank you.