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2/24/2021 14:49:02	Renee Dizillo	It is not legal for District 205 to mandate saliva testing on students for in-person learning. When will you be updating the return to school documents to reflect that the testing is voluntary?
2/24/2021 15:40:52	Michelle Shoemaker	<p>I have many concerns with saliva testing and your quarantine expectations presented at last night's meeting. Let me start by saying this--I will not be quarantining my HEALTHY kids, who have already had Covid. You are not legally able to exclude them from school or school activities, nor are you allowed by law to make them take a mandatory saliva test to enter in person school. You are crossing a line with your rigid and conservative rules in an attempt to satisfy the direction given by, and I quote, "your lawyers and your insurance. and to appease the parents who email you to tattle on others behaviors" If my kids are sick? They will stay home. Whether it be with Covid(which tell Moyer it is a virus, not a disease) or strep throat, or the flu, or if someone has lice....They will not stay home if they are not sick. And, I advise you to read up on the CDC stating that MASKED individuals in close proximity are safe from the spread of Covid....You are masking them, you cannot mask them and then quarantine them for having a desk within 3 feet. This is insanity and it is extreme. I realize you have members of this community, our schools, who are fearful and fully believe these measures need to be taken. The fact is they are not the majority and they can literally CHOOSE to stay home. So do it, keep their kids home and let the remainder be in school, not spitting into a vial weekly (again this SHOULD be by choice, legally) and not constantly being put in quarantine from school, sports, from their life. And, you haven't even told us that I can find, what will happen to siblings if indeed you say a child in a family has to quarantine? Do you then attempt to make the siblings quarantine as well? Again, not happening in my house....Understand that your plans and logic behind your testing and quarantining lacks total common sense. And the fact that you have no plan in place for the kids (WAY more than 3%) that have had covid or for the teachers that are all vaccinated to NOT have to test or quarantine, shows just how lacking in logic this plan is. By the way, my kids have had covid and they are NOT in your #. Why on earth would I tell you my kids had Covid when we weren't even going to school? You are asking for a lot of legal ramifications with this plan presented last night. Open the schools. 5 days a week, 5 full days. All grades. If kids are sick they stay home. Wear their masks. Stop making this so complicated and get on with life. This virus, along with all the other viruses kids get, is here to stay. We cannot continue like this and we cannot head into the 21-22 school year with such ridiculous direction. I am not one this able to pull my kids out to private schools, so therefore I will keep fighting for the rights of my kids and their education and the best experience they can get. This is just as exhausting for those of us trying so hard to let common sense prevail, as it is for all of you....</p>
2/24/2021 17:56:29	A Concerned RN	<p>After listening to some of the Board meeting last night, I have many concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People traveling over Spring break and not requiring them to do some kind of Quarantine is irresponsible. People traveling on a plane and going to other states is considered high risk. No one will go on vacation and stay in a house /hotel the whole time they are away. I know of people going to high risk states and even other countries. We need better guidelines. 2. Last night, a few of the board members kept repeating why they did not understand why we have the 14 day Quarantine after a Positive exposure. This is because people can start to have symptoms at day 10-14. The DCHD has advised us to practice the 14 day Quarantine. 3. The Testing that we will be doing for grades 6-12. The Nurses have not been given any info on this. Parents are asking us questions, we have no information. 4. Contact tracing-The Nurses have been doing most of this in their buildings with the help of their Principals and Jen Conwell. We all have spent evening, weekends, doing this with no compensation. Will the contact tracers be taking over? 5. Remote/Hybrid Attendance-Parents have not been sending their kids to school on their assigned days. This makes Attendance monitoring very difficult, especially at the Middle school level. 6. Social Distancing and full in person schedules. I know this hasn't been decided yet for sure, but several board members indicated this is what they will be voting for. We will have to be prepared for the lunch hour. Have you ever been in a lunch room?? <p>I know every one is working hard to get kids back in school. We want that as well. But as the people who work in the buildings daily to keep people everyone healthy and safe, please consider what we do daily. I am only speaking for myself, but I know several of us feel this way. Thanks!</p>

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2/24/2021 18:15:31	Laura Miller	<p>D205 board, Thank you for your service and dedication to our D205 children, and the progress you have made against getting our children back to in person learning.</p> <p>After watching countless board meetings that seem to be ineffective; I am pleading with you to stop acting like you and the administration are infectious disease experts and to stop providing a POV on what is best for my children. I sat here and listened to one board member (who has since changed their tune) say they were not comfortable with relaxing the 6ft spacing requirement. I am not interested in what you are comfortable with in regards to the health of my child, I can make a decision about my own child based on the advice of experts in their field (who have the education and research to provide the advice) and its your job to summarize that advice for parents and develop strategies to implement the guidance while MAXIMIZING what the parents of children in this district desire. And I don't think anyone can deny the overwhelming majority prefer their children at all levels in school FULL TIME (8-3p.m.) 5 days per week.</p> <p>Based on your own website is states your job is the following: "The Board is responsible for ensuring a high-quality education for the students of the district. They accomplish this by holding the superintendent and administration accountable for student success."</p> <p>It is your job to hold Moyer and the administration accountable - as you heard several times during the January board meeting Moyer said - "I will do what I am told but I don't recommend that". I am not even advocating that you go against anything Moyer is suggesting but I am asking you do your job and demand Moyer provide more information, AND to deliver back to the board alternative plans to get children in school full time. i.e.: what are the options to get Middle school students back in school full time: to which the answer may be: the ONLY thing holding that back is relaxing the 3ft rule and here is the documentation from our "panel" of experts on why they do not recommend that. Then you can survey parents on what THEY are comfortable with. And this MUST be done by level to ensure that only parents who have children impacted are sharing their POV (if only the middle schools would need to give on the 3ft spacing requirement then ONLY survey the middle school parents for their POV. And implement what the parents desire - FULL TIME IN PERSON FOR ALL CHILDREN. Which you can not deny is the only way to ensure a High-quality education for the students in the district as your website claims is your job.</p> <p>A few additions: Please have the school administration disclose how many people are on their panel of Doctors advising on their return to school plan as well as who is included in that panel. If you can not include names please provide their titles/area of expertise. Please DEMAND the school admin increase the number of doctors on their panel (I could find a panel of 5 doctors who would recommend against vaccinating children against any virus/disease and I'm sure you would agree that is probably not the opinion of the majority). Include some of the doctors who have volunteered to help with children in the district - these people are pediatricians and infectious disease specialists who DO HAVE THE MEDICAL training, and education on the health of children that you do not. Please ask the school administration to deliver a plan for what it would take to fully re-open each school for full time hours like the numerous other public districts around us ASAP. Please make it clear to parents exactly what has to happen for that to be possible. Parents need to understand if a return to full time 5 days a week will be possible this year AND we need to know what metrics are in place or how you will decide the plan for the next school year - this should be delivered NOW so parents can make decisions about public school options or moving to neighboring districts who are able to get students in the classroom full time. I would like an update on why we can not extend the hours of the elementary school building to full time (8-3) TOMORROW allowing them to eat lunch at their desks, and why they can't go out for recess. Please let the community know what "RULE" you are following that does not allow elementary school students to eat lunch at their desk or even outside and return to school full time.</p>
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