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3/18/2021 15:25:59	Katie Larsen	Why are you not allowing our Bryan and Sandburg students at bare minimum back 830-130 starting next week? Or even 4/5? There is absolutely no reason why the rest of the district is allowed more in person hours of instruction than two schools of students. This is inequity. The BOE and district administration pulled a bait and switch on all of us when you made saliva testing mandatory. You all lead us to believe that with mandatory testing, our kids would return to 5 days of in person school. It's clear that you are all liars and a disgrace to our community as a whole. Please remember who you work for? I will definitely remember when I vote.
3/18/2021 15:43:41	Rebecca Harpster	In the next 12 school days, my Bryan middle schooler will be in school for four days. We have masks, we have saliva screening, I'm confused why we aren't able to offer these young children more school. She is 11 years old. She deserves to be in school! This is a time of extraordinary brain growth and development and it is being tarnished because of policies that this board is directly responsible for. When screening went through, you should have made five day schooling for ALL middle schools a priority. You've heard from doctors, other medical professionals, and therapists who all say that this can be done safely and is of the utmost importance. Why don't you do something? Please. I beg you to change this as soon as possible.
3/18/2021 15:48:25	Jaime Schwager	Please let Bryan and Sandburg kids go to school every day 8:30 to 1:30 starting March 22 until they are able to go full time (8:30 to 3:30) starting April 12th. With low covid rates, masks and covid spit testing along with vaccinated teachers this should not be an issue to get them back into school every day. Thank you!!
3/18/2021 15:57:34	Laura Miller	I do not understand why Bryan/Sandburg can not go 5 days a week starting tomorrow (same hours as current until all go full time on April 12th) like the other middle school and elementary schools? Please demand the administration figure out a way to get these 2 school back in person 5 days a week starting next week. Or please let us know what barrier exists that prevent this from happening with current hours until april 12?
3/18/2021 16:01:12	Jackie Tamer	After all the emails, phone calls, and public comments from many families, I'm shocked at the lack of understanding and urgency the board and administrators have about Bryan and Sandburg lacking equality in education. It wasn't even addressed as the board discussed the plan on Tuesday evening. This is not ok. Not one member even mentioned how Bryan and Sandburg are still hybrid. I have to think maybe it was an oversight? Maybe you forgot our children are still hybrid at those schools? Please get our children back ASAP to daily operations like the other schools in d205 have been awarded. Thank you.
3/18/2021 16:13:07	Laura Maniola	To the Elmhurst D205 BOE - I once again respectfully ask that you consider removing Dr. Moyer from his current position as Superintendent. He has repeatedly ignored the will of the community as well as the directives of the BOE to get our kids back in class full time. Given that he is leaving for a new, out of state position, it is clear that his focus is not on what is best for the students of D205 and he clearly is not open to listening to the Elmhurst school community regarding suggestions on ways to safely reopen. Also, I would like to advocate again for the Class of 2021. Prom and Graduation season are coming up quickly and the Governor has announced new "goals", or is his case moving goalposts, to get our state to the next Phases of reopening. To all listening, please get vaccinated when you are able - the reopening depends very much on this metric - absurd as that may be, but that is what has been decreed. Next, BOE, please work with the York Administration to support them on having these events held in as celebratory and "open" manner as is possible. I know that there are many staff and students working hard on plans for these 2 events and they are trying to pivot quickly on what can and cannot be done as the situation in our State changes. So much has been lost this year for our students - let's give the Class of 2021 an amazing send off. Thank you, Laura Maniola
3/18/2021 17:05:51	Beth Zimmer	The board and administration should make a decision right away to allow Sandburg and Bryan kids to attend 5 short days each week. All of the teachers are vaccinated and kids are wearing masks. There is no reason at this point to keep the AB schedule. They deserve every minute of in-classroom learning you can provide. Please focus on the critical issue at hand, getting our children back in school every day.

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3/18/2021 17:43:15	Caroline Heflin	I am strongly opposed to the mandatory saliva screening. I feel it is unethical to force it on students and the district has overstepped their authority in making it mandatory. This is nothing but a witch hunt and is a complete waste of money and resources. If it is such a great tool why are staff and administrators not subject to testing? If this testing is such an important tool why are our Bryan students still hybrid??? And I mortified at how it is being carried out in our district. Children being pulled out of classrooms and stuck in "isolation tents". Ridiculously long and unnecessary quarantine times. The anxiety level and constant state of panic in my children are in is heartbreaking. My high schooler wants to switch to remote for the sole reason of not getting stuck in quarantine because someone in his class tests positive on the saliva test. My children now hate school and dread going. The teachers have the option to be vaccinated and those that are nervous can keep their kids remote. Let the rest of us send our children to school and get back to life!
3/18/2021 18:21:38	Renee Deaton	I respectfully ask the board to consider the needs of all students in the search for a new superintendent. Parents need a leader that will advocate for advanced teacher training/certification for our teachers, encourages communication with parents and adopts best practices to advance the goals of ALL students.
3/18/2021 19:21:37	Elizabeth Thompson	I am extremely disappointed by the Tuesday night meeting. I expected more urgency, especially for the middle schoolers. In February, the Board directed Dr. Moyer to develop a plan to return full time. What we received was a long list of things that still needed to be done and another delay. The board should have amended that very poorly presented "plan" and brought the middle schoolers back 5 days immediately. Full return should have been the goal and what we were planning for. Instead it appears these plans are barely started. Where was the communication between the administration, building principals, etc this past month to actually come together for the students?