Public Comment Responses Received During the WPS BOE Meeting on 7/31/2020

Below is the pubic record of public comment responses received during the 7/31/2020 BOE Meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Purchase of Plexiglass Dividers for Desktops, Tables, and Office areas**

Harris Falk	Overlook Road	Good morning, Comments and questions: For offices, where contact is usually from behind desks these screens make complete sense. For the teachers, what is the purpose of placing plexi dividers at their desks? Will they be teaching exclusively while sitting at their desks? What is the difference between that and distance learning? The students will be at their desks and they will be instructed by their teacher who will remain immobile behind a clear screen. Plexi face shields would provide similar protection while allowing more freedom of movement for the teachers, at what I presume would be significantly less cost. Greater benefit, reduced cost. For the plexi shields at the students' desks: They don't appear to have "wings". Students will need to lean forward, hunched over their desks, to be protected on the sides. They won't protect students who are sitting up straight. How do they attach to the desks? Will the method of attachment damage the desks? What is the danger of injury to students from them becoming detached from the desks? Do the sides swing in and out freely? If they fall forward, they are tall enough to hit the student in

		front of them. If they fall backward, they can definitely hit the student sitting at the desk. How easy are the screens to scratch and scuff? Can ink be easily removed from the screen?(Dry erasable could actually be a nice benefit.) Will students be able to hear the teacher from behind the screen? Thank you.