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Tue 7/21, 8:44 PM

Comments, Board of Education

I know I'm late, just hoping it still gets read.

Melissa Filing, 2870 Linwood Rd. 2 students at the Jr/High school.

I would like to see the kids back in school in August. Looking at the numbers, (ages) our students are not the at-risk population. If teachers take the necessary precautions, they will not be at risk either. Please do not prevent them from moving forward, both in school and in life. Living in fear is no way to live.

I understand this is not the right choice for everyone and appreciate that the district is offering an online or virtual option to those families who choose it.

My hope is that the families who want the virtual option are not able to also dictate what is best for my children.

My children need some social interaction and hands on learning. They need to navigate this new way of living and need school/teachers/sports and activities to do this properly.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Maloney <rmaloney@neo.rr.com>

Wed 7/22, 11:04 AM

Comments, Board of Education

To whom it may concern,

First of all; a special thanks to all the Springfield Board members for their professionalism, dedication, and hard work during this COVID-19 crisis. In reviewing the board meetings of 7/14/20 and 7/21/20 I didn't see anything mentioned with reference to the special needs of the students such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy programs. Did I miss something along the way and will these programs continue. I saw the section under "SPECIAL EDUCATION" but was not clear if this included the therapy programs.

Thank you for all you are doing during these rough times,

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Sat 7/25/2020 1:32 PM

Comments, Board of Education

I know this school year will look very different than what we and our students are used to.

It's our job as parents, to try to prepare our children for what is to come. Is there any recommendations from any of the board members, or Administrators as to what we can tell our kids to expect? How would you explain things to a child on an elementary, intermediate, middle school, and high school level?

Would a virtual tour of the school be possible before school starts? To show the spacing of the desks, marked hallways, sanitation stations, bottle filling stations, new signage, etc.

I can only imagine all of those changes would be overwhelming to an adult, maybe letting a child sit down and see them with a parent, grandparent, or caregiver would put them more at ease.

I personally believe that an open house would benefit every child, and cut down on a lot of confusion.

I know when I was in school I needed that open house so I knew exactly where my class was, or else I would have just been wandering the hallways. It also was very comforting to meet my teacher before the first day.

I'm asking the board to think back to when they were in school, and what helped them.

We've asked these kids to change a lot of things.

If we can stagger open house and do 30 or 45 minutes for last names A-G, do some cleaning then last names H-N, clean, etc.

I also think that a open house would put some parents at ease, to be able to see how things will be.

Thank you for your time, and your consideration.

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Mon 8/10/2020 3:29 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Good afternoon , I am writing as both a parent and fellow elementary school teacher in a neighboring district . Before a choice is made to have the upper grades go full remote I beg for you to consider a hybrid model . I have both an incoming junior and 6 th grader who need to be in school . My daughters are great students but both have said they do not learn well online . They need to make connections with their teachers especially at the start of a new year ! Rather than remote 5 days a week , if the original plan of returning to the building 5 days a week is not an option, please consider having the students

come to the schools 2-3 times a week . These students need to form relationships with their teachers at the start of the year in order to have a successful school year . I do not think this can be done online . I realize the amount of planning this takes and appreciate your efforts but sincerely do not think it is the students best interest to be online from the start of a new school year .

Thank you , Sarah Atkinson
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Mon 8/10/2020 3:57 PM
Comments, Board of Education

Dear Board Members,

I do not envy the position you all find yourselves in. I will keep my comments brief.

I have a son starting 10th grade this year. Personally, I feel that the decision to send your child to school or stay home should be left up to the parents. Every family has a unique situation. I am a single mom, and have been an essential worker and have worked through the entire pandemic. My son is an only child.

My son is capable of wearing a mask, personal hygiene, and social distancing. Frankly, the risks associated with him staying home alone with limited personal interaction, outweigh my concerns of him contracting or passing COVID 19. Mental health is a real concern and my child needs social interaction.

Please allow the parents to decide what is right for their child in regards to returning to school. I would be willing to sign a waiver if need be to allow him to return to school.

Respectfully,

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Tue 8/11/2020 10:25 AM
Comments, Board of Education

Melissa Filing - 2870 Linwood

mother of 8th/11th students

I still support the school year starting in person for all of the many reasons that have been mentioned over the last few months.

My question is, what will be different in 9 weeks? If they start online for 9 weeks, what will be different that will allow them to go back in mid-October? Will it be pushed to 2021? Are you going to send them back in the middle of flu season? No one will know if a fever/cough is Covid or the flu.

It seems like pushing the in-person start date off could quickly turn into on-line learning for the whole year and that is not in the best interest of the students.

We cannot keep living in fear of the unknown. We have to move forward with caution and deal with issues as they arise because, what if nothing happens and all goes well? People (students and teachers) are going to get it. We have to learn how to work through it.

Thank you for listening,

Melissa Filing

Ashley Stewart <ashley_stewart22@yahoo.com>

Tue 8/11/2020 1:28 PM

Comments, Board of Education

From Ashley Stewart
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I believe that the start of the school year needs to be pushed back due to the uncertainty of things.

For the parents-like me who had decided to send my child to the building, I had went out and bought all of the needed school supplies. Now I wait. Do I buy new school clothes? New school shoes? Or do I go out and buy a new laptop because I don't want my 7 year old using my cellphone for zoom calls? It will be within a weeks notice to buy these items before the start of school.

We are just not prepared for this. It's not for lack of trying, but the constant changes being made.

It's not fair for the parents who can't afford it, to have them spend \$60 per kid on school supplies, that they won't need (at least for now) then switch the plan a week later.

I still believe that kids should be in the building. Kids thrive on structure.

Next year, or whenever things get back to normal, these teachers will struggle getting the kids back into a routine, and undoing the habits that they're learning from doing virtual learning (eating while doing work, shorter attention span, doing work as they want, getting up as they please, etc)

Taking the easy way out has never worked. This takes effort on everyone's part.

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Tue 8/11/2020 1:40 PM

Comments, Board of Education

The parents and tax paying citizens of Springfield township are petitioning to keep the schools functioning as normal. We have well over 100 signatures in 8 hours out petition will be posted again with more names, emails and signatures. They are growing by the minute. Keeping kids home will do them more harm than good. We want our children to be inside the building functioning as normal for the year 2021. We all urge you to reconsider. There is a better way to educate these kids and keep the children at home who's parents CHOOSE not to send into the building. This should be OUR choice.

https://www.change.org/p/springfield-local-school-district-open-the-school-s-doors-for-our-children-to-receive-a-proper-education-in-the-year-2021?recruiter=1140067430&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition

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Tue 8/11/2020 3:38 PM

Comments, Board of Education

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I want to thank everyone in administration and on the school board for all the hard work that's been done recently regarding a back to school plan. I know that you are listening and weighing all sides, from parent input to county health recommendations. I recognize how hard this must be and I want you to know that you have more support from the community than you realize.

Thanks again,

Regina Southall

Melissa Wisener

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To: Comments, Board of Education

Subject: SCPH school recommendation

With the start of school being 2 weeks away and the recommendation coming from Summit County Public Health, I really think you guys should consider pushing the start date for school to begin after Labor Day. There are a lot of parents that need time to get a plan in place myself included, I just in case we are told we have to go remote the first 9 weeks.

To many things still need to be evaluated and figured out. Based off the information given before, parents and students that opted to stay home the first 9 weeks were told they had to log in for live instruction everyday. Not sure how that will work for many parents that are working and unable to assist their child/children when they can't be home.

My children do better in a school setting and this is what I prefer too. But, I understand whatever decisions are made don't come easy. With that being said I'm asking if you could PLEASE consider pushing the start date for school back to September and preferably not a Monday. This will give more time to allow the school board, administration and parents to come up with a plan.

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