

Dawn Martin <marty1139013@gmail.com>

Yesterday, 9:46 PM

Comments, Board of Education

My name is Dawn Martin

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Will there be an Orientation or Open House for the 7th graders starting at the Jr./High School this year, those that will be returning to the classroom ??

And, any decision on a start date as yet ??

A 3rd grader and a 7th grader, will they be required to wear masks ??

I would need these questions answered before I decide whether or not my children will be returning to the buildings or continuing at-home online schooling !!

Thank You for your prompt answers !!!

cmbaggott@neo.rr.com

Today, 6:59 AM

Comments, Board of Education

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to write to you to let you know what my concerns are for my family returning to school this year. I will have a fourth grader and a sixth grader going into Schrop intermediate school. My sixth grader has asthma which is aggravated by heat and exercise. Obviously, with the heat that is in Schrop due to no air-conditioning, combined with wearing a mask, she will more than likely be in the nurses office with an asthma attack every day. This involves coughing and shortness of breath, which I'm sure will then be flagged as a possible COVID case with her being sent home. I'm also very concerned with the parents in the past, and still will, continue to send their kids to school sick, giving them Tylenol to reduce fever in the morning, therefore exposing all the children and staff. Ideally, I would love to be able to keep my children home for virtual learning, but my husband and I both work full-time and cannot afford to leave our jobs to be able to stay home to ensure that the kids log on every day during school hours for virtual learning. I think that families who do have full-time working parents, and want to keep their kids home, should be given the option to do the virtual learning in the late afternoon early evening when it works best for them. Maybe the teachers could record their virtual lessons and post them online so that families can watch those lessons when it's convenient for them.

Lastly, I am concerned that if orientations and open houses, along with public in person board meetings are deemed unsafe due to Covid and cannot occur, then how is it possibly safe for our children to return to school with more than 10 kids per class?

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I know the decisions that you have to make are beyond difficult and you are doing a tremendous job trying to ensure that our children are kept as safe as possible and I'm very grateful for that. I am very proud to be part of the Springfield community!

Sincerely,

Christine Baggott

(I prefer to not have my address read aloud on the recorded meeting that will reposted on YouTube)
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Melissa Wisener <melissawisener32@yahoo.com>
Today, 8:50 AM
Comments, Board of Education

First and foremost I would like to thank you for all for listening to everyone's concerns and giving us parents the opportunity to ask questions! For this school year, I would like to know will it be required for kids to wear mask all day or can they remove the mask while sitting at their desk? Will the kids still have PE, music, art and recess?

For the parents that chose virtual learning or at any time we all have to go to virtual learning will the kids be able to do their class work in the evening? With many parents working it's hard to have your child/children perform virtual learning while we're at work.

Thanks again!

Best regards!
Melissa Wisener
3271 Jaber Dr, Akron 44312

Walker, Donna
Today, 11:49 AM
Comments, Board of Education

Donna Walker, 2170 Mingo Trail, Resident and Schrop Cafeteria Manager.

Being we only have about 24 days until we go back to work, I am wondering when we will find out how Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Will we be using all disposable for serving and will the Children be given choices for fruits and veggies or everyone gets the same thing?

We must make our food orders at least a week before school starts, therefore we need to know ASAP how things are going to be handled.

Thank you for your time.

Donna Walker

Mancuso, Craig
Today, 12:18 PM
Comments, Board of Education

It's being said that we are not going to be 1-to-1 with Chromebooks for our students, despite the fact that SLACT leadership was explicitly told by administration that the CARES money was going to be used for that very purpose. If this is the case, I see this as this as a serious problem for several reasons:

First, teachers and students should not be exchanging materials, including paper. According to a Battelle study (see <https://www.battelle.org/newsroom/news-details/battelle-study-coronavirus-undetectable-on-some-library-materials-after-three-days>), paper needs to be quarantined for 72 hours to ensure that it is virus-free. Teachers should not be touching papers that have been turned in for 72 hours, then they shouldn't be returned (touchlessly, mind you) after being graded for another 72 hours. That means a minimum of 144 hours turn around time for students to receive feedback on their work. With online work, feedback can be much quicker, even instantaneous in many cases.

Second, students are not going to be able to physically work together on projects. With Chromebooks in their hands, collaborative work and learning is possible without being physically close.

Third, students are not going to be able to physically work together and share materials in science labs. With the technology in place, students in science classes can access virtual labs through online sources (<https://phet.colorado.edu>, <https://www.ck12.org>, etc.) and collaborate with peers answering questions and writing reports. In this way, students can still learn important science concepts in an interactive way.

Fourth, I feel that we need to be 1-to-1 with Chromebooks because we must be ready to quickly pivot from face-to-face instruction to online instruction if health officials order our school buildings closed due to increasing rates of infection.

For all these reasons, I believe that it is very important that the district equip our students with Chromebooks.

Thank you,
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Callaway, Angela
Today, 1:00 PM
Comments, Board of Education

Hi there!

Passing along some questions/concerns teachers and parents have been asking about:

- Is it being considered to push back the start date of the proposed full time 5 days a week? Many schools waiting until after Labor Day.
- How many days will staff have to train and practice safety procedures, new transitions with restroom breaks, handing in papers, classroom and hallway social distancing, classroom monitoring, masks, lunch time social distancing, etc. ? How will families get this information ahead of time?
- How will fire drill and tornado drill procedures go while practicing social distancing?
- Are we considering a hybrid design to protect students and staff and practice better social distancing?
- Are there any details for The online learning options?

Thank you for your hard work and understanding through this difficult time.

Angie Callaway
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Springfield Teacher 17 years

Carrie Janickas <cjanickas10@yahoo.com>

Today, 1:54 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Hello,

If school starts as planned, I feel there should be some type of orientation for the new 7th graders that will be attending school in person. It should not be expected that these brand new 7th graders walk into a new school on the first day with no prior introduction to the school. So, will there be a new student orientation for these kids? I'm sure an orientation with masks and social distancing can be planned. Please make this happen.

Also, will the students still change classes during the day? Or will they remain in their room and the teachers go to them?

Thank you,
Carrie Janickas
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Kristin Rummer <ksarv0605@gmail.com>

Today, 1:58 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Dear Springfield Board Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read comments, questions, and concerns.

I am very concerned about reopening our Springfield school buildings in just a few short weeks. Covid-19 cases and deaths are rising. We have not stopped the spread. In fact, numbers are reporting higher now than when we closed in March.

We are not only a school, but a community. We need to not only protect our students, but our teachers, counselors, administrators, support staff, etc... as well as our families that we ALL go home to every day after school. By doing 100% remote learning at the start of the school year, we are protecting our community and city.

I desperately want to get back to normal and back to our students. I have missed them and have worried about them every day. But times are NOT normal. At what cost do we return? More illness, more spread, and potentially more deaths (terrifying).

If we return to the building, I am confident that teachers and staff will give 100% of their effort and care everyday, just as they have before. However, we will return with fear, uncertainty, and major concern for our health. I hope you make your decisions based on science and thoughtful conversation, considering ALL the potential ramifications.

Thank you for your time.

Kristin Rummer

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candy kolanski <candyfordave@gmail.com>

Today, 1:59 PM

Comments, Board of Education

My name is Candy Kolanski. I live at 659 Neal Rd, Akron, OH 44312. My son Benjamin Kolanski attends Schrop.

My question is what happens when there is a confirmed case in the school district? Will the whole class be notified and quarantined? What if it is a teacher or administrator position? Will the whole school be quarantined for 2 weeks? I am also concerned that in 4 weeks we are supposed to be sending how many students back into the building? And yet 9 adults can't gather to discuss these things in one room? It has to be done over a zoom meeting. You have to see the irony in that.

Erica Richardson <erica22@earthlink.net>

Today, 2:00 PM

Comments, Board of Education

To Whom it May Concern,

I hope that you are considering very carefully how we will “do” school in the fall. The number one priority should be to keep staff and students safe and healthy.

Here are some guiding principles from the CDC that I hope you will keep in mind.

Guiding Principles to Keep in Mind

The more people a student or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. The risk of COVID-19 spread increases in school settings as follows:

- Lowest Risk: Students and teachers engage in virtual-only classes, activities, and events.
- More Risk: Small, in-person classes, activities, and events. Groups of students stay together and with the same teacher throughout/across school days and groups do not mix. Students remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects (e.g., hybrid virtual and in-person class structures, or staggered/rotated scheduling to accommodate smaller class sizes).
- Highest Risk: Full sized, in-person classes, activities, and events. Students are not spaced apart, share classroom materials or supplies, and mix between classes and activities.

Thank you,

Erica Richardson

3217 Fulton Dr NW, Canton, OH

Bosko, David

Today, 2:06 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Good evening,

Springfield teachers have always stepped up to help the District.

When the pandemic hit in March and we were forced to go to online learning, teachers throughout the district came together to quickly and efficiently transition to an online learning format.

SLACT is concerned about the way we return to school and the kids we love to teach.

We believe that working together we can accomplish anything.

I am expressing my hope that you are listening to your teachers and the members of the "restart committee" and consider all options as we begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Respectfully,

Dave Bosko
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Shannon Young <shannonberk04@gmail.com>
Today, 2:06 PM
Comments, Board of Education

When are you going to announce that all schools will be done remotely for the first semester of the school year?

karen ricci <kmricci_75@yahoo.com>
Today, 2:16 PM
Comments, Board of Education

What is your max number of students that you are willing to put in each classroom at the elementary level? How many in the special education classrooms that were already too crowded?

Parents can't choose if this option is safe if they don't even know how many students will be in there.

Karen Ricci
1863 Massillon Rd
Akron Oh 44312

Richardson, Erica
Today, 2:21 PM
Comments, Board of Education

To Whom it May Concern:

As you make plans for how to restart school in the fall, I hope you will consider the following, for the safety of all staff and students.

The 4 "D"s from the CDC are essential: *Distance, Deterrence, Disinfection, and Detection.*

- Physical distance – 6 feet between people -> hybrid schedules may be necessary given school density

- Deterrence – Healthy hygiene practices – Masks – Ventilation – Eliminating Shared Supplies and Equipment
- Disinfection of Schools, Buses & Equipment
- Detection – Screening on Entry/at Home – Isolating Sick Students and Staff until they can Safely Get Home – Closing as Needed to Contain Outbreak in School or Community

These four things work together. Research has predicted that when they are not implemented, new infections will happen quickly and schools will have to close again.

In addition, the American Academy of Pediatrics supports reopening only when safe:

“Returning to school is important for the healthy development and well-being of children, but we must pursue re-opening in a way that is safe for all students, teachers and staff. Science should drive decision-making on safely reopening schools. Public health agencies must make recommendations based on evidence, not politics. We should leave it to health experts to tell us when the time is best to open up school buildings and listen to educators and administrators to shape how we do it.”

July 10, 2020 Joint Statement by AAP, NEA, AFT, AASA.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine has also made a statement:

- All students and staff should wear face masks, with surgical masks provided to all staff
- Provide hand washing stations or hand sanitizer for all people who enter school buildings, minimize contact with shared surfaces, and increase regular surface cleaning
- Limit large gatherings of students and overcrowding at school entrances, possibly by staggering arrival times
- Reorganize classrooms to enable physical distancing, such as by limiting class sizes or moving instruction to larger spaces.
- Prioritize cleaning, ventilation, and air filtration
- Create a culture of health and safety in every school, and enforce virus mitigation guidelines using positive approaches rather than by disciplining students

Finally, the HEROES Act has been passed by the House and is before the Senate now. Please consider writing and calling our Senators to ask them to support this bill which provides funding for education, including the cost of making schools safe in the age of COVID.

Sincerely,

Erica Richardson
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Canton, OH

Ulrich, Jeffrey

Today, 2:29 PM

Comments, Board of Education

1. Why isn't the CARES money being used to purchase Chrome books for students?
2. What is the plan for 10 or less students
in a classroom since current guidelines
for public meetings prohibit more than
10 people?
3. If students will be expected to eat their
lunch in the classroom, how will the
room be sanitized? Also, who will super-
vise students for lunch? For many
teachers, lunch is the only time free in
their schedule from school routine.

ang swiger <angieswiger11@gmail.com>

Today, 2:43 PM

Comments, Board of Education

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Hello I have 2 daughters in the district a 5th grader and a 8 th grader. First I'd like to say just my 2 daughters alone have complete opposite needs as to a ideal re-opening plan , I personally really admire and appreciate all the time in effort and planning the board has done thus far taking each students needs into consideration. However no matter what is decided I'm completely aware it will not work for some. Everyone will not agree , We ourselves have decided no matter the options Our schools decide to go with, we as a family will make whatever adjustments necessary to make it work for our household.

My Question/concern is that parents may fear keeping their children home if they have a new cough /cold symptoms or a low grade fever, they may fear the attendance strike. They may fear their already struggling child will fall behind if they keep them home with such minor symptoms. I really would like to see a policy in place for when we keep our kids home for these symptoms, a policy that maybe includes a online sick day packet or something similar so that they can avoid a true absence and still stay up with class assignments. Maybe the teachers could have google classroom ready to go for these kids on any given day. My youngest is a straight A student , she's also a severe asthmatic who already in past years

has missed so much school (All medically excused) that the state sent a letter. Also she stresses out and pretends not to be having a bad day medically because she knows missing a day means more work the returning day. I think if parents knew ahead of time there was a Specific policy / plan in place for these missed days they would be more likely to keep their children home with mild symptoms I, therefore making the school healthier and safer for all.

Thank you for your consideration keep up the great job you all have done for our children.

Gina Giusti <ginaegiusti@hotmail.com>

Today, 2:53 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Hello,

One of my biggest concerns is the fact or elementary schools don't have air conditioning. For the students and staff I don't feel it's safe with mask wearing.

Also for elementary students I feel they need to be offered computers for virtual learning, I know many students don't have them.

Smaller class sizes would be ideal generally speaking I think 20-24 is to many kids for one teacher.

I know this is a lot of change at once, some of it will be good change for the future. Good luck and god bless.

Gina Giusti Cottrill

Deborah Vrabel <dvrabel@icloud.com>

Today, 3:25 PM

Comments, Board of Education

We are choosing all-digital learning for our grandchildren mainly because of our age. How can we have a voice in making sure what is offered gives them an experience close to the quality they had up until March 2020? How can we have opportunities to see that adequate resources go to the digital program? Will there be training or guidelines to help us be effective with the kids and with what the teachers need us to do? Will there be flexibility for those with multiple children or scheduling conflicts? Tech support for those having trouble so they don't bother the teachers? Opportunities for occasional in-person assessments? How can we at home provide ongoing feedback and recommendations about the platforms and content?

Deborah Vrabel

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SmithIs1953 <smithIs1953@aol.com>

Today, 3:27 PM

Comments, Board of Education

I would like to know exactly what we will be doing and how we are protecting ourselves and the students. With less than a month before we return to school. I have heard very little as to how we will return and what we will do. Starting on Aug 17th is way to close for us to be starting school and not having an idea what will be happening. I have heard the students will be returning to the building or online on the 24th. These 5 days what are they to be used for. Nothing has been relayed to me. Are we cleaning our rooms, are we learning what is expected, do we have schedules available for in school and online. We really need more than 5 days to get through all of this. We certainly have learned something from our last quarter. I am very ready to return to my class room, I am very excited to begin this year, however this is a very different time and lack of preparedness or not letting all of us know what we can do during this time off is disheartening. I only heard that we were able to come and get personal items from our room. I have items I need to bring back and a ton of unfinished projects to go through. All the paper work, computer and lesson planning takes quite a long time and many of us work through the summer. It will and has been even more difficult and longer preparation for classes in the building and online. I have followed many professionals on their webinars and this is a lengthy process. I would love to have the teachers and the board only get together and lets get this fixed. Thank you Lisa Smith

karen ricci <kmricci_75@yahoo.com>

Today, 3:51 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Will the tables in the elementary rooms be replaced with desks to properly distance them? If not what is the plan.

Tommy Phillips <tnt0714@yahoo.com>

Today, 4:06 PM

Comments, Board of Education

My name is Tommy Phillips I live at 2415 Canton Road. I would like to be part of the zoom meeting. the questions I have are what is recess going to be like for the younger kids? what is the lunch process going to be? are the children going to be required to wear masks all day even while at their desks, will they be required to wear them outside or during gym class? what will happen if one of the kids in a class test positive? what is the protocol going to be if a child has a temperature or any of the symptoms of covid-19? Have you or will you be submitting your safety guidelines for covid-19 to the health department for review and will you be posting them on the schools website?

Thank you

Tommy Phillips

Regina Southall <reginamarieh@gmail.com>

Today, 4:13 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Regina Southall

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1. Is there a plan/ what is the plan for when someone gets COVID? Student and/or teacher? Are we solely counting on the health dept for guidance as to what classes or buildings need to close or who needs contacted after possible exposure?
2. Are teachers going to be dealing with in-person students AND distance learning students? Or will certain teachers be designated to one or the other? Have teachers had an input?
3. If parents decide to switch from in-person to distance-learning, there needs to be that option.
4. Are K-2 exempt from wearing masks? Do students have to wear masks while at their desk? Can it be arranged for them to take them off at any time?
5. Do volunteers have access to the building?

Kerri Franks <kfranks13@gmail.com>

Today, 4:23 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Board members,

Thank you for your time and consideration of the comments and concerns of the teachers and school staff regarding the reopening of Springfield school buildings. I respect that each of you are facing a very challenging decision and are considering the potential risks of each possible choice. I am writing today as a Springfield Professional School Counselor to express my own concerns with reopening. For the last 25 plus years, it has been my job to promote a safe learning environment for members of the school and ensure children that school is a safe place. I take our students' social, emotional and mental well-being very seriously. I know our students need to be in our buildings and with each other; as soon as it is safe. With the consistent daily increase in numbers of COVID-19 cases in our state and in our county, I cannot in good conscious feel like I will be fulfilling my job to promote and ensure safety in our schools and among our students if school buildings are reopened and students are attending classes in-person. I am hopeful that the very board that decided to close our schools in March will be carefully considering the decision to begin the school year 100% virtually, as the numbers of cases are in fact worse now than they were 4 months ago.

As a pillar of our community, it is our obligation to do what is right for our students and our families. Our students are counting on us to do this right. We are not just a school. We are a community. Our focus is the protection of

students, but also protecting our teachers, counselors, administrators, support staff and the families they return home to at the end of each school day. On a personal note, I live with an immuno-deficient child we have custody of. We are in the process of testing another one of our children we have custody of to see if she is immuno-deficient. As it is, when we return I will need to take extra precautions to ensure I do not bring Covid-19 home with me.

Like many of my colleagues, I miss our students and look forward to getting back to working with our students face-to-face. But, not at the cost of potentially causing more harm to them, myself, our families, or other community members. For many people, COVID-19 is a matter of life and death. I know that you will make your decision based on science, open conversation, and thoughtful consideration of the concerns of your staff.

Sincerely,

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Knight, Annie
Today, 4:40 PM
Comments, Board of Education

Good evening,

As a Springfield staff member, I have many concerns about safely and effectively returning to school in August in the midst of a global pandemic. The following are a few of my questions:

1. What is the plan to accommodate immuno-compromised staff members or those staff members living with immuno-compromised family members?
2. It has been said numerous times that 5 of the 16 teachers who were RIF'd earlier this year will be called back when the district makes the decision to return to the physical school building. Now that we know this is the proposed plan, when will we be hearing about these teachers being called back? We need all hands on deck to navigate the upcoming school year.
3. How will social distancing be ensured and enforced, especially in the 7-12 building? Even if the expectation is lowered to three feet of distance, this will be difficult to achieve with a full classroom of students. There are tables in the classrooms, not desks; it seems even the most disciplined students will really only be able to achieve about one foot of distance if sitting at the same table as another student. Not to mention there are approximately 100 students coming in and out of a HS/JH classroom throughout one day of school. How will this be addressed and achieved in order to keep students and teachers safe? Furthermore, what is the plan for social distancing in the hallways during class change?

4. What kind of PPE can we expect to be provided in the school buildings and classrooms?
5. Will students' temperature be taken daily to ensure the safety of all in the buildings?
6. What does daily disinfecting of a classroom entail, in detail? What are the specific cleaning processes that will be done on a daily basis?
7. Will there be time built into the daily schedule for teachers to engage with their remote students? How will staff be expected to successfully teach students in person AND remotely?
8. Will students be permitted to use books from the library? Both for their own independent reading and as class sets for ELA reading units?
9. What is the plan to provide an adequate amount of technology to both students learning remotely and students in the classroom? Are we receiving government money to help us with this? How close can we get to being 1:1 with our devices? Technology will be in great demand at all grade levels, especially as we attempt to provide similar instruction and assignments to students both at home and in the classroom.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for our district. Please keep the health and safety of all students and staff in mind when making these difficult decisions about returning to school.

Annie Knight
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Miranda Terry <mdterry818@gmail.com>
Today, 4:42 PM
Comments, Board of Education

Jason Lang

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Good evening. My name is Jason Lang and I am a Uniontown Resident in the Springfield School District. I have one child going into 3rd grade at Young Elementary, one child going into 7th grade and one that graduated in 2019. First, over the past several months I have heard this District's Treasurer continuously state that our district was going to have a hard time collecting taxes from Home Owners that default on their mortgages. This is very far from the truth. First, being in the Real Estate Business I can tell you that if a homeowner has trouble paying their mortgage, the Bank is going to step in and do so in order to protect themselves and the lien on the house. The school will collect taxes and continue to have the flow of money. I find it almost as a slap in the face that this continues to be put out there as though it is a fact. It is not. Also, residents in this district are hardworking homeowners. They pay their bills, mortgages and taxes. To even suggest such a thing is disrespectful and should stop at once.

Second, it's time to open the books on record. Everyone within this community has had to make adjustments to their lifestyles due to the Covid-19 virus. The schools were shut down for half of March, all of April, all of May. There have maybe been few going into buildings in June and July. Our School Buses stopped running. Lights stopped getting turned on and off. Every building should have saved money on paper not being used, cleaning products not being used, the list goes on. Teachers didn't take

a pay increase of the 2% they were due. This district should have been saving money when the shutdown occurred. Now I understand our district lost money due to cuts made higher up. But you all received money too. Money for our kids. Money to save jobs. How is it that I see districts all over our county, neighboring counties not making cuts in teachers and staff? The Cares Act gives districts money. Many of us that will be watching this meeting on YouTube tonight know how much this district has been rewarded. I would like the Board to tell us what that amount is and how you are all planning to use it? As I see it, this money is for OUR kids. OUR kids that live in this district. The board that is sitting here wants me to go and vote yes for OUR kids and hand over money to you. I keep seeing signs for our kids, yes for our kids, vote for our kids. When will you start doing something for our kids? How are districts such as Coventry and Northwest capable of buying every kid in their district a chrome book computer but our district can't? I would like the Board to tell me how you plan to have successful kids in K-12 during this pandemic without a 1:1 of Chrome Books.

Thank you for your time and I hope you answer these questions before you move on to the next citizen comment.

Hartong, Tina
Today, 4:42 PM
Comments, Board of Education

Board Meeting Questions: 7/21/20

Tina Hartong
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22 year proud Springfield Teacher

I was encouraged by SLACT leadership to share questions tonight that I have regarding restart.

First, I am sure there has been countless hours and sleepless nights from our district's leadership regarding what to do for reopening. Your efforts in maintaining a safe environment for staff, students, and their families is BEYOND appreciated.

1. If we restart in person, and a staff member becomes ill, are we confident there will be substitutes to fill positions?
2. If a staff member becomes ill/tests positive for COVID, will it be counted as normal sick leave - using saved days?
3. I have children in a neighboring district. If they are exposed within their building, will it be necessary for me to quarantine away from my classroom as well?
4. If we restart in person, what scenarios will our district deem necessary to shut down in person learning and move to online?
5. If Summit County is removed from the Level 3 concern, will students still be required to wear face masks?

6. Will I be provided with cleaning supplies for my classroom, or will I need to begin purchasing them for myself? Will I be provided facemasks?
7. Will temperatures be taken at school? Will the teacher be responsible for this?
8. I am concerned regarding the statistics of the transfer of this virus on paper. It has been suggested by medical experts that paper is to be left sitting for a minimum of 3 days before contact - the reason many businesses are not accepting currency at this time. This is worrisome about passing out papers, collecting papers, grading papers, and passing back to students. I want to make sure I am doing EVERYTHING I possibly can to keep from spreading this virus to my students. Will our students be provided with technology in class to prevent this dangerous practice of paper sharing. It has been suggested that our students will be fine with paper packets should we switch to remote learning. I truly hope this is not true.

I am PROUD to call myself a Spartan Teacher! I love my job, and I love my students. Spartans are strong and we will get through this crisis. I appreciate everyone's time and energy being spent on keeping our children safe. THANK YOU!

Applegarth, Tamara
Today, 4:48 PM
Comments, Board of Education

Dear Board Members and Administrative Team:

As a teacher--and one who is advocating for those who are immunocompromised--I can honestly say that I have a great deal of trepidation returning to school in August. I understand that there are various pros and cons for returning to in-person schooling, but I also believe that there is enough research on the issue to warrant the postponement of such a plan in the name of safety. I am definitely a strong proponent of remote learning until the research or a vaccine ensures safety for all . . . both students AND staff.

Personally, I feel as if I not only need to write a will going into this upcoming school year, but I am also looking to acquire more life insurance should I die due to workplace infection. I have been very conscientious about isolating myself from family and friends for the past four months, and I now feel that this sacrifice is being jeopardized with this call for in-person schooling.

I know it is your job to consider all aspects of a proposed plan for returning to school, but please know that the voices of your teachers should be given a great deal of consideration. Is the potential loss of even one staff member, student, or family member worth it?

Sincerely,

Tamara Applegarth
SHS Teacher

Miranda Terry <mdterry818@gmail.com>

Today, 4:56 PM

Comments, Board of Education

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Good evening, my name is Miranda Terry. I have two children currently in the district.

I have seen the restart plan.

First, the first day of school is now being suggested to start on August 24th. This is a Monday. As a parent, I do not agree with a Monday start date, now or ever, for school. Especially this year. We have kids returning to school that are going to be anxious in ways they never have been. You are going to have kids coming back to school after being out since March 13th. You are asking for kids to come back and go to school a full 5 days their first week back. This may sound like some small thing to you, but I see this as a lot to ask of our kids for starting school. First, I do not feel we should be starting school in August. It is too hot and we all know that is going to be a big factor in every school or room without air conditioning. I feel a start day in the middle of the week would be best. Also I would suggest not starting schools off at full capacity for those that choose to go in-person. Staggered starts by grades would be great.

Second, open houses and orientations are a must. Kids need to see where they are going to go to school. Parents need to see what school is going to look like, especially with the limited access parents will have. We have kids in kindergarten, 4th grade and 7th grade going into completely new buildings. We have new district students doing the same. Our kids need to see things are safe. They need to have confidence when they enter their building. They should not be entering a building for the first time on the first day. You will create nothing but chaos and anxiety.

Finally, I strongly feel that our district needs to figure out a way to get Chrome Books for our students. Every student. To say that we are trying to stay close to what other districts in our area are doing is not fair to our students. It is not fair because they do not have the same devices available to them as the ones such as Green, Manchester and Coventry. There must be some way to get a ratio of 1:1 to help our kids transition to an online if there is a shut down and also to eliminate the trail of papers that kids are going to be turning in, teachers taking home and kids bringing home.

Thank you for your time.

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Today, 5:00 PM

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Good evening,

I want to start off by saying Thank you to everyone that is involved in the start/reopening of the school year. This are uncertain times and there isn't a "one size fits all" plan. I just plea with you that you take

into consideration all the facts and opinions of everyone involved including parents, teachers/staff, and administration. There is a genuine pandemic that we are living through. These times will go down in history and will be talked about for generations to come. We have to think about the public health, the health of our students and our community first. Would it be ideal for school to resume at 5 days a week....ABSOLUTELY! But is it safe....NO WAY.

I'm not sure how administrators can plan for school to resume when there is still a limit of only 10 people allowed to gather at once. Even if Governor Dewine lifts that order, is it going to be completely open to where 1100 students can gather. I think not. We need to think about the future in short term and long term when deciding how to start the 2020/2021 school year. This virus isn't going anywhere, so we must find a way to live with it safely.

You can not count on ALL parents to check their child's temperature every day prior to school. It is not realistic. You can not count on ALL parents to not send their child to school if they are showing any of the signs of COVID (sore throat, fever, cough, runny nose, ect). That is not realistic. Any person that works in a school knows that some parents send their kids to school sick. I get it, parents have to work. I work full-time in the schools as well.

Please consider a hybrid plan (so students can be social distanced) so there is only half the number of students in a class, or going all digital learning.

Thank you,

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