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Mon 7/13/2020 5:40 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

Hello, We have three comments regarding the opening of our school for the 2020-2021 school year in regards to the Coronavirus 19.

1. Mandatory masks for all staff members and students with the exception for those with health issues or disabilities.
2. Online learning option for those who choose, or feel uncomfortable with being in a school building, with the option to physically attend school the second semester if things improve.
3. Same school start date and end date as previously scheduled. Some local school districts are postponing going back until September due to the heat. Although we completely understand that, we have also experienced heat waves during September and October in recent years.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

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Ashley Stewart <ashley\_stewart22@yahoo.com>  
Mon 7/13/2020 7:07 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

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My concern is for the elementary schools, and shrop, and how hot the schools get. During the 2018-2019 school year there were numerous school closures due to the heat, and no air conditioning in the schools. If the students or staff is expected to wear a face covering for approximately 6 hours a day, what can we do to keep them more comfortable?

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linda cooper <cooperlinda@hotmail.com>  
Mon 7/13/2020 8:51 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

B.O.E.,  
My name is Linda Cooper, 857 Pontius Road, Mogadore, Ohio 44260.  
I'm the OAPSE president for Springfield Local 179. Ohio and the CDC have worked hard developing guidelines for going back to school with covid 19.

Although each district has a choice as how they go back basic guideline suggestions should be followed such as the vigilant assessment for symptoms starting with schools taking temperatures of students and staff as they enter the buildings. Not relying on parents to send us symptom free students by taking temperatures at home.

Also the continuous cleaning that will need to be done by the custodian would warrant Those schools with only one on day shift to have at least two.

The health And well being of our students and staff will help create a safe environment for learning.  
Be vigilant

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Rebekah Smith <bekah\_s1@yahoo.com>

Tue 7/14/2020 10:36 AM

Comments, Board of Education

Dear Springfield Board of Education,

I am not sure if this is on your agenda for tonight, but I was told that you would be voting on it at some point.

I am asking that you please vote for the online learning option for this school year. I am planning on homeschooling my kids this year in order to keep things consistent for them. With all of the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, I would prefer not to have my kids start school in person, and then end up having to finish school at home should the virus spread and schools have to close again. I understand that this option is not right for everyone, but I would like the opportunity to be able to choose how my kids learn this year. I know there are other homeschooling options, but my hope is that my kids will be able to go back to school in person next year. That being said, I would prefer that they continue to learn the same material their peers are learning to make their transition back to the classroom much easier.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, it is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Rebekah Smith

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Melissa Wisener <melissawisener32@yahoo.com>

Tue 7/14/2020 2:28 PM

Comments, Board of Education

My name is Melissa Wisener, address is 3271 Jaber Dr Akron, 44312. Regarding school starting back up this fall, I would love to see kids have the option to return full time in school or full time virtual learning. I think this should be the parents choice. I have faith the school will do its best keeping the kids safe, but my only concern would be, what is the plan if a child, teacher, or school staff member comes down with COVID? Parents that work need to know so they can prepare and plan accordingly.

One last thing, will the school assess the COVID situation after Christmas break to see if those that chose to do virtual can return to the school building?

Again, I'm all in for my kids returning to school. They need the structure, discipline and teacher instructions as my kids learn better that way.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Wisener

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Wright, Melanie <mwright@leaffilter.com>  
Tue 7/14/2020 4:27 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

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Hi Board,

First off I want to say thank you for your concerns and your hard decisions you have to make for our children. I can tell you all truly care about my children and it makes me very proud to be a Spartan.

I am writing today to make a suggestion regarding returning back to school this year.

As a working parent, one income household, 3 children (so far) in school and sports, we are already stretched to the max. As much as I would love to be able to keep my children home where I feel it is safest, I do not have very much of a choice. My children will not receive the education they deserve. Unfortunately, it is not feasible for me to stay home and home school my children everyday, as much as I wish I could. It would be nice if we can make the decision ourselves whether our kids go back or stay home. A staggering schedule, to me, seems as it will be even harder for those of us whom made work schedules around school hours and do not have much flexibility to change.

I know your working hard on this decision, and I cant imagine being in your position. You will have people mad either way you choose, just asking if you can please take my concerns into consideration when making your final decisions. I just want whats best for my children, and I know that is going to school and having someone there dedicated everyday to help them succeed.

Best Regards,  
Melanie Wright

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Tue 7/14/2020 4:52 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

I think giving families the option of going to school 5 days a week or staying home and doing remote learning entirely makes sense and would be the easiest for people to handle.

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Miranda Terry <mdterry818@gmail.com>  
Tue 7/14/2020 4:56 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

Miranda Terry  
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Good evening Members of the Board,

I understand that these are not the normal opening of school discussions we are having. Decisions that are being made are not going to be easy and not going to please the entire population of teachers, parents, students and staff. However, I know everyone will do what it takes to do what is best. It has been brought up many times in meetings, online forums and in social gatherings between neighbors about creating an open Q & A discussion for those that really want to better understand and be comfortable with how things will be planned, adjusted and unfold when it comes to our schools opening this Fall. I ask that you all consider doing just that before you vote on a plan next Tuesday, July 21st. I understand that social distancing must take place. But, if in about one month we are discussing our children sitting in classrooms together, I am sure we as adults could figure out a location to be able to come together. I think a microphone, speaker, notebook paper and everyone bring their own chair could even be an option at the High School Parking lot one evening. Thank you for your time and I do hope you will consider this suggestion.

Miranda Terry

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Kimmi <kimberlydpyle@gmail.com>  
Tue 7/14/2020 4:58 PM  
Comments, Board of Education

Dear Springfield Board of Education,

I am a very concerned parent of two children in your school district. I am writing today to please ask you to be certain there is a distance learning option available for students in the upcoming school year.

I understand and appreciate that not all families can have someone home with their children during the school day and need the buildings open for students to attend, however, those of us who can stay home should really be able to do so during this pandemic.

The teachers (we personally experienced this with Mrs. Pendergast & Mrs. Smith, SLP from Spring Hill, and Mrs. Mitchell at the Junior High) and administrators last year did such a tremendous job at adapting quickly to the distance learning model, I have every faith they will continue to do so. It's simply not safe to force everyone to come back into the buildings with no other option.

Please allow our students to receive the quality Spartan education they receive in the building from home for the 2020-2021 school year.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Pyle  
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