

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**August 25, 2020**

At the August 25, 2020 School Board meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in that the Board met in Executive Session on August 25, 2020 prior to the School Board Meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters, on July 30, 2020 to discuss administration evaluations, on August 3, 2020 to discuss personnel matters, on August 5, 2020 to discuss administration evaluations, and on August 19, 2020 to discuss personnel and legal matters. The Board also received information updates from Dr. Kopicki on August 6, August 9, and August 21, 2020 to discuss district planning related to COVID; no deliberation or voting took place at the information updates.

**Approved** the minutes of the July 28, 2020 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Public Comment:

Public Comment was collected using an online form, and President Darcy read the submissions aloud. Please see attached for the complete packet of Public Comment submissions.

School Board President Darcy resigned the Presidency but will retain her board seat. With this, President Darcy called for a nomination for President of the Election

**Elected** President of the Election: Beth Darcy

**Elected** School Board President: Tracy Suits

**Elected** School Board Vice President: Karen Smith

**Heard** the Superintendent's Report:

- Athletics Health & Safety Plan: Return to Competition
- Broadcast Centers Overview
- Water Testing Update

**Reviewed** the School Board Reports:

- Curriculum Committee
- Finance Committee
- Operations Committee
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit
- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

**Approved** the Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report

**Approved** the Treasurer's Report and Summary of Fund Disbursements

**Approved** a Transportation Agreement with Plumstead Christian School

**Approved** the Public and Non-Public Bus Routes for the 2020-2021 school year

**Approved** the Updated 2020-2021 Health and Safety Plan

**Approved** the Updated 2020-2021 Athletics Health & Safety Plan

**Approved** the CBSD Emergency Operations Plan

**Approved** the Proposed Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

**Approved** a contract with HYCA Back Software and ISM Storage Hardware in the amount of \$53,450.10

**Approved** the Unified Sports Curriculum

**Approved** the Elementary Social-Emotional Wellness Curriculum

**Approved** the Algebra 1A Curriculum

**Approved** a contract with Camphill School for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$96,683.40

**Approved** an agreement with Lakeside Youth Services for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$415,357.80

**Approved** a tuition contract with New Hope Academy for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$640,000.00

**Approved** an agreement with Valley Forge Educational Services-Vanguard for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$67,000.00

**Approved** tuition agreements with Comprehensive Learning Center for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$198,900.00

**Approved** the Mercer County Special Services Agreement for ESY 2020 in the amount of \$6,250.00

**Approved** Personnel Items:

- Retirements/Resignations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment/Classification/Status Changes
- 2020-2021 Fall Athletic Points List

**Approved** Staff Conferences/Workshops

**Reviewed** the Sabbatical Leaves list

Name	Municipality	Comment
Marion E Mass, M.D.	New Britain	To the Central Bucks School Board and administration:
		Multiple studies published before the covid-19 pandemic demonstrated that physical activity and team sports, in particular, help adolescents not only with physical but emotional well being.
		The pandemic has caused an increase of mental illness symptoms and substance abuse, particularly among the youth of the United States, as reported recently by the CDC. Our youth need their activities, especially physical activities, now more than ever, to be able to cope with our unfolding current crisis.
		As a pediatrician, with previous service on the Central Bucks Wellness Committee, as a parent of two graduates and one current student, all of whom have reaped the benefits of CB Sports, and as a community member, I believe a vote to not allow school sports to continue will negatively impact the mental and physical health of those youth who would like the choice to participate.
Marion Mass, M.D.		Marion Mass, M.D.
Jennifer Estes	Doylestown	Please consider the mental health of our student participants when weighing fall sports. They've lost so much already—trust the health and safety plans.
Eric Mass	Perkasie	I am a rising junior on the CBW cross country team, since school closed I, and a group of teammates, have trained diligently, running up to 50 miles a week, and waking up before 8:00 am 6 days a week. We initially had faith that our district would make the right call, and we would have the opportunity to compete this fall. However, hearing that cb will be all online this fall wavered our confidence, and made us worry that the men and women responsible for making these decisions were focusing more on the fear of few instead of the wellbeing of many. We haven't changed a thing with our training, as this is an extremely important year for college recruiting, and looks like it could be one of our best as a team. We have already all had so much taken away from us this year, please let us have one of our finest traditions.

Mike Pacchione	Warrington	<p>My son is a freshman at Tamanend MS. He is very disappointed that he cannot attend classes in-person, and he is very much looking forward to playing football this season. He has worked extremely hard at the gym and meets regularly with teammates to practice. My wife and I are very concerned how he would react to a cancellation of the upcoming season. Football is highly motivating and rewarding for him, not just physically but emotionally and academically. I know our district can play sports while taking the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our student athletes, the coaching staffs, the officiating crews, and all of the supporters who make it possible for them to play.</p>
Alexa Donaher	Doylestown	<p>For pro sports/band/extra curricular activities for our students this Fall. It is needed for their mental and physical health. They not only need the structure and discipline, but also the social interaction. Please vote Yes for Fall Sports!!</p>
Evvon Young	Chalfont PA	<p>On the 7/17, Dr. Kopicki clearly said that "students with Individualized Educational Plan WILL have the option to attend in person four or five days (a week)". I would like to follow up what the plan is for special-need kids for Fall, particularly the younger ones who cannot sit in front of a laptop for a whole day.</p>

Nancy Santacecilia	Doylestown	Please support fall sports. - our children's mental and physical health has to be a priority!
		Thank you
		As the 2020-2021 school year approaches, we are faced with decisions that we never had to make before. An important decision for the Central Bucks School District will be to let fall sports and activities happen as planned. Students and parents are counting on the Board to let families decide. Here are some compelling reasons to "let them play":
		1. Let families decide. Parents and players can weigh the risks and determine what's best for them. They can decide to play or decide to opt out. Parents should be able to sign waivers, for example, just like they do for injury. It's up to them.
		2. There will be no classroom interactions this fall, which is a BIG advantage, making it safer for players and staff, especially for outdoor sports.
		3. Bucks County coronavirus metrics are trending in the right direction! <a href="https://patch.com/pennsylvania/newtown-pa/5-key-coronavirus-metrics-downward-trend-bucks-co">https://patch.com/pennsylvania/newtown-pa/5-key-coronavirus-metrics-downward-trend-bucks-co</a>
		4. Our student-athletes and coaches have been working hard and following protocols (Health & Safety Plan) to prepare for the season and react to situations as prescribed. My son and his teammates on the football team have been training, practicing, and working out without missing any sessions virtually or in person for months. They are committed and have shown they will follow all the protocols. We should not take this away from them at this point.
		5. Think of the seniors. In March, as juniors, they watched as the spring sports were cancelled and they saw the impact on 2020 senior athletes. Now, with conditions improved and their eyes opened to what might happen, they are even more dedicated to their teams. Some, like my son, have the chance to play in college. Let's let them and their families decide to play or opt out. The risk is low enough to allow for that decision.
		We know that athletics, band, cheerleading, etc., ALL contribute to students' growth, physical, and mental well-being. They learn life-lessons on the field. Let them play.
David Lapioli	Jamison	Respectfully,
		Dave Lapioli
		TO: Central Bucks School Board,

I trust you will take everything into consideration while seeing that kids sports have been going on since early June (club sports) and high school practices since early July without an issue. I also believe that a very big unexpected result of CB Schools being virtual until 11/11 eliminates the vast majority of student interaction INDOORS. So instead of 100s of kids interacting indoors for hours per day while in school, it would now be limited to at most 40 – 50 kids outside while they have specific guidelines to social distance. I think it has been well documented that being outdoors is a huge positive advantage than being indoors which was approved by the school board but only changed due to lack of teachers. I have seen my son and kids on his team not missing a single day of workouts on their own since March and to see practices occur without issue since early July. The virtual schooling until 11/11 makes it even safer. In fact, I would expect that playing football outdoors is safer than being in class indoors which again, was approved. Sports are an avenue for kids to improve their college opportunities so the sports and education go hand in hand.

An additional aspect of allowing them to play is at least giving them the opportunity for some normalcy where they have their particular sport to look forward to as opposed to looking at a computer all day and then when classes are done, they simply stay at home.

Of course, every parent would sign a waiver if required.

I also understand from the CDC and WHO that if you are in contact with someone that has covid, that it takes 10 minutes of exposure indoors to get enough exposure to be infected.

1. Fall sports are outdoors.

2. A play in football is 8 seconds so the face to face 10 minute exposure doesn't occur.

3. Kids not playing would of course wear masks and be able to distance on the sideline...easy stuff.

4. The positivity rate in Bucks County as of last week was 2.5% which is the lowest in the region and well below the threshold % provided by the CDC.

5. The  $r_t$  value is also under 1 and has been for a while.

6. Bucks County has done a great job at fighting the virus. The kids have followed all protocols required by the state and school district and clearly they have worked.

7. Not allowing fall sports can have very long lasting affects to the kids. Allowing sports could at least minimize these anti social affects of virtual learning.

Larry Silverman	Buckingham	<p>I heard the following 2 days ago. It was from a famous speech by John F. Kennedy when he spoke about trying to land a person on the moon. He said...</p> <p>“We do these things not because they are easy. We do them because they are hard.”</p> <p>By going for the moon and doing something that was hard, it opened up so many new technologies to the world. If they took the easy way out, it would be at our loss. There are kids in our district that play sports which will open up opportunities that wouldn't be attainable without sports. For example, if a student had good grades but not Ivy League grades, the sport they play could give them the opportunity to get in a school where their grades alone would not offer that opportunity. WHAT IF they played this fall AND was fortunate to get an Ivy League scholarship? Who knows what it would allow him to achieve. Please don't be the ones who don't give the kids a once in a lifetime opportunity.</p>
Michele Jones	Warrington	<p>I would like to please ask the school board to make a push for IEP students to receive some in person instruction. IEP students who do not take the PASA are still greatly in need of in person instruction. These students who are in learning support for large portions of the day did not do well with virtual learning in the spring and although we are told it will be different it is still virtual - they deserve more.</p>

Kim Cenci	Warwick	I believe that you need to show respect for our children, parents and coaches. It is our responsibility to keep them safe. The decision to let these kids play should not fall into the hands of only the superintendent and school board members. Parents of athletes want their children to continue participating in the sports they love. This is obvious in the fact that the high school coaches and their players have been on the fields/courts since the beginning of July. Taking sports away does not keep them healthy. They will play with other leagues and club teams. The fact that they have had to worry about this for some time now has already had a negative impact on all of them. Participating in sports and their activities under high school supervision is what is best for them at this time. Voting "Yes" is what is going to keep them healthy mentally and physically.
Heather keiper	Warrington	reopen Our schools. Our children are suffering. Look at the science. #kidsfirst
Kristin Hallgren	Warrington	Please let fall sports happen! Our kids need their fall season to maintain their physically, emotionally and socially well being!! It can be done safely. Thank you.
May Nissen	New Britain	Please vote YES to allowing the high school athletes to participate in fall sports.
Kevin dingas	Warrington	Allow parents to choose if their kids can play sports.

Don Cenci	Warwick	<p>Please allow our student athletes to play.</p> <p>Players, parents, and coaches all feel that participating in their sports and activities is where the student athletes need to be, or they would not have been preparing to do so since the beginning of July. Their preparation has continued despite knowing the sports and activities they love are at risk of being taken away. A vote of “no” will only stop the student athletes from participating in high school sports and activities, as they will continue to participate in athletics elsewhere without the health and safety plan that has been created by our district. This virus has minimally affected only two of our students thus far. Our district should be commended. Continuing with Central Bucks sports and activities is where these children need to be to maintain their mental and physical health throughout this difficult time. Voting "No" is not safe. It will only put the student athletes mental and physical health at risk.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Don Cenci</p>
Aileen and Eric Wanzer	Chalfont	<p>Our son has asked for many years to play football. When we finally gave him the ok he was so excited. He couldn't wait to get started!!! And then this! Simply put....Let's give them the opportunity to play!!!</p>
Heather Smietana	Warrington	<p>My son is a senior this year. So very much has been taken away from him already. Please do not take away his last football season. If parents feel comfortable allowing there children participate than you should also. It should be left up to the parents to allow there children to play.</p>
Paul Kerstetter	Warwick Township	<p>I believe they should try and play under the</p> <p>health protocols to keep them safe. The kids need some positive interaction during this time.</p>
Kim Hinkle	Central Bucks (New Britain)	<p>These kids NEED sports! So much has been taken away from them already.. seclusion, isolation, depression, suicides, you name it..FYI many have been playing since end of May early June and NO issues! This has to go on. I've seen your families out and about.. sooooo let the kids play!</p>
Joshua Hogan	West Rockhill Township	<p>Three words: LET THEM PLAY!</p>

Aundrea Smith	Warwick	<p>Please take consideration of Fall sports resuming until our community has first figured out how to open schools and keep them open. Sports are extra curricular - they are an addition to required academic education. They should neither come before nor jeopardize traditional academic education. Sports, particularly contact sports, have the potential to spread the virus and shut down schools. Please do not sanction Fall sports until we have the means, inexpensive rapid testing, to prevent outbreaks in our schools that would shut them down.</p> <p>Waivers are not a solution to the issue. A waiver only limits liability through the acceptance of risk by the person who signs the waiver. Children who participate in sports may accept the risk, but they do not live in a vacuum. While we may not be in physical classrooms now, that is the goal and Fall sports jeopardize our achieving it.</p>
Sara Vessichelli	Doylestown Borough	<p>Please vote yes to allow the CBSD Fall sports season to continue to be a choice for families. Athletics is a vital part of my son's life. If sports are taken away, these kids will have nothing but more free time to get together and play. School sports can provide a safe and supervised program with structure. And for a lot of these kids, it's their last year to play together as Seniors. Please don't take that away from them. #LetThemPlay</p>
Illisa Glantz	New Britain	<p>Please let our kids play...cheer...March</p> <p>This has been one hell of a year and its bad enough that we have to go to full virtual learning... Our kids need normalcy and will NEVER be able to get anything they miss back</p>
Lisa Snyder	Buckingham	<p>Please don't cancel fall sports! Our kids desperately need them. 6 months of no in person activities is far too long. They are losing touch This is having such a detrimental effect on our children's mental and physical well being, please don't cancel yet another necessary outlet. We need our athletics back desperately.</p>
Rosa Christiansen	Chalfont	<p>Kids need something to look forward to. I can tell you a lot of them are just hanging out.</p> <p>Other parts of the country are still proceeding with school and sports</p>

Brandy traber	Jamison	The student athletes have sacrificed so much the last 6 months. They have been impacted in ways that only parents and coaches can see. Depression is at an all time high in teenagers. They need activities to keep them busy, to give them purpose, and to give them something to actually look forward to after everything has been taken from them. Please let them play!
Donna Salvati	Buckingham Township	You have managed to kill every aspect of positivity for our children. Please do not kill fall sports! Our daughter has played in multiple AAU tournaments this summer. Safely. Healthily. That proves it can be done. You need to think outside the box and allow it to happen. Do not kill the last glimmer of hope these kids have. You have done enough damage already.
Lisa Sciscio	Warrington	Please do not subvert the will of the community. Allow CB sports and corresponding activities to take place. If there are people who are too fearful to do it, they can sit out. The coronavirus curve has been crushed. Children ARE suffering but NOT from this virus. They have unnecessarily lost in-person schooling. Enough is enough. Provide safety guidelines and let them play. Please check your personal politics at the door. Let people decide the risks for themselves. Stop the insanity and just let them play.
Andy Eckhoff	Doylestown	Parents need information on how virtual learning will work. We have been given no real information yet. We need to teach ourselves, grandparents, daycares, and other helpers. WE NEED INFORMATION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8TH

Sarah Bower	Doylestown Township	It doesn't appear the school district is hiring elementary teachers. Why are they not opening the schools for the kids to going there?
Amy Nicholls	Warrington	<p>We cannot afford to continue to stop all life and education for our students. They should be able to take SATs, attend class in person and play sports.</p> <p>They are being robbed of critical formative years and experiences.</p> <p>We can't wait for this virus to disappear, because it's not going away. Education must resume, with caution, in- person for the mental, emotional and physical well being of our youth and overall stability of the parents.</p>
Kristin Filoon	Plumstead Township	Please keep our kids in sports!!!!
Erin Sebal	Buckingham	<p>Sports are essential to the mental and physical health of our children. It would be unacceptable for our children to be absent from the classroom and denied the opportunity to play sports for yet another season. As a board you voted to allow the return to school, please also vote to allow our children to return to sports. Any other vote is unacceptable and will be remembered next election cycle.</p>
		<p>As a CB parent, as well as a teacher and athletic administrator outside of the district, I feel very strongly about the need for sports. The children need some normalcy in their lives. The social, emotional, and physical benefits sports brings to kids cannot be overstated. The potential damage caused by not playing can be far worse than the virus itself. The kids look forward all year to playing and being part of a team. They work hard all offseason. It gives many of them a purpose and incentive to do their best in the classroom. Taking sports away will devastate many of them, which in turn could lead to further concerns in regards to their well being. Please make the right choice here to allow the kids to play. They deserve the opportunity. I believe with the health and safety protocols CB has in place, sports can be played safely and responsibly.</p>

Adam Boss	Jamison	Thank you for your time.
John Voglesong	Buckingham	We support the playing of all fall sports for the CBSD athletics fall/winter schedules in 2020. Thank you!
Jenal Embry	Doylestown	My son is a senior football player at CB East. He didn't play football his whole life, he picked it up in the 11th grade. He earned himself a starting position on the D Line halfway through the season. I watched him, since the close of last season, work unbelievably hard on his fitness, knowledge of the game, and increased leadership skills to be considered a contributor to his team his senior season. As a parent, to see your kid, or any kid, put their heart and soul into something, makes it easy to get behind them. Football is the main beacon in my kids life. Please give these kids the opportunity to play. The benefits outweigh the risks. Thanks for the consideration.
		My son has worked at the grocery store all summer checking out thousands of strangers and touching tens of thousands of items people take home to put in their cupboards. Among his customers have been many teachers with whom he has conversed. When a 16-year-old can serve teachers in his workplace safely, but teachers are claiming to not be able to serve him safely in theirs, we must take pause to contemplate the irony.
		I am courage leadership to look at the model of the New Providence School District in New Jersey. They are opening their school as normal with half the students attending in the morning and half attending in the afternoon. Families can choose all virtual as well. Where it seems they may have succeeded is by putting a stake in the ground that their schedule will remain the same but that they will split the student population differently than the menu of options proposed here in CB.
		Lastly I shine a light on the myriad pandemic pods being formed, to be led by employed tutors and instructors and even CB teachers. These pop-up schools will be a mixture of kids coming and going with siblings in other pods coming and going rotating from home to home. Necessity is the mother of all invention and parents who either work or do you not have realized they are not equipped to teach and facilitate at home. Students will now be together outside of the school building where creating a sanitary environment is perhaps easier than in a variety of homes.
		When ~80% of 18,000 students opted for in person school-the 9 person school board did not heed these voices. Your "customers" wanted to open. 9 people overruled 14,000. Let me repeat that. 9 people overruled 14,000.

Wendeline Dill	Buckingham	<p>As a reality check I encourage everyone to check social media —families are on vacation, they are renting strangers shore houses, they are attending sports tourneys, they are eating out at restaurants-Newtown was packed the other night as was Doylestown with families and friends walking to tables with masks on and then removing them to eat. While we are all certainly being careful, we seem to be engaging in a somewhat normal life that should include school.</p> <p>When we —and our children—look back on this period of time in the rearview mirror, what example will we see we set for our children? it reminds me a bit of the pictures from the 60s of students hiding under their desks during the Cold War. The desk was never going to protect them. Are we hiding under our desks again?</p> <p>The question I still can't answer is- Why is it OK to have a teenager check you out at the grocery store but it's not OK for that teenager to come to a classroom?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Eileen Scully	Buckingham	<p>Please allow the Central Bucks East sports to open this Fall. These students are healthy and follow CDC guidelines. Not allowing them to play sports is causing mental anguish and sadness.</p>
Brian Guerriero	Doylestown Borough	<p>I strongly support sports being allowed by choice this Fall. So many have already been participating in sports leagues all Summer, there is no risk mitigation by arbitrary cancelation of activities.</p>
		<p>Hello Superintendent Kopicki and School Board Members,</p>

		<p>I am writing in regards to the board's vote this evening to allow Fall Sports. I am 100% in favor of voting yes to allow all Fall Sports to occur! These activities that the school provides are just as important as the academics. These activities provide a physical, emotional and/ or creative outlet for our children. A thorough health and safety plan has been put in place so that these activities can proceed. Let's move forward and allow our children to do what they love, crave and need, extracurricular activities. Our Seniors need them to get into their preferred college or increase their scholarship money, our Juniors need them to build up their college resume as they start the process of looking at colleges and our Sophomores need them to get acclimated to their new school and make those connections to feel apart of the CB West Community. Voting no to fall sports, might be the last straw for these kids. They have already missed so much, are stuck at home with online learning and then to take away their last glimmer of light might be to much.</p>
Jennifer McGuire	Doylestown Township	Thank you for your time.
Tim Leedy	Buckingham	<p>Please give the high school athletes and their parents the choice to play fall sports. Do not deprive them of this opportunity. So many of them have worked very hard for this moment. Future leaders are not just made in a classroom or through online education.</p>
		<p>Please let the athletes play.</p> <p>It's not about missing the sport.</p> <p>It's about losing the chance to watch our children reach for their dreams, demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and dedication, having pride in their accomplishments, an outlet for their energy and emotions. It's about time lost with their friends and teammates who are more like family than some actual family members, it's about the loss of scholarship opportunities that can help these athletes afford college. It is about life lessons lost when their coaches pour themselves and their knowledge into our kids. It is the lost opportunity to succeed, fail, win, lose, and to learn how to handle all of those things.</p> <p>Most of all it's heartbreaking to see our children's faces when they realize they are on the very edge of losing all of that and there seems to be nothing we can do to help them or stop it from happening.</p>

Jana Rotunno	Chalfont	Sports are never about “just the sport”. EVER.
		I've been a part of Central Bucks School District for the past 21 years and have never felt compeled to reach out as I've always been confident you will do the right thing for our community. Thank you!!
		Today I reached out to my district rep with no response so just want my opinion made public on fall sports. The Cleary's have always been very supportive and thankful for everything that CB has provided our children including stellar education and activities. I don't envy you for the hard decisions that have needed to be made. With that said, however, we believe fall sports should absolutely continue for these kids. They have been practicing all summer following safety procedures. These kids need an outlet to participate in vs. video games or other unsafe behavior bored teenagers can get involved in. I just saw Pennridge and Upper Dublin voted YES tonight to continue fall sports and am requesting you to follow the same.
		In addition, the science and numbers related the COVID for this area and demographic don't add up to stopping sports. If there ever was a good time to start, it should be now. The PIAA supports this so hoping you will too.
		Thank you for your support!
Kathy Cleary	New Britain Township	Kathy Cleary
Kayla Ottey	Warwick	It is crucial that elementary school children be placed back in school. Every single child deserves the option to go back to their safe place which is their classrooms . Please please put our children first and give them their education. No child should be sitting on an iPad /lap top alone to get an education. Our community is willing to do whatever it takes to get these kids back in school . Thank you .
Miranda Gardner	Buckingham	What needs to change in order to open schools for in-person learning? If we can't define the target, we will never hit it. November will be here before we know it. Is there anything the community can do to support the District in achieving whatever threshold needs to be met?

Larissa McGovern	doylestown	Why are we paying \$80,000+ to fire a guy with no prior discipline? Wasn't there a better way to manage the issue than create this costly debacle?
Brooke Cenci	Warwick	We student athletes NEED fall sports. I don't think everyone realizes how important sports are to our lives. Without sports, CB students are going to lack motivation which is going to affect their academic performance and their mental health. I cannot imagine having one of the most important things taken from us. Please consider the negative effect this could have on us student athletes.
Ann Ambolino	Warrington	If we don't have enough teachers that are willing to return to the classroom then we should hire recent college graduates who would love the opportunity to teach in person. If a corporation opens up and an employee does not want to go back-they lose their job and are replaced. Very simple. Teachers need to go back to work in the classroom with the kids. That is what they are being paid to do. That is what we the taxpayers want. We need to be heard and we need to be respected. It is our tax dollars that pay their salaries . We should have the final say!
		<p>Thank you for all that you do. But please do not take away sports/extracurricular activities from our children! These boys and girls have worked and practiced all summer for the chance to play! For some, this may be their last. There have been youth activities going all summer and nothing. No outbreaks. So why punish them even more? Upper Dublin and Pennridge each voted to continue with fall sports. Why can't we? Haven't these children lost enough? Suffered enough? Why can't parents sign waivers for the children to play? I will sign in a heartbeat!!</p> <p>"Let me play</p> <p>Don't take away my season</p> <p>Don't take away my hope</p> <p>Don't take away my team</p> <p>Don't take away my identity</p> <p>Don't take away my opportunity</p> <p>I want the choice to play</p> <p>I want the chance to play</p> <p>Let me decide</p> <p>Sports help me grow</p> <p>Sports help me learn</p> <p>Sports help me in life</p> <p>Sports help me live</p>

Kelli Grayson	Warrington	I need to play
		I want to play
		I deserve to play
		Let me play.
		#LetThemPlayinPA
		(post credit - Let Them Play in PA Facebook Group).“
Deborah Wood	Warrington	We believe strongly that the playing of sports is a parental decision. Schools are closed so the risk of transmission from practice to school will not happen. The weather is good..outdoors is safe.
David Bottino Sr	Warwick	My wife and I are 100% for fall sports including our son playing football at East. Our children are taking every precaution to keep safe but they need normalcy in their life. Sports is a huge part of high school students. It is a mental, physical and social reward. Please allow our children to play this fall. Thanks

Hans van Dongeren	Buckingham - Cold Spring Elementary path	<p>I was very disappointed with the announcement on August 10th that the school district will go fully online. The main reason given was organizational staffing and capacity. Why was it that CBSD provided 3 options (full, hybrid, online) to then subsequently throw in the towel on any in-person learning? Why could CBSD not pivot to hybrid and online as other school districts did? You had 2 months to figure this out, yet you stubbornly stuck with your unachievable targets of the 3 learning models. Moving forward, will CBSD hire scheduling experts from industry who can simply mathematically model the series of constraints to come up with the maximum achievable solution as opposed to aiming too high and then delivering nothing? Please don't let perfect solutions be in the way of acceptable solutions. I have 5, 7 and 14-years-old children. Thankfully, the 5-yr old is signed up for in-person private Kindergarten elsewhere. I imagine that online Kindergarten is a total joke, and hope that my son will not have to repeat everything when he joins his peers in first grade. My 7-year old was in first grade in the spring. Despite world-class efforts from a very talented teacher, the teaching fell short. The action to go online until November will undoubtedly make things worse. My 14-yr old will go to 9th grade. She is very responsible and will do well as she is self-motivated and smart. From what I gathered from her in the spring, many of her peers totally signed out, and my concern is that you will inflict a lot of damage to the general student population. In general, CBSD should view the parents and students as the customers or primary stakeholders. Please do better and pivot as quickly as possible to make some form of in-person teaching possible. November 11th is too late. Teachers in other neighbouring school districts in Pennsylvania can do it. Teachers in other states can do it. Teachers in Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, etc can do it. You should be able to do this as well. Please start taking your jobs seriously or get out of the way. This is about the students, after all.</p>
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Monika Rector	Chalfont	<p>I want to start by thanking the board for all that you do for our district and the families in it. But I want to ask that you think about all that has happened in the last 6 months and the impact on the students mental health and well being. I want to raise strong all around students and members of our community. And to be a well adjusted, caring, intellectually strong, and community minded citizen it's not just about the academics. While strong academics are extremely important, it's not all that makes our kids the kind of citizens that I want running our community in the years to come. Strong all around students have challenging academic environments but they also have sports, clubs, band, theatre, and other extra curricular activities to learn the additional skills that are as important as academic success. Our kids, my kids, will not have the opportunity to interact with their teachers and peers in a live school setting the next few months, so I'm asking you to not also take away their opportunity to have the chance to continue to develop the other skills they get through those activities such as school sports, clubs, band, and school activities. Find a way to allow the students to be able to have those school outlets. Find a way to do it safely and vote to keep that portion of normalcy for our kids. Do what you can to find the resources or ask for help - there are so many parents that would do whatever needed to be done to help for all of our kids. We are a community and give us the chance to come together as a community if additional resources are needed but don't take away sports, clubs, band, theatre, or the other clubs that these kids need right now!</p>
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Chuck Braun	Doylestown Township	<p>It is beyond my comprehension that we are still talking and spending money on the Jay Moskowitz case. I don't get it. I have known Mr. Moskowitz for over 10 years. I have worked with him on a nonprofit board and even recommended him for the presidency of the organization when I stepped down. Mr. Moskowitz is a a man of high moral fiber . If he made some mistakes in the performance of his job duties, someone should have had a remediation plan for him. I have read or seen nothing that would support his termination.it was flat out wrong. Now on top of that central bucks continues to spend money for wrongfully turning over privileged documents to Mr. Moskowitz's attorney. Isn't that also a mistake? Is anyone losing their job over this blunder. As a taxpayer in the school district I am outraged at the incompetence shown by the district in shamelessly throwing money at this situation. A simple remediation plan would have corrected any errors made by Mr. Moskowitz. There is no evidence of any significant wrong doing here. I am imploring this school board to do the right thing and to undo this wrongful act and reinstate Mr. Moskowitz. Did he really do anything so negligent to end his career or is the board defending a relatively new superintendent and special education supervisor to save face here. This is flat out wrong and you as school board members know it. Do the right thing; stop spending the taxpayers money on this nonsense, resolve this situation without bankrupting the taxpayers and move on to the more pressing issues of education our children.</p>
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Gloria Mauri	Jamison	<p>After making the decision to takeaway hybrid or in-person options, I am hoping that you will vote in favor of sports. Your reasoning to abandon the hybrid/in-person options were due to logistics and staffing,therefore voting yes for sports should be unanimous since there are no staffing or logistical issues. Please make the healthy choice for our kids</p>
Kimberly Kelly	Chalfont	<p>I am disappointed that the school board would spend so much money and time to go to extreme lengths to discipline Jay Moskowitz. A man who had a clean disciplinary record and means so much to the students and surrounding community.</p>

Tara Mead	Plumsteadville	Please don't do our children a further disservice and withhold sports as well. These kids are suffering and with the numbers in our area as low as they are, there is no reason they cannot play school sports. All the clubs in the area are playing with no issues. I am very disappointed with the way CBSD has handled the return to school so far !
Kristin Ferry	BuckinghamTownship	Please consider moving forward with fall sports potentially with limited players/coaches on the field at one time and no spectators to make sure proper social distancing is maintained. Our kids need sports not only for their physical fitness but for their mental fitness, as well. Thank you.
Helene Dunn	Warrington	PLEASE let the kids play sports, band, and do activities. This is so detrimental to take it away from them. Most parents/kids have no fear of this virus. The death rate is ridiculously low and most cases are mild flu like symptoms. Why are we shutting down the world? Parents have the choice whether to participate or not. Herd immunity is working, very low numbers. These kids have played sports together all summer with no problem. Let them play, let the parents watch. Please don't destroy their lives any more than they already are. Kids need normalcy!
Francis E. Wellock, Jr.	Warrington Township	Please vote to allow student athletes to participate in fall sports. The science supports playing and being involved in extra-curricular activities as more beneficial and protective of student's mental and physical health! Additionally, sports participation helps students stay focused on challenging education delivery methods that certain students will continue to struggle with this fall. Yes, COVID-19 is a concern for vulnerable populations and high school aged students are not in that population. Thank you for considering this comment.
Brian Smith	Buckingham	Push Fall sports to spring. A win win for all involved.
		To the members of the central bucks school board.

		<p>I am advocating for my son who plays football for central bucks. Since the beginning of this pandemic we have been supportive and understanding of the concerns for everyone’s health. We have stayed home and stayed safe. We have only sent one person to go grocery shopping, we have complied with all the requests to “slow the spread”</p>
		<p>We supported the school board’s decision to start the the school year with hybrid options, we supported the school board with the the requirements that our kids will need to wear mask, social distance, not eat lunch with their friends only to have it ripped away as have many thing been ripped away due to this pandemic.</p>
		<p>It is now time for the school board to support US. It is now time to support our KIDS. Our children have had everything taken away and you, the board, have the power and responsible to now give back. Allow a safe return for our kids to play fall sports including football back on the fields.</p>
		<p>The CBSD board is a group of highly talented and educated individuals. You have to know that this isn’t just about playing football, soccer, field hockey or any of the other sports our kids are involved in. This has everything to do with the physical and mental health of our kids. When my son started playing football he started to grow. He became healthier, he started being more helpful around the house, he started being more social, he started to become the kind of young man that everyone is proud of. He was outgoing, he started to excel in his classes. I would get emails from teachers about how he was a totally different kid from last year. Helping teachers, helping students and even telling the principle is “chill”. I attribute this to him joining the football team and finding a place he could contribute and be a part of something bigger than himself.</p>
		<p>I am asking the school board to TRUST. Trust the people you have in the coaching staff, trust the hard work that everyone has put fourth to make this a safe and healthy return, trust the parents supporting the protocols put In place. But most of all trust the kids to become the the role models now and in the future.</p>
		<p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>Robert Schniers</p>	<p>New Britain</p>	<p>Robert Schniers</p>
<p>Roy Rajan</p>	<p>New Britain Township</p>	<p>How will attendance be affected if working parents are not always able to access all the live sessions? Sometimes we may need to rely on recorded information.</p>

Robert Roach	Warrington	<p>If you truly believe in your policies on growth mindset and social emotional welfare, I implore you to allow the sports at Central Bucks to continue FOR the health of our kids. My kids are already depressed that they will not be able to return for the start of the school year. A decision that I sadly agree with at this time. However, the fact that they will not be attending school should empower your decision to continue with sports. They will only be interacting with the same players on their team, and briefly some opposing players, in an outside environment. This is not the same as being stuck in a box for hours surrounded by thousands of their peers and faculty. We all know the physical health benefits of sports, but we should also consider the mental aspects at this juncture. To strip it all away I think would be taking the last piece of hope, inspiration, normal, whatever you want to call it away from them. Please let our kids play as we wait and pray for a safe return to school.</p>
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John and Kelly Fileppo	Doylestown-CB West	<p>specifically football. Having 3 sons who have played since they were 10, my senior and my sophomore can share the field this year with their second family, their football tribe. Recognizing football has been deemed a high risk sport, we ask you to also consider the risks of not allowing them to play . Football provides a sense of purpose for our sons like no other team or group they've belonged to as student/athletes. Football is an outlet for them but it's also an opportunity to bring the entire CB community together on a Friday night. It's not just the players, it's the students with their theme based attire in the stands, the cheerleaders, the band, everyone coming together united as one school with one common goal to defeat their rival. These football players feel such a strong sense of responsibility to produce for everyone in that stadium (a stadium we can also design for appropriate safety and health concerns distancing working together as parents club, staff and team all owning that responsible that all are the appropriate distance apart). Understanding fans will be a secondary consideration and not your decision at this point, this is all part of what makes football so special on a Friday night. These players put in hours on the field, in the weight room, or now in their make shifts weight rooms in their garages this spring, working in any field they could find to do their conditioning, watching film review and learning/studying in their online Hudl classrooms. They work constantly to improve not only for the win on a Friday night but also for the pride they feel to execute with purpose. Football is the best unpaid job our sons could have requiring each player to do his job or the team can't win. Every position is critical from the no glory position of linemen, to the high pressure job of kicker to the often thankless appearances of those who have roles on special teams and especially to those who often barely play a down on game day but show up, work hard and support their tribe for the good of the team/their family. Psychologists have written for years about the value of "tribe" for the development and success of adolescents. Books like the Wonder of Boys stress that those with a tribe outside their immediate family will thrive and succeed while those without a tribe will struggle with isolation, loneliness and often feel a lack of purpose. Recognizing all the challenges that exist in allowing football to happen this fall, it's tempting to simply do what is easier-to let the obstacles outweigh the benefits. However, football provides many risks even where there is no</p>
		<p>Please end the colossal waste of time and taxpayer funds spent trying to uphold the unfair dismissal of Jay Moskowitz.</p> <p>I witnessed days of testimony were little was shown to prove Jay's inability to do his job affectively. On the other hand, I also witnessed many families come in and testify to the vital role Jay played in their child's development and even their very survival.</p>

		Who authorized the egregious amount of taxpayer money that has been spent on this case?
		Why would the district authorize \$10,000 of our funds to be spent on an expert witness when the special ed director should be able to comment on the very same issues without extra expense to the district?
		Why would the district spend many thousands of dollars to fight the unemployment claim, when Jay was dismissed without any prior warning or attempts at corrective action?
		Is the board aware of the incredibly meager offer made to Jay in exchange for his not fighting to get his job back, which essentially only included a month or so of Medical benefits and an undisputed unemployment claim. This gave Jay no choice but to fight.
Scott Esterly	Warrington Township	Was this the best the district could offer after an unblemished 11 year tenure?
		What kind of message does this treatment send to the rest of the central bucks district employees? It certainly has no chance of raising morale to be sure.
Anita DiPrinzio	Warrington	Honestly, I can't believe we are voting on fall sports again. The District set up protocols for safe play all summer. The high schoolers, coaches, and athletic directors have been diligently following protocols and making practices work. We need to progress to the next level and allow fall sports to occur. If you view numbers for Bucks county, even with these groups interacting the numbers have stabilized and decreased. Sports always come with some inherent risk which parents have had to weigh for their children. This situation is no different. It's time to stand up for your students and let them play. Vote for sports to occur in the fall. Thank you!
Susan Lutteroty Gillan	Chalfont	A verbal Job offer given pending the recommendation of Central Bucks and the offer falls through. Clearly the district stood in the way of gainful employment for someone you fire. This is outrageous and would have saved many tax dollars.

Donna Haney	Chalfont	Since the lawyers screwed up in approving the document release, are they paying for the lawsuit out of their pocket? Why should we be paying for it? Shouldn't we be focusing on getting the kids back to school .
Stacey Brand	Doylestown Township	Aside from traditional sports, are we trying to find a way to allow students to participate in other after school activities, such as: theater, choir, band, etc?
		If we can find a way for our kids to play football in very, very close proximity, then we need to find a way to allow the arts to continue as well.
Daniel Williams	Plumstead	I am not fond of the idea of students possibly exposing themselves nearly everyday with other players (from other schools as well). What is the decision on fall sports?
Pam Masciotro	warrington	Let the kids play sports. Let the parents watch. Enough already.
		<p>It is imperative we get our kids back into organized sports. This is especially important in these times where are children have become homebodies, separated from peers and instructors, lacking the mental and physical engagement that is a key component to their development.</p> <p>Some of the many benefits of sport participation for children in general include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-reduced risk of obesity</li> <li>-increased cardiovascular fitness</li> <li>-healthy growth of bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons</li> <li>-improved coordination and balance</li> <li>-a greater ability to physically relax and, therefore, avoid the complications of chronic muscular tension (such as headache or back ache)</li> <li>-improved sleep</li> <li>-mental health benefits, such as greater confidence</li> <li>-improved social skills</li> <li>-improved personal skills, including cooperation and leadership.</li> </ul> <p>We cannot continue to ignore the physical and mental health impacts this pandemic is having on our children. All the benefits listed are very much needed right now. Sports will help negate the impacts of a 5 month lockdown. They need this desperately. I implore you to #letthemplay</p>

Bea Thompson	New Britain Boro	Sincerely, Bea Thompson
Jessica Schaefer	warrington	I believe the secondary students should have a later start time for virtual school. The day is already shortened and bussing is not an issue. The kids are struggling already, and requiring to wake so early to log in when they need the sleep to help with mental stability, later start time should be a change to help them now.
David Salvati	Buckingham	Let the kids play sports this fall and all year. Covid cases are at an all time low in Bucks county. The curve was flatten months ago. Kids have been playing in summer leagues and AAU tournaments with no issues. CBSD make the right decision for our kids. Let Them Play!
Shannon Harris	Buckingham	The current sports plan has been effective and has allowed sports to start safely. The athletic department have done an excellent job of keeping kids safe. There are very minimal Covid cases and deaths (If any not Only from nursing home patients) in bucks county currently - the lowest since July 4th. This will continue. We need to move to green and allow our students to play. Sports should not be postponed until the spring because flu season is highest in March and April so if fall sports are postponed now they won't be played. There should not be ANY restriction to parents to watch their kids play. I can't even believe that this is a consideration for outdoor sports where social distancing can easily be implemented even with football.

Stacy Rolland	Warrington	The Covid cases for central bucks and the surrounding counties continued to drop. Allowing fall sports to be played is vital for our students. With proper health protocols in place, we can make this work. This is the last year I will be able to see my daughter cheer for central bucks south. This is a huge positive in her life as she thrives in this sport. Please let them play.
Marta Forney	Plumstead	You already went virtual with school because you could not staff or space appropriately and there was a general fear of the unknown. We KNOW what happens when kids play sports. They've been having soccer tournaments (against teams from other states) and practicing with their high school and club teammates- all without reports of cases or spread. My daughter's wrestling teammates have been attending INDOOR wrestling tournaments all summer without incidence. We KNOW the answer. The experiment has been done and the results are in. LET THEM PLAY!
Laura Corcoran	Furlong	Please vote to allow Fall Sports and extracurricular activities. Our kids have been deprived long enough. They need social interaction and exercise. These activities are what kids look forward to each year. The Covid numbers are extremely low in Bucks County!
elizabeth Tomlinson	Doylestown Township	Please vote to allow fall sports.

Tarra R. Mangeot	Doylestown Township	As the parent of 2 student athletes I truly understand the magnitude of your decision tonight. I would like to urge you to support moving forward with fall sports. The kids have already had so much taken from them and I personally think that a ban on sports will have a long-lasting negative impact on their mental and physical well being. Please, allow our kids to proceed with fall sports.
Ausra Anusauskas	Buckingham/ Bucks county	We requesting that our kids will have sports in person and fully open. It's important for our kids mental and physical health. This is our priority and our request as a parents, residents and tax payers.
		<p>I stand with the comment last meeting regarding the need for anti-racist education and training submitted by Jess Cummings, Abigail Hadfield, and Isabel McCarthy. Thank you, all.</p> <p>I am a parent to a third grader at Buckingham Elementary. This year I am starting with home school because of our extraordinary challenges with distance learning. We have no choice. I contacted Mr. Rosica in mid-May about homeschooling because it was clear to me that my daughter could not participate in the distant learning process if that became the choice. Aside from headaches after an hour at the computer, there were the many other emotional and physical challenges. My daughter also has viral induced asthma and our home is at high risk for Covid complications, so I knew either way, homeschool was it for this unprecedented time. I was assured by Mr. Rosica that when our daughter is ready to return, post-Covid threat, she will be welcomed. Mr. Rosica was very supportive. Corrine Sikora, who originally helped me register, was also very supportive.</p> <p>In the midst of the Covid crisis and all the things children are having to deal with emotionally, there has been a major Racial Justice movement. It is much needed in our country, and there needs to be real conversation and curriculum changes for our children.</p>

		<p>While Dr. Kopicki sent out his letter after George Floyd was killed to try to acknowledge the atrocity, all he did in the letter was praise our district at their skills in striving for equity and inclusiveness in the community.</p>
		<p>I found this almost laughable, if it weren't so blatantly untrue and sad.</p>
		<p>My husband and I approached the curriculum committee almost monthly last year and Buckingham elementary after a disgusting, drawn out couple of weeks of racial bias bullying of a friend of ours so at the school.</p>
		<p>We have requested training in racial bias, more books in the schools by and with black people in them. black teachers to be hired, and the schools, starting at the elementary level to have conversations about race and specifically hold the schools accountable to a no racial bullying policy.</p>
		<p>Instead of acknowledgement and support, we have since been ignored, tried to be silenced and intimidated, including by members of your administration, told we are an embarrassment to Buckingham elementary and told "your daughter was not damaged."</p>
		<p>Guess what. She was. She knew about what happened on the playground to our friend. She knew it was serious and racially motivated. She knew her school did not publicly acknowledge it to the school community or prohibit it from happening again by denouncing it to all the students.</p>
		<p>They had an inclusiveness pow wow.</p>
		<p>They never mentioned race.</p>
		<p>The school pillars won't mention race. When we asked Dr. Garvin in her surprise intimidation meeting with Mr. Estep why race is not mentioned, just diversity, she said "we don't want to leave anyone out."</p>
<p>Laura Napier</p>	<p>Buckingham</p>	<p>Not mentioning Race is leaving it out.</p>
		<p>What about conversations about Race?</p>
		<p>It is 2020.</p>
		<p>Our children see the news.</p>
		<p>They hear their parents talk.</p>
		<p>It is time the schools had conversations and made it public policy to denounce racial bias bullying, along with all types of bullying of course.</p>
		<p>We can not leave Race out of the equation because we are built on a racist system.</p>
		<p>Are we teaching empathy without teaching about the past and injustices and how they are perpetrated by the system.</p>

Doug Claybourne	Buckingham	Are we teaching the children why the protests are taking place and the history of oppression in this country?
		A racist policy is one that is not anti-racist because it supports a racist system and history.
		I have not seen nor heard any conversations in Central Bucks to be anti-racist, to acknowledge the racist environment in our country or our school system. Our nation was born from and with that policy. Our school system has been compliant with it.
		From CBSD website for emotional / social learning curriculum
		This excerpt from CBSD website for emotional / social learning curriculum reads...(CASEL 2011) Further, social-emotional learning is of critical importance in achieving our value of equity and closing the opportunity gap ...
		“Value of equity?” Do you know what equity means?
		It means giving Black History a place in American History and spending time having conversations so that students can be brought up to the Truth of the present.
		It means helping a group get caught up by creating policy to do that.
		If each one of you is fine with how this district is not managing the conversations on race from the elementary level up, then each of you is responsible for the racist children we will turn out from these schools.
		This community is filled with racist actions. The schools must be part of the change ....
		Or is the board too afraid to upset the existing racist policy?
		Or is the board too afraid to rock the boat with the racists who tore down our BLACK LIVES MATTER signs in our front yard twice over one week.

		<p>The number of cases in Bucks County is low and trending down, being outside is safer than inside, and there is an athletic safety plan that can be executed and followed to make sure everyone is safe. Stopping fall sports will not eliminate the risk of Covid, it will simply shift it to other venues that lack sufficient oversight. How can you justify not allowing these student athletes to develop their skills and talents, to socialize, challenge themselves, learn teamwork, sportsmanship and the value of hard work? The risk that a 13-18 year old athlete will contract Covid is low, but what about the mental and emotional well-being of these athletes if you take away their sport? Please think about this and vote in favor of fall sports because the benefits of having sports outweigh the risk of Covid.</p>
Carolyn Wellock	Chalfont	
Monika Rector	Chalfont	<p>Please do not cancel the 2020 fall women's volleyball season! There is a plan in place on how to play safely - let them show you they can follow the rules and be safe! Do not cancel any of the fall sports but also do not cancel one sport over another.</p>
Beth Blind	Doylestown Boro	<p>I continue to be disappointed and frustrated in the lack of communication from the school board/superintendent's office. What little information is shared is just a retelling of what is already put out there. In some (most) ways it feels more like a snide, condescending "so there!" rather than an attempt at transparent communication. I know the board members and the superintendent are "busy." However, (with the exception of the superintendent) you are elected officials, and it has begun to feel as though you have forgotten the people who put you in office. I am more than a little disappointed that my emails and phone calls to the board and superintendent go unanswered. What method of communication do you prefer?</p>

Christine Hall	Doylestown	<p>Thank you to board president Beth Darcy and board member Karen Smith for your carefully considered, well-researched, and thoughtful comments regarding keeping our students, teachers, and school community safe during the pandemic. At a time of continued uncertainty and anxiety, we are grateful for your leadership, perspective, and especially your dedication and time. Your experience, both as CB parents and as board members, has: provided our community with exceptional school programs and excellent staff, support staff and administrators, helped update our technology and devices to meet this unprecedented moment, and maintained and improved our school buildings and athletics fields. Thank you, Beth and Karen, for all that you do (especially for the crazy countless hours since March) to lead and safeguard our school community.</p>
Katie Kozloff	Warrington Twp	<p>Before the COVID situation occurred, I know the district was looking into the possibility of changing start and end times of the student school day. Especially to provide an opportunity for the secondary ed kids to rest more in the morning.</p> <p>Was any consideration given to starting the virtual school day later for the middle and high school kids? The school day was shortened, but the time was removed from the end of the day. Seems like this would be a great opportunity to test later start times rather than ending the day early. Why not take advantage of this situation, especially during the virtual learning months, and allow the older kids to get more rest?</p> <p>Thanks for your guidance.</p>
		<p>Thank you to the administration, school board, teachers and staff for their time and effort not only through the COVID-19 crisis but all year long.</p> <p>I am writing to emphasize the need for secondary students to have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular and other bonding activities IN PERSON. This is as equally important to their interpersonal development as their academic programs and it cannot be ignored.</p> <p>The social and emotional well-being of the secondary students weighs heavily on my mind. In the past few years, I witnessed first-hand students who, without extra-curricular activities, would not have found their niche or their “home.” I am extremely concerned that by having everything virtual, students will lack school spirit, camaraderie, and will ultimately battle loneliness.</p>

Jen Burke	Warrington	<p>Given CBSD was preparing to open buildings, I implore secondary administrators and advisors to conduct IN-PERSON activities to include: clubs, music, theater, classroom experiences (for example: science labs) and other “meet and greet” activities (for example: on campus picnic in separate groups, with socially distancing).</p> <p>Thank you again for your attention, your hard work and dedication. With major events already stolen and others missing from their horizon, CBSD needs to do better for our secondary students. So I beg of you, along with parent support, to generate high energy and ensure the 2020-2021 school is as effective and enriching as it can be.</p>
Lisa Gottlieb	Warrington	None
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Jamie Walker	New Britain	<p>I urge you to open schools as soon a possible. Private and parochial schools are opening all over PA. Schools are opening around states all over the country. What is CB doing? Nothing. I recently just had to enroll my kids in private school because of CB's horrible decision to close in person learning. My 7th grader was supposed to go into Alegebra 1 this school year. The private school I enrolled her in had live instruction in math 5 days a week all spring. Central Bucks conducted 5 math lessons...5 in spring. I was not able to place her into Alegebra 1 because of CB's lack of proper teaching and urgency all spring. This trend in CB is continuing. Can you imagine how behind the students will be at the end of this school? Dr. Kopicki your lack of leadership and ability to guide the district through this is apparent. You are destroying the district. I hope you are not doing this to get your satisfactory rating so you can get your raise. What you are doing to kids, our community, and public education is horrible. You will be remembered for your decisions. Pull it together. Open sports and open schools. The virus is almost non existent in Central Bucks. Everyone can see through you now as I could in March</p>
		<p>Hello all,</p> <p>I am very pleased that the PIAA has decided to go forward with sports in the fall and also the continuing trend of lower covid-19 infections in Bucks and surrounding counties.</p> <p>I am also encouraged that the decision to allow sports will be made by our elected school board members and superintendent.</p> <p>Many of you have had experiences with your children in sports and group activities since the virus began. You took precautions and allowed your</p>

		<p>children to participate in these group activities. You undoubtedly did your research before allowing them to play baseball or attend camps, for example. You probably learned some lessons and realized how important it was to your children and that no harm came to them. You would have looked at the statistics and realized how minimal the threat is to children. You should be commended for allowing your children into public and socializing with others.</p> <p>Knowing this, I'm confident you will all make the right decision to have sports open in the fall. However, if you choose to close sports, make sure you can state specifically why. Maybe explain how your children are allowed to participate in these activities, but decided that other children cannot. You have already taken away in person learning. Please do not take this away from the children.</p>
Rich walker	new Britain	Thank you, Rich Walker
robert kotsur	Warrington	why would the SD offer various options without the ability to properly staff the options? To what extent did the teacher's union impact this decision to remove in person options? What is the criteria for determining if the kids can go back to in class teaching? Are we going to wait to see until after the election??
Denise Psoras	Buckingham	Vote Yes to Fall Sports!
Nancy Kelly	Warwick	I urge the board and administration to allow teachers and professional staff to work from home if that is their need or preference. With students learning from their homes, there is no immediate need for teachers to be in their school buildings. Some CBSD staff are encountering childcare issues or medical concerns related to being physically present in their buildings. There is an easy solution to these problems in allowing staff to determine the best working environment for themselves. Many neighboring districts are extending this professional courtesy to their staff, resulting in the reduction of staffing issues. Finally, allowing staff this flexibility is in line with the governor's recommendation to allow telework whenever feasible.
Janice Knowlton	Warwick	These children need some socialization and physical activity. If the PIAA voted to continue, there's no reason the district should choose otherwise.