Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #116

My public comments are related to: *	Continuity of Learning 4.0
Topic *	Virtual Education by its self will not work
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I appreciate the efforts the school board, schools, and teachers are putting forth during this epic time of change. I understand the priority is the safeguarding of our communities health. I understand the appeal towards virtual only or mostly virtual education. If the community is willing to sacrifice the education of their students for at least a year as a byproduct to keep everyone healthy, then so be it. But I ask that you be more innovative about this than just doing what we did this past spring. If we repeat the exact same model, younger grade school students, less advantages students, and those with ability mismatches will likely not progress for as long as all the students stay home.

I request that you all read the following articles so that if we can not meet in schools, we can at least co-create a new world of intentional education that can perhaps surpass traditional school. To not rely on technology that is difficult for teachers to produce and many kids won't thrive in (my son being one of them - we will not be doing zoom calls as it gives him panic attacks). To help parents who are not educators as a profession. To reimagine what success looks like (more than recording students or trying to "write" on a screen when pencils are hard enough in the analog world). I also fear that those with privilege will find ways to financially help their students (tutors/pods/nannies) but what of those without privilege? The gap divides amidst BLM and other new found momentum to become a community of mutual abundance.

There are many people I am acquainted with that are adept at working out hard design problems. You can call upon any of us to help with this from a design space. Of the authors below, two of the three are local.

Schoolhoming https://wp.me/p320W3-aC

"Schoolhoming: Cohorts" https://link.medium.com/adYXQP3uk8

"Students should go to school most should stay home"
https://medium.com/@shaylargriffin/some-students-should-go-to-school-most-should-stay-home-8z57894b8487

"Why video games are better than distance learning in this moment"
https://medium.com/the-faculty/why-video-games-are-better-than-distance-learning-in-this-moment-72e761bc66eb