

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #164

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While the ACPS Express email that was sent this morning (10/14) stated that all students would begin a phased reentry based on a prioritization matrix (PDF) in January 2021, there were few details. The actual slides posted on the school board website make no mention of a phased reopening for all students. Virtual learning is not working. Tremendous efforts of teachers and staff mean that students are not falling behind as much, but to expect seven year olds to remain engaged for 5 hours of zoom setting them up for failure. We need a plan for a return to in person schooling by the Spring, assuming no significant changes with the track of the pandemic over the coming months. Hindsight is 20/20, but it would have been great if we could have used our schools' outdoor spaces over the last six weeks. We are not going to be able to do that much longer, but it would be irresponsible if we did not have a plan for the warmer weather in Spring. I understand and support prioritizing those students with the greatest need in the near term, but I am eager to hear the plan for returning all students to in-person learning.