

Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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I would like to provide: * In-Person Comments in the School Board Meeting Room

Select the meeting date: * September 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.

My public comments are related to: * In-Person or Virtual Learning

Topic * Learning in Quarantine Situations

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What is your relationship to ACPS? * Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

On 9/17 ACPS emailed its plan for quarantined students: "ACPS will use live streaming for students who need to quarantine. Live streaming allows students to view their teacher providing instruction in the school classroom in real-time.... The teacher will not be interacting with students who are live streaming the class."

My 6th grader has been quarantined twice. Poor audio and no interaction makes the learning experience akin to trying to participate in a conference room meeting while standing in the hallway and watching the conversation through a half-open door. I shared with the GWMS administration that, in the case of our 6th grader, the live stream (ls) plan is untenable. Our son's experience parallels those of other students reported in this 2021 Stanford University study:

"Almost all interview participants reported low study efficiency at home. They found it difficult to focus on live streaming videos, and this reduced their studying productivity."**

Tethering a 6th grader to a ls for 7 hours where he sees his peers engaging but cannot himself engage, and often cannot hear, does more harm than good.

I am grateful for the conversations I have had with the GWMS administration. The GWMS administration has been responsive and has expressed a desire to continue and broaden this conversation.

I respectfully ask that the quarantine ls teaching plan be revisited at the September 23 school board meeting.

**Chen et al., "Learning from Home: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Live Streaming," Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, May 2021.