Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #166

Written Public Comments
Virtual+ Plus Learning
Re-Opening Schools
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Dear Board, I am the parent of six ACPS students. We have 2 children at George Mason, 2 at George Washington Middle School & 2 Titans. I applaud the exceptional efforts of all of their teachers & counselors who are striving for excellence under tremendously difficult circumstances. I was very disappointed to read the agenda for tomorrow's meeting yesterday. I do not believe your current plan to "prepare" for 3rd quarter in–person learning for only K–5 honors the job our City has asked of you: to educate our children. It additionally does not acknowledge the host of issues beyond education that in person learning facilitates including safety, health & hunger, economic opportunity for families & the mental health of students. The current plan makes ACPS a part of the many problems facing our nation rather than part of the solution. It likely has long term consequences in continued lack of financial support from Alexandria residents to the improvement of our schools as this decision is not one of courage & action. I beg you to reconsider & get to work. Jennifer Glade