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Dear School Board,

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to speak. As we all know, the pandemic is not easy for anyone. We were excited when we were given a choice between in-person and virtual learning. We quickly learned that the reality of the situation was not something to look forward to. The choice we were given was not much of a choice. If we wanted to enroll our children in basically any electives such as STEM, GHSA, and the fine arts the only option was in-person. As a result, we had to relent and enroll our children for in-person learning. We had chosen our children's classes in May and June and did what we were asked to do. So imagine my surprise when the classes were also taken away from my children going into this upcoming school year. The only explanation given was that the elective classes were full and they were put into Titan Rising or otherwise known as a study hall. We initially asked for our children to be put into satellite campus but because of complications with GHSA and STEM that was not possible. Then we wanted for our children to be put into virtual learning, but as I stated before was just not possible. Furthermore, it has come to my attention that the school is overcrowded. Social distancing is practically nonexistent. The issue is similar with transportation. The buses are overcrowded as well.

I have noticed a trend with who exactly gets put into the Titans Rising period, I would like it if you look into that. As a parent, I am worried about the health and safety of my children especially when we were denied the opportunity to go inside the school and view the classroom layout. It would appease us if you expanded the virtual learning.

We were also wondering if it was possible to station or transport elective teachers to the Minnie Howard campus to avoid overcrowding the king st campus.

We want the bus driver to focus on the road, so to ensure that I advise that each bus driver gets an assistant to make sure students are behaving and keeping their masks on.

It has also come to my attention that families that chose virtual learning in the spring are having their decisions changed without their consent at the central office.

All of the orientation and open houses being transferred to zoom is very concerning, are our children safe in the building? This is not something to be procrastinated on, Please consider our issues quickly and respond soon.

Thank you