

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #118

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Topic * School reopening during pandemic

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

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The Alexandria school district needs to be more direct and less obtuse to address parent concerns and anxiety about asking us to trust it's judgement on considering sending our children back to school during a pandemic. It is a lot to ask. ACPS needs to speak truth to power and it is obvious that the truth is very hard to determine, hence a more pragmatic approach needs to happen and be more assertive. A proven vaccine that is easily available to ALL ACPS children needs to happen to regain a semblance of truth. Until that happens, any unscientific facade of safety will not rest well with ALL of the parents who are putting the safety of our children in the hands of ACPS. Currently the decision making process is perceived to be fraught with a lot of smoke and many mirrors. Be direct so we know how to proceed.