

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #196

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As the school board considers the reopening timeline, I urge you to think about the number of families flying and traveling over the holidays. With COVID cases skyrocketing, I am concerned if schools plan to reopen directly after the winter break. My son is eager to return to school, and it is definitely in his best interest to do so. However, as I hear about more and more ACPS families planning to travel, I question if the current timeline sets ACPS up for a successful reopening. I don't know if it feasible to request and assume honesty in asking students and staff to quarantine for two weeks after travel. I believe at minimum that we should not return to a hybrid schedule until after MLK day as this creates a two week buffer from holiday travel. I don't want to have to choose to keep my child home because others are choosing risky behavior. I also don't want to see all the tremendous reopening efforts wasted when students begin to test positive in early January. I know other districts in the country have adopted this schedule and urge ACPS to do the same. Thank you for considering.