## Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #158

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Topic *	K-2 Return to School
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What is your relationship to ACPS? *	Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student
Enter your comments here OR upload below:	I am a parent of a kindergartener at George Mason and wish to express my extreme disappointment at the proposed plan for the rest of the year. While I applaud the great efforts of my son's teacher, virtual learning is wholly inappropriate for a kindergartener. My son is suffering academically, socially and emotionally, and I am shocked that ACPS has no concrete plan to return K-2 learners to the classroom.  Our family is very aware of, and careful about, the health concerns of COVID-19. However, we're also aware that there are ways to return to the classroom safety using masks and social distancing, particularly if the schools can prioritize certain groups like K-2. This is precisely what DC and Arlington are doing, and we are shocked and disheartened that the young students of Alexandria are not being prioritized in the same way.  PLEASE reconsider this proposal and make a plan to return K-2 students to the classroom in November, consistent with other area schools.