


Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #263

I would like to provide: *	Written Public Comments
My public comments are related to: *	Virtual+ Plus Learning
Topic *	CDC 3 feet rule
Full Name *	Yuan Yuan
What is your relationship to ACPS? *	Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student
Enter your comments here OR upload below:	<p>Dear School Board Members,</p> <p>It is very disappointed to find out that ACPS will not follow CDC 3 feet rule for the rest of the school year and won't let more kids back to in-person learning while most school districts in DC area have announced their modified plans to increase either in-person kids.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is disheartening that ACPS didn't give parents another chance to pick 'virtual' or 'hybrid' this year, especially with vaccine 's rolling out, and with promises " this is not binding, we understanding you are picking the choice based on what you feel and know now, we will work with family, and we will have survey every 7 to 8 weeks".</p> <p>I feel like we have been lied to and deceived and tricked back in December. We put the trust in ACPS and believed what were told. Instead, we had been thrown under the bus. ACPS should either issue an apology or keep the promise they made in December when they trying to have parents signing the Parent Choice Form.</p> <p>I uploaded some responses from ACPS back in December.</p>

See attached documents on next page.



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December 2, 2020 · 

Families: Please complete the Family Choice Form in PowerSchool Parent Access to tell us your preference for either hybrid learning or virtual learning for each of your children, starting in January or February 2021. Watch this video to see where to find the form and how to complete it.

 See our information on hybrid vs. virtual learning options:
<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3553#hybridvsvirtual>

 Have questions about the Family Choice Form?... [See More](#)

Completing the Family Choice Form



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Danielle Romanetti We are working with our partners including Campagna to continue those programs.

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Danielle Romanetti

Alexandria City Public Schools ok thank you. It's hard to fill out this form without that information.

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Danielle Romanetti Let me add this -- It is not set in stone that the programs will continue exactly as they are now. It is contingent on space available for these programs. Also, your choice is not binding, and if you need to change your decision late... [See More](#)

Rebecca Jaramillo

Is this survey just to capture interest or is it a commitment? I would need more information on the hybrid model before completing- such as if my child would be in the same home school with the same teacher. Different variables would affect my respon... [See More](#)

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The decision you make today is not binding, however it will allow us to plan accordingly. We understand your family's situation might change, and you will be able to change your response later. Please fill out the form for how you believe you and your ... [See More](#)

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Yuan Yuan We will attempt to keep as much consistency for students as we can, however changes are possible under either hybrid or virtual. We won't know until the schedules are made, which isn't possible until we have an idea of how many students intend on coming back in person. Your choice is not binding, and if you need to change your decision later we will work with you to do so.

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December 9, 2020 · 

ACPS Express 12/9/2020: Student Voices Matter: Launching Our Plan to Find New School Names • Complete the Family Choice Form by Friday • Free Meal Access for All Students to Continue Through the End of the School Year • Playground Safety Reminder



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I received the response from ACPS and said family could change on DL or Hybrid after filling out the form. But I saw this on the FAQ page today: ' When families fill out the form are they held to their choice? If they choose hybrid, but then decide it is not safe, can they pull back to virtual (or vice versa)?

We want to encourage families to select one option and stick with it. We need this information to be consistent so that we plan effectively for the reopening of schools. Families are encouraged to make the choice based on metrics, willingness and ability to adhere to all guidelines. That said, we cannot predict tomorrow. We hope that everyone will make the best decision possible and stick with it but we do understand things could change for a family and will work with families as needed.

If we opt to do 100% virtual on the form, will there be an opportunity to change that later in the spring if we feel it is safe to return?

Those situations can be addressed on a case-by-case basis. ' It looks like it is really hard to make the change based on the above responses. I am a bit confused right now, can you/ACPS clarify? Thanks.

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Yuan Yuan

Further, under the link of Family Choice Form, it has a different message: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3553>

'Once we have gathered all the information needed, we will communicate directly with families to provide their hybrid schedule, if that was the family's choice, and confirm that this will work for their family. Please know that we are committed to working with families throughout this transition process knowing that circumstances may change and families may need to adjust their choice in the future. However, we ask families to provide a decision based on the information provided with the intent to begin your choice at the designated time for your child's grade level. We are relying on our partnership with families to make this transition work as smoothly and efficiently as feasible during these unprecedented times.'