

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #114

My public comments are related to: * Continuity of Learning 4.0

Topic * Reopening School in September

Name * Patrick Earle

What is your relationship to ACPS? * Staff Member

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Dear ACPS School Board members,

My name is Patrick Earle and I have been teaching at T.C. Williams High School for 20 years. My comment is that I saw that 63% of teachers are willing to come back to work in September, based on the survey results. I answered that I would return to school because I have no choice as the primary income earner for our family. However, the survey didn't ask whether I wanted to go back to school. I believe that ACPS should start the year with 100% distance learning for at least the first quarter, and then reassess as the data comes in. We are in the middle of a surge of cases, and this is not the time to put staff members who are in high risk categories, as well as students, at risk. I ask that you proceed with caution.

Thank you, Patrick Earle