

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #165

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Topic *	Failure to Plan for Return to School
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I am frustrated and baffled by ACPS failure to plan a return to in-person school plan. The 33 page pdf produced by ACPS is full of jargon and icons, signifying nothing. At best, it's a plan to plan. It does not mention 6th through 12th graders at all, except to co-opt middle school space for younger learners. This is unacceptable. Since March 12, 2020, ACPS should have had a dedicated team working on getting kids safely back in the schools. To state only that ACPS is working on matters, when Arlington has a clear and coherent back to school plan is embarrassing. All over the country, kids are safely returning to school with social distancing, masking, and hygiene. (My alma mater, a public high school in Denver, Colorado is of similar population size to TC, and has had kids going to school on a hybrid schedule for 2 months with no COVID-19 outbreak.) I understood the need for Virtual PLUS at the beginning of the school year and ACPS teachers are doing amazing things, but it has always been a stopgap until we can get the kids back *in* school, at least on part-time basis. The School Board must hold Superintendent Hutchings and his staff accountable for their abject failure to make concrete plans to return *ALL* ACPS students who want to return to in-person school.

Sincerely,
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