

I would like to provide: * Written Public Comments

Select the meeting date:* * August 19, 2021

My public comments are related to: * COVID-19

Topic * COVID Concerns regarding meal/snack times

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What is your relationship to ACPS? * Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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I appreciate and applaud the steps that ACPS is taking to ensure the safety of its staff and students for the upcoming school year in terms of requiring universal masking for all – regardless of vaccination status. However, I do have a major concern regarding meal times, when masks are removed while children (and staff members) are eating indoors. Has there been any considerations to implement outdoor meal/snack times to further reduce the potential spread of COVID amongst students/staff? I am very concerned about my kindergartener eating indoors amongst a large group of unmasked (and unvaccinated due to their age) children at the same time. I propose that Plan A would be to have lunch time/snacks outdoors, and Plan B would be indoors (during inclement weather for example). This would be much like what happens for recess – when the weather is cooperative, everyone is outdoors to play and get fresh air. When there is inclement weather, you stay indoors. Please consider implementing outdoor meal times/snack times for the children to reduce the potential for COVID spread – this is my highest concern for my child as he enters kindergarten in ACPS. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your response, as well as any additional solutions that are being considered at this time.