

## 02.02.2021 Public Comment

Agenda Item	Name	City	Email Address	Topic to be Addressed
9	Jacob Hall	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:hallja1@s.dcsdk12.org">hallja1@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	SAG Update
9	Caitlyn Clancy	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:clancycm@s.dcsdk12.org">clancycm@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	Return to in person learning -I'm a student. I am a sophomore
9	McKenzi Golden	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:goldenmg@s.dcsdk12.org">goldenmg@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	I would like to tell the board that we need to be back in school. I am a 10th grader at DCHS and I am really struggling with online learning. My friends are as well. Please let us come back to school.
9	Tyler Sousa	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:sousats@s.dcsdk12.org">sousats@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	I would like to address the board on high schools remaining in remote learning for the sake of student learning and staff safety.
9	Abygail Mayberry -	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:mahberryar@s.dcsdk12.org">mahberryar@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	Return to Hybrid Learning
9	Ailani Paramo	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:Paramoa1@s.dcsdk12.org">Paramoa1@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	Remote Learning
9	Mckinzie Johnson	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:Hammettjm@s.dcsdk12.org">Hammettjm@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	Reopening schools
9	Braden Sheasby	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:Sheasbyb@s.dcsdk12.org">Sheasbyb@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	In person learning
9	Eleanor, Evelyn, and William DeWeese	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:deweeseel@s.dcsdk12.org">deweeseel@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	We do not want to return to hybrid learning yet. Will there be an option for students who are uncomfortable returning to school to stay in remote learning.
9	Rowan Trietley	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:rietlevr@s.dcsdk12.org">rietlevr@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	In-person learning.
9	Ethan Reed	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:ethanreed_vpa@hotmail.com">ethanreed_vpa@hotmail.com</a>	Reopening. I am a senior at Legend HS in Parker. I will be sending them a letter containing HUNDREDS of signatures from students and community members urging them to keep us remote for the time being.
9	Anneli Ahlmann	STUDENT	ahlmanns@comcast.net	Student Return to In-School Learning . I am a high school senior.
9	Connor Mcgehee	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:mcgehecc1@s.dcsdk12.org">mcgehecc1@s.dcsdk12.org</a>	in person school
Withdraw	Moira Lees	STUDENT	<a href="mailto:MoiraLees@gmail.com">MoiraLees@gmail.com</a>	Yes. <b>WITHDREW FROM COMMENT</b>
	B Ryman	Lone Tree	<a href="mailto:ab46123@yahoo.com">ab46123@yahoo.com</a>	Spirit rock at eagle ridge
	Mike Drennan	Parker	<a href="mailto:mdrennan@comcast.net">mdrennan@comcast.net</a>	
7	JAMES F DAVIS	Parker	<a href="mailto:JimDavis@parentinggrand.com">JimDavis@parentinggrand.com</a>	IMPORTANCE OF PULIC EDUCATION TO ALL OUR CHIDLREN
	Julianne D Lamb	Castle Rock	<a href="mailto:lambfamily6@hotmail.com">lambfamily6@hotmail.com</a>	Community Relations
7	Rachelle Wood			Masks/no volunteers
7	Ricardo Leal	Lakewood	<a href="mailto:rleal@dcsdk12.org">rleal@dcsdk12.org</a>	Staying with Online Teaching. I want to thank the Board for listening to our comments. I teach at Highland Ranch High School. Since we have made the switch the 100% Online teaching I and my students have finally reached a moment of great learning. For once teachers and students are on a great path we're we both can teach and learn and all the while stay as safe as we can and keeping our mental well being as healthy as possible. Please please take this into consideration. Thank you.
7	Tim Nobel	Castle Rock	<a href="mailto:timno520@gmail.com">timno520@gmail.com</a>	Get your act together, you are destroying our kids lives, you need to resign your seat. You need more time to make an informed decision, RESIGN and do us all a favor!
7	Jeff Keiffer	Highlands Ranch	<a href="mailto:jef@keifferllc.com">jef@keifferllc.com</a>	Returning to School. "Everyone,  We all know there is no medical reason stopping the district from bringing the students back into the classroom, and the County needs to be brutally honest with all the parents why the kids are not back. All I've heard over the past year is a request for patience and understanding, but the patience of ever parent I have talked to has run out. It's time to assess blame and hold those people accountable if possible.  If it's the DCSD board, then say so. They are elected. If it's someone else, then say so. Are they elected? If not, what elected official has authority over their employment? Are there contractual prohibitions on replacing these people? Under what circumstances can the contract be terminated?  It's time to disclose the name of the person(s) who made the decision to keep the kids out of the classroom, the specific reasoning why, including the information that went into the decision. I have heard vague reasons including a shortage of bus drivers, teachers and support staff. Please tell us why the District can't hire these people (or their replacements).  All I know it's not the kids and not the parents fault. Parents have bent over backwards to do everything asked of them to help get the kids back in the classroom, but to no avail.  Over the past 12 months, the district has taken every conceivable step to reduce the possibility of spreading Covid, including the following: Mandatory masks for all people in the building, Closing of drinking fountains, Elimination of social spaces to eat and congregate, Daily temperature checks, and more. There is a whole web page dedicated to mitigation guidelines.
7	Kathy Adams	Highlands Ranch	<a href="mailto:kathy@kathyadamsdtrs.com">kathy@kathyadamsdtrs.com</a>	Returning students to in-person learning ASAP. The status of student mental health in our district should not be measured solely by the teen suicide rate in Douglas County
7	Jason R Mayberry	Castle Rock		Synchronous Hybrid vs Alternatives. I would like to know what concrete steps the district has taken since the last board meeting to move teachers towards Synchronous Hybrid.
7	Bekah Welte	Aurora		Gratitude for the board and upcoming hybrid schedule. Thank you for the opportunity!
7	Darcy DeAno	Highlands Ranch		Covid and returning to school
7	Kerry Trietley	Castle Rock		Road to Return
7	Josh Jenkins	Parker		Middle and high school reopening
7	Nate Ormond	Castle Rock		Getting real answers and taking action
7	Kate Muus	Castle Rock		The difficulty of hybrid scheduling, vaccines for teachers, the importance of words (I'm an English teacher 😊)
7	Robert Shaw	Castle Rock		Lack of leadership
7	Chris Ryman	Highlands Ranch		Opening schools, recall, Confidence in next year being 5 days per week. I'd like to know if we have enough substitutes, lunch staff, and bus drivers? I'd like to know if the teachers are being vaccinated and what % have been? I'd like to know how many students dis-enrolled from DCSD (to presumably go to private or charter schools)?
7	Jamie Pines	Highlands Ranch		PLEASE PUT OUR KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL!!!!!! www.road2recall.com Thank you .
7	Allison Pines	Highlands Ranch		PLEASE PUT US BACK IN SCHOOL!!!! Thank you
7	Douglas Pines	Highlands Ranch		PLEASE PUT US BACK IN SCHOOL!!!! Thank you
7	Kate Welch	Parker		Now that the CDC says it is safe for the kids to go back and there are zero deaths for kids 18 and under and only 15th hospitalizations in over a year - why are we continuing to keep these kids out of school? The data even shows that the teachers are safer in schools. What is your plan to move forward? Is this the teachers union that is causing the issue of not returning to school? All the science and data says get the kids back in school so I'm confused as to why they are not back in school. Even Cherry Creek is back. Something is not right and it seems more and more like this is about politics.
7	Cindi Pritchard	Bailey		NO Hybrid
7	Kristen Spagnoletti	Centennial		parents supporting teachers with no hybrid
7	Terri Hamilton	Denver		I support returning students to in-person learning. My son is a junior at Rock Canyon high school
7	Holly Osborne Horn	Castle Rock		I want to speak on behalf of our secondary students who are suffering emotionally and educationally by not being in school in person. I am the parent of two secondary students and they are not thriving in the online learning environment. I also have one primary student who is so grateful to be back in school, but is currently home because his class is quarantined.

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7	Carol Walsh	Highlands Ranch		<p>"1. Safety of opening up schools for full in-person learning based off of a study conducted by National Center for Research on Education Access and Choice stating that counties with fewer than 36 to 44 new COVID-19 county hospitalizations per 100,000 people per week. They have tracked this information every week since July 2020 and the numbers in Douglas County have been within the acceptable range, even during the spike we experienced in November. They have a spread sheet of this data for all counties within the United States.</p> <p><a href="https://www.reachcentered.org/publications/the-effects-of-school-reopenings-on-covid-19-hospitalizations">https://www.reachcentered.org/publications/the-effects-of-school-reopenings-on-covid-19-hospitalizations</a></p> <p>2. As well as little evidence from the CDC of COVID virus spread from in person learning.</p> <p><a href="https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/national/coronavirus/cdc-researchers-find-little-evidence-of-covid-19-spread-in-schools-with-proper-precautions?fbclid=IwAR07T1uEJi57AFUQv99ANhDS9Bs2IQ35qbU9MPoRT_Nwb5xEGQFjh9fk&amp;JA">https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/national/coronavirus/cdc-researchers-find-little-evidence-of-covid-19-spread-in-schools-with-proper-precautions?fbclid=IwAR07T1uEJi57AFUQv99ANhDS9Bs2IQ35qbU9MPoRT_Nwb5xEGQFjh9fk&amp;JA</a> . "My husband and I have 2 sons, both on IEP's. They have adapted to the remote learning and are performing well. What they struggle with is the daily battle of not having in person relationships with their peers and teachers. Our youth is developing a very unhealthy perspective of relating to people digitally which will be crippling to them as full functioning adults. Remote learning for the majority of students make them feel like they are detached from their community. There is no camaraderie with their peers, no development of in person body language or facial cues. Our teens need to get back in person full time to further develop their ability to relate to others in person.</p> <p>If there is evidence of safety for in person learning, we should create an option for parents/students to choose to be in person. The parents/students who want to remain remote, they can choose to do so, but a full time in person learning option has been given to the students that are crippled by the remote learning model. "</p>
7	Michelle Ellis	Highlands Ranch		In-person learning for middle and high schoolers
7	Jesse Soklin	Lone Tree		Delay in middle school return effect on moderate needs students
7	Denise Shore	Highlands Ranch		Hybrid Learning
7	Lora Jorgensen	Lone Tree		School is an essential . Open schools! Why are other schools staying open and minimizing quarantines or not having any? Why are we not just quarantining the effected person? Multiple grade and class quarantines is not acceptable. Kids are not transmitting covid or at risk for it. They are wearing masks and social distancing, so why are we stopping school for multiple classes? Why are the kids wearing masks if we are going to quarantine them? Why would we even get a negative covid test if they still can't come back? Stop the multiple class quarantines. This is your job to get our kids back to school and frankly you are doing less then acceptable job.
7	Katelyn Frazier	Denver		Concerns regarding the return to hybrid learning
7	Kim Lee	Parker		Back to in school learning for the health of our kids.
7	Jenny Edelmann	Castle Rock		2 days is better than none.
7	Chuck Bradley	Highlands Ranch		Return to hybrid and TCHD
7	Brandi Bradley	Littleton		In person learning
7	Mandy Oster	Parker		In person learning . I would like to address the board on in person learning and getting my two HS back to school.
7	Stephanie Geiger	Highlands Ranch		Return to in person learning. I would like to speak at the board meeting.
7	Paul Geiger	Highlands Ranch		Students First. I would like to speak at the board meeting.
7	Andrew Trietley	Castle Rock		Return to in-person learning
7	Joseph Elliott	Parker		Hybrid learning decision
7	Katrina Gambill	Castle Rock		I support the Road to Recall :)
7	Christa Gilstrap	Highlands Ranch		Returning to In person learning for MS. Please let at least our middle school kids go back to in person learning
7	Katherine Noel Knuesel	Castle Rock		The debate on whether or not to return to a hybrid learning model for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Please let me know an approximate time that I will be speaking if possible. Thank you.
7	Amy Smith	Highlands Ranch		100% in-person learning.
7	Amanda Cushing	Highlands Ranch		public comment
7	Jeanne Johnson	Parker		Reopening schools--for it.
7	Gidget Ternet	Parker		Public comment session regarding return to school
7	Lisa Haynes	Highlands Ranch		I am a pediatric and would like to talk about how mental health is being adversely affected by not having classes in-person
7	Shannon Callis	Parker		Mental health and road to return
7	Kathryn Houseman	Parker		Kids returning to school
7	Jammi Chvatal	Highlands Ranch		Getting our kids back to school. Please consider getting our children back to school. They need to get back to some normalcy. They need to be with their peers and get a better in person education.
7	Shane McNulty	Castle Rock		Yes
7	Meredith Jacob	Castle Rock		I would like for the board to return high school students to 5 days a week, in person learning. The board is ignoring the parents on this issue. The high schools and middle schools need to open up 100% in person immediately.
7	Joyel Chambers	Castle Rock		Opening our schools 5 days a week for in-person learning for those who choose to send their kids while keeping g the option to stay home for other who choose to "learn" from home.
7	Kimberly Clever	Castle Rock		Health and Safety, CDC guidelines
7	Jessica Olsen	Parker		Secondary students need to be back in the schools for in person learning starting Monday! Secondary students need to be back in the schools for in person learning starting Monday!
7	Amanda Santiago	Parker		Return to In Person Learning. I'm hoping that both sides are given equal amounts of time to express concerns. I really hope for the meeting tonight not to be one sided. I think it's very important to listen to both sides.
7	Kameron Kranse	Castle Rock		"7. Return to In-Person Hybrid Learning Update". Thank you for all that you do
7	Steve Santiago	Parker		Going back to school in person. Online school is detrimental to older children. Douglas is the only district I know of whose high schoolers are solely online. My kids don't want to even get out of bed anymore.
7	Hannah Nunn	Castle Rock		Getting Middle and High Schoolers back to in person learning at the minimum hybrid if not 5 days a week.
7	Lillian Adams	Castle Rock		Concerning In person learning, I support The Road to Recall. Thank you. Please reach out to me with any questions of the above topic.
7	Tiffany Norton	Englewood	<a href="mailto:tiffenorton94@gmail.com">tiffenorton94@gmail.com</a>	concerning online versus in-person
7	Jeni Reilly	Parker	<a href="mailto:Jeni_reilly@gmail.com">Jeni_reilly@gmail.com</a>	Get kids back in person learning 100%. Please show the results from the survey at beginning of the year - what science are you using ?!?!?