

Dear Members of the School Board and Dr. Jeck,

July 23, 2020

As we enter a new school year, the FEA Executive Board would like to thank each of you for the effort you have put into our return to school plan. Our board understands that this unprecedented time requires challenging decisions from all of you and we applaud your efforts to prioritize the safety of students and staff.

While the FEA had previously supported Dr. Jeck's plan to move forward with a blended AB plan, it is clear from the data in our membership survey that many concerns and questions still revolve around this plan. Student and staff safety is the chief concern of our members and of our board. These concerns have grown as our Commonwealth sees a continued rise in COVID-19 cases.

The FEA believes that any risk to the loss of life for a student or staff member in Fauquier County Public Schools is too great of a risk to take. Therefore, we request that the School Board reconsider a 100% virtual return to school decision at their next School Board meeting on Monday, July 27th. We ask that you, as our elected leaders and administration, move your efforts to support a 100% virtual plan to reopen Fauquier County Public Schools. By doing so, we can allow educators to give a quality education without the daily distraction of fear and without the risk of losing their life or the life of a loved one. This plan would also give educators the time to properly plan for a successful virtual school year launch.

Our priority is the safety of all staff and all students. We do not want to look back and have regrets on what we did or did not do to protect our students and staff.

Respectfully,
FEA Executive Board