

School Board meeting

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Dr. Saron, et al:

I learned of a prospective Hybrid learning model that will be presented this evening in more detail to the School Board. I have two children in the district, one is in 2nd grade at Token Springs and falls into the K-2 category. It has been challenging to say the least with virtual learning, and even more challenging considering both my husband and I work out of the house. My 8th grader and the wonderful Alexa device seems to keep Jakoby (my 2nd grader) notified of his zooms to be able to report for "class" timely. It's not the ideal situation; however, Mr. Bussian and ALL of the 2nd grade teachers are doing a phenomenal job. Based on what I've been gathering, if the Hybrid model comes to fruition, some children may be able to choose in person learning EVEN if they could continue to learn at home, potentially exposing our teachers to threats they are currently not facing. How will they manage in person AND children at home? How will they manage additional cleaning needs? How can they possibly keep up with all the tech issues and questions in person...AND virtual?

In addition to all of my concerns above, one area I'm particularly concerned about are the support hubs assisting students currently learning in person. These children NEED to be in an in-person learning environment for one reason or another, and these support services are imperative for their success. How does this change for them? Will they continue to receive the attention they are getting at this time? Do they lose out some if we go to this Hybrid model too early? I would hate to see these children

Please know...I DO want my child to get back to school. I DO want to support a Hybrid learning model...just not now. Now when this virus is at its worst. We've followed Madison schools in many aspects and they've chosen virtual learning for this next quarter. I'd hope we'd consider this also.

If the decision has already been made, I hope our teachers have additional resources to be able to assist with the multitude of challenges working both in person and virtual I also hope there will be some requirement that REQUIRES students who are tested positive to alert the school AND for our students exposed, to be notified.

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Public Comment for 11-9-2020

1 message

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Sun, Nov 8, 2020 at 9:32 PM

Chandu,

Below is a public comment for the school board meeting on Monday 11-9-2020. Please let me know if there is anything missing that would prevent this letter from being read at the school board meeting during public comments.

Name: Joshua Schmidt
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Dear School Board Members,

My name is Joshua Schmidt, I am a professional educator at Horizon Elementary school.

As we are nearing our start date to phase into hybrid learning, I wanted to encourage you to pivot your meetings to be in-person. You as a school board have allowed district administrators to push more and more staff into the buildings while also allowing more students to be in the buildings.

Administrators and board members are standing by making decisions with risks that they do not have to take. I ask you to start taking those risks alongside the staff and students that you represent; start having your school board meetings in-person. If you are unwilling to take that risk, ask yourself why and then ask yourself why you are allowing Sun Prairie Area School District staff members to take those risks.

I love my students, I love teaching, but I loathe to see staff members having to contemplate between their livelihood and the possibility of death. When we transition to hybrid learning, staff members who have accommodations may have those accommodations pulled because it is a "burden" to the school district. This could include our teachers who are pregnant right now, they are at an increased risk of being admitted into an ICU and, according to the [CDC](#), pregnant women aged 35–44 years with COVID-19 were nearly four times as likely to require invasive ventilation and twice as likely to die than were nonpregnant women of the same age. I implore to ask the hard questions tonight; ask administrators what plans they have in place to keep their most vulnerable staff safe.

I understand that there are other extremely important factors and I do not envy our administrators for having to make plans under these circumstances, but I do encourage you to think twice before continuing to allow the people you represent take risks that you may not be willing to make yourself.

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