

August 25, 2021 Board Meeting Written Comments
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The recent news that CPD will be keeping officers in the schools that have voted them out is a slap in the face to the process CPS just underwent with the Whole School Safety planning process, and undermines the legitimacy of Local School Councils - one of the only democratic processes we have in Chicago schools. What message does it send to students, that they can organize & vote & win change, but CPD will still insist on doing what it wants? That lesson, a model of fascism, has no place in our schools. CPD is acting like it runs CPS, and this board cannot allow it.

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Re: School Resource Officers

In a report from WBEZ, (https://www.wbez.org/stories/chicago-police-to-continue-sending-two-officers-to-schools-that-voted-to-have-just-one/ef3a89c3-434b-490d-b226-e7357d2b6915?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Web-Share) --Chicago Public Schools says the Police Department has decided to temporarily send

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Good morning City of Chicago Board of Education members. Thank you for considering my comment today. I am a parent of 2 CPS students: entering 5th and 1st grade. Last year was unprecedented. This year we are returning our children to school fearful and trusting you to keep them safe from an airborne disease. I pray we all make it thru this year in one piece and safe. I ask that this board keep safety at the forefront for this academic year. Please consider safe quarantine practices for all staff and children REGARDLESS of vaccination status, consider making students/staff provide their vaccination status. Please reconsider quarantining staff who are exposed as many college campuses and hospitals do until they test negative for covid before expecting them to return to teach unvaccinated students. Please consider mandating students to test weekly; and not just because they are in sports but bc its the right thing to do for us all, especially our most vulnerable unvaccinated students. Further consider ending simultaneous teaching. It was not ideal and if it weren't for teachers setting aside additional time to do one on one with my child who needed that extra 5-10 min my child would have hated to learn to read. Simultaneous teaching in person and remote is horrible for students and teachers. We are returning to enjoy and love learning again. We'd rather have 5-10 min of quality instruction than 60 min of simultaneous ear piercing echo and sad faces at a computer bc they feel left out (this is how remote went for my K child). Please don't do that to a child already possibly quarantined, that is not in their best interest neither for their mental health or learning experiences. They light up with individual instruction from their teacher. Please Allow their teacher to do this with them, give them some freedom and flexibility. Simultaneous teaching does not do that, all we saw were stressed and anxious teachers trying desperately to save face. Ty for your time.

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I am here commenting about the aligations of the reopening of schools, and the "safety guidelines" that have been recently shared out to the public. And of my opinion, I highly disagree with the reopening of schools and the rejection of the option of staying home with online classes. The least I can say is that children of grades 8 and down should have the option of staying in their homes and learning virtually if they do not feel comfortable or safe inside of the school. It came to my knowledge that it seems that the people of the board are making their own decisions for the children instead of the parents of the children. And with speaking of the "safety guidelines" for the reopening of the school year, the 3 feet obligation is not okay with me. If there is going to be returning of schools the least we can mandate is the usual protocol of the Coronavirus rules, is to stay 6 feet apart. Having 3 feet is not safe, masks can only cover so much of the germs. And of being so close to the other kids the germs can pass by so quickly, more than we can ima



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