



3. Agree upon a return date, no later than the first day of Q4-April 4. A tentative date will allow parents to plan, students to dream, and will force the district and teachers union to be accountable to parents and students.

Once you start the public narrative and understand the desperation of many CPS high school families, you can begin to plan. Collaborative discussions with all stakeholders

begin until you, CPS and the CTU start the public narrative.

No child should be left behind to suffer. Parents need and deserve a choice of when their child returns to in person learning.

Sincerely,

Desperate CPS High School Parent

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2	I would like to raise a concern to the Chicago Board of Education regarding CPS Athletics. Currently the State of Illinois, IDPH, and the IHSA has approved 3 contact days per week for up to two hours each day to be utilized by ALL IHSA sports for the purposes of conditioning and practice. This include sports that are currently not in session. CPS has yet to approve these days for sports and is only allowing in season sports to occur. Several schools surrounding Chicago and across the State have already begun using these days. This further places CPS student athletes behind these schools and the rest of the State. In addition it is a disservice to our athletes to take away opportunities from them when they need them the most. For the past two months, CPS, CDPH, and the Mayors office has touted how safe it is to return to school. They campaigned on putting teachers and student back in the classroom and said it was safe. If it is safe to return to school then it should be safe for our athletes to return and use the building as well. Also at this time CPS has approved Basketball to play and utilize the school buildings. From the start Basketball has been listed as a high risk sport. The majority of the remaining sports out of season right now are Medium to Low risk so it should be safe for them as well. What I am asking is that CPS approve the usage of Contact days as soon as possible so that we can offer our kids more opportunities to break away from the computers and be active physically in a safe environment. Thank you for your time.
3	As a CPS parent, I am writing to urge the School Board to continue the push for a full reopening of Chicago public schools. Our children are deteriorating academically, socially and mentally. We desperately need children to resume full time learning to regain losses over the last year. In addition, resuming full time in-person learning will allow working women to resume real engagement in the workforce. As remote and hybrid learning continues, millions of American women are leaving the workforce in order to do the unpaid labor of teaching at home. Please support the economic advancement of women by supporting full-time in-person learning.
4	We will never forgive the CTU for abandoning CPS children, 89% non-white, our children, for a year, despite the documented harm, despite science and reason, and for bullying parents and dividing communities. We will never attend CPS again and we will be leaving Chicago as soon as is possible.
5	2 days of school is not enough. Chicago kids are being left behind in this unsustainable remote learning situation while suburban and private schools jump ahead or have been providing in person instruction and education 5 days a week as it should be. Please make it a priority to reopen schools fully and regularly on a 5 day basis. 2 days is just not enough!! and CPS kids will be suffering because of this while their more

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privileged and affluent peers in the suburbs and private schools jump ahead of them academically and socioemotionally.

Dear Board Members,

I would like to encourage you to review your Mission Statement prior to each meeting to ensure that the decisions you make align with the goals of the Board rather than unions or other political organizations with competing interests.

"To set goals and standards and make policies that make a high-quality public education system available to the children of Chicago. To oversee the operations of the Chicago Public Schools, guarantee their accountability to the goals and objectives set by the Board and ensure that its accomplishments meet the expectations of the citizens of Chicago."

As a parent of 2 CPS students, a physician educator, and a citizen of Chicago, I do

elementary kids into schools. But, we need to keep going to get high schoolers in

	<p>carrier of the virus in the class. This has been a rough year for everyone. Every day i watch my child sit in front of a chrome book and try to learn in my home that is as best set up for her to be successful. I can only imagine how hard it has been for other families with numerous children remote learning. My daughter is isolated and I continue to watch her become more and more isolated because she cannot be in school learning and thriving with her peers. Covid is here and we need to figure out how to live with it by adhering to the guidelines laid out from the health professionals. Our children our falling behind. I understand teachers are working hard and so am I as a parent. However, my child would benefit from in person learning. At this point I feel as if I have failed my child as a parent because I didn't have a back up plan if CPS did not reopen. Why can't we now trust the science and get back to teaching the children of this city? They deserve to receive an excellent education and to be in school thriving and not isolated.</p>
14	<p>I am a black man, a CPS father, and a lifelong Chicago resident. The CTU's refusal to teach our children in person is a gross social injustice and has caused irreparable harm. The way they have shamed parents for speaking up for their children is shameful. I will do everything in my power to get my children out of CPS and into a positive learning environment with teachers who care about children and communities.</p>
15	<p>Please work to get our academic center students back in buildings asap. All other 7th and 8th graders in the district have the option to return to schools 3/8.</p>
16	<p>I would like to first say thank you for your tireless efforts to reopen schools for elementary students. I appreciate that you did not let a campaign of misinformation get in the way of science.</p> <p>As a parent of both an elementary student and a 7th grade Academic Center student, I have to also ask that you push forward quickly to reopen Academic Centers and High School. For those 7th graders left behind in the reopening plan and for 9th graders, the transition to a new school without any ability to make friends or social connections has been actually devastating to watch. For seniors, I cannot express how bad I feel for the normal senior experience that they are missing out on. I am in fear of the mental health consequences for a large group of students who have been isolated from their same age peers. Mental health issues do not discriminate by age, race, gender, etc. One could argue that continued isolation is a mental health crisis in and of itself.</p> <p>I want you to know that you have the full support of many, many parents and we are advocating more and more every day for OUR voice to be heard. We will do our best to get others to join in to this voice as long as we are able to see dedication from CPS to reopening high schools.</p> <p>I implore you and your team to move quickly and decisively to get these students back in school. With teachers being vaccinated soon and positivity rates spiraling downwards, there can be no excuses tolerated.</p> <p>As leaders of the city, we are asking that you lead the charge for a quick reopening of high schools. Thank you.</p>
17	<p>As a new CPS parent of a kindergartner, I was absolutely shocked this year with the political rhetoric and divisive language used to pit parents against teachers and each other during the Lightfoot for taking the initiative to move forward as the CTU used every tool and a lot of \$\$ to stall the important task of safely reopening schools. This is crucial as the</p>

students have seem to be lost in the discussion along with many parents who have felt bullied and SILENCED by the harmful accusations about needing a choice for in-person learning. As the entire administration remains fully paid, MANY parents have had to step away from their careers in order to support the remote learning strategy surviving on 1 or zero incomes- this is not sustainable. A concrete plan needs to be implemented now to ensure all children have the choice to remain in person with and option of 5 days, so those parents can get back to work. The lack of creativity and resourcefulness amongst such a large group of highly educated people is baffling. It is not acceptable that we are left hanging by a thread with the clear power play that the CTU, blinded by their activism, is organizing with our children as pawns. The manipulation of statistics and facts is very dangerous there needs to be a change in

trying to get everything together to transition into not only adult hood but the transition