

Summary of Public Comments 07.27.21

Below is a summary of comments that were received through our Public Comment form specific to the July 27 board meeting as of 12 p.m. on 07.26.21. A total of 18 comments were received regarding the following topics:

- Masks
- Segregation for vaccinated
- SRO
- Curriculum availability
- Behavior issue
- Questions regarding the Fall opening
- Back to school 5 days/week
- Surveys

Masks

Most writers want either no masks required for staff or students or the option for students. Writers feel masks create a barrier to relationship building and create isolation. Writer indicated scientific data does not support mask wearing amongst students. Writers would like the district to show the scientific data that supports mask wearing if the mandate will be in place in the fall. A couple of writers wanted masks mandatory for students. Also want the district to offer families supports if they are uncomfortable sending their students to school if there is not going to be a mask mandate. One writer suggested that the district adopt ODE & OHA Resilience Framework language by strongly advising masks for students

Segregation

Writers suggested there would be segregation based on vaccine status and they are strongly against this.

SROs

Writer would like the SRO data from 2016 forward made public. Writers would also like to know what safety protocols are in place now that SROs will not be in schools. They would also like to know what is being done with the funds were used for SROs.

Curriculum Availability

Writers want to see the 21-22 curriculum for K-12. One writer suggested this would assist them in helping their student catch up as well as know what is being taught. One writer is asking for the minutes from the board meeting that approved the K-12 Sex Education.

Behavior Issues

Writer is concerned about students who have pent up anger from being out of the traditional school setting for over a year when school begins in the fall and wants to know now that SROs are not available, how will district deal with violent behavior in the classroom. SROs were trained to deal with specific needs of students, regular police are not.

Questions Regarding Fall opening

Writers have lots of questions regarding this:

- Masks
- Safety protocols
- Addressing learning gaps
- Parent access to curriculum
- Parent-teacher conferences – virtual or in-person

Back to School 5 Days/Week

Writers would like students in school, full time, 5 days per week

Surveys

Writers would like surveys to be sent out to both staff and students regarding the following:

- Masks
- Bell Schedule
- SROs