

Timestamp	Please share your question or concern.	Your student's school (s) or the school where you work	Do you have any ideas or suggestions for how you think we can address this concern?
3/3/2020 14:46:02	If the school is closed for a number of days, will the Classified Staff get paid? What about our FIT and At Risk Students for food?		if not, under this case are we able to claim unemployment.
3/4/2020 9:06:55	A parent has notified us that the child is being pulled from school (has IEP) due to Coronavirus. Is there language I should use and contacting the parent?		Provide standard language/response for parents pulling students and how should we mark the attendance? (medical?)
3/4/2020 10:48:56	The aerosol cleaner that a lot of our custodians use and like is just a cleaner and not a disinfectant. (Reported to Hatton by a dray driver).		Can we please direct custodians which products they can use from the CDC list and what procedures they need to use?
3/4/2020 13:29:12	from parent - What is the district doing to prepare? Parent offered to help.		I referred parent to Supt. blog. This request came on Sunday, 3/1 before parent emails went out.
3/4/2020 13:43:12	from parent - Parent asked - Does the school allow students to wash hands before lunch with soap and water, not just hand sanitizer?		I answered that we do allow them to stop by the bathroom before entering the lunch room. Rattlesnake is also creating a hand washing video to show school-wide as part of the Principal Monday Message. Wellness team consulted for the video and identified talking points for the message.
4/6/2020	Question from APHP via Ginny Haines From: Karen Deden <kdeden@mcps.k12.mt.us> Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 8:18 AM To: Virginia J. Haines <vjhaines@mcps.k12.mt.us> Cc: Aytes, Francesca <Francesca.Aytes@providence.org>; Eckholm, Kristin E <kristin.eckholm@providence.org> Subject: re: APHP and the Coronavirus  Ginny,  I am wondering about the protocol if MCPS shuts down, what you would like Rachel and I to do at APHP?		Her current answer to APHP: : There are currently no plans for MCPS to be shut down. To date there are no confirmed cases in the state. The district has a team that is working on how we will respond if/when the time comes.
3/5/2020 10:57:29	Concern about lack of hot water in sinks in schools		This was an email sent to Rob
3/5/2020 10:58:24	It would be helpful if students are directed to wash hands before they eat lunch		This was an email sent to parents
3/5/2020 10:59:00	Language we use for parents - we should have used CDC language (stay home when you are sick)		Question submitted to Rob via email
3/5/2020 22:05:06	Came in over email from a Paxson parent: As a parent of a Paxson student, I wanted to let you know that as you and a team develop a Coronavirus response plan, this is what I would like to see included (and was not mentioned in the email):  1) Schools to take additional cleaning and disinfecting measures for highly-utilized surfaces (The Missoula YMCA is already doing this - so should MCPS)  2) Students to have mandatory hand washing times, such as upon school arrival and before school breakfast, lunch, and snack. (Parents and teachers can tell students to wash hands but it needs to be enforced)  Ideally, these measures would be put in place BEFORE students begin to be diagnosed with Coronavirus in the coming weeks.		I responded and told her that we had already taken steps in this direction and it was part of our response plan.
3/6/2020 9:17:46	Thanks for you time, How will we serve our most intensive students such as students within an Extended Resource Program if we were to need to move to a different modality of a classroom?		Possibly home visits? But in doing so, this still causes risk for exposure?
3/6/2020 10:28:00	This email came to Rob from Parent: Hi Rob,  I really appreciate the message you sent out concerning the COVID-19 outbreak. I am curious if you have considered shutting down the schools after spring break for a week or two due to the fact that many people will be traveling and potentially bringing it back into the schools. I would like to know that the schools are being proactive instead of reactive concerning this virus.  It is important to acknowledge that folks could consider extending their travels if they realize that school will be closed after spring break. Thus, it will be important to alert them just before the school is back in session. I realize that this is a concern for folks who do not have child care; however, this will be an issue no matter what, as the virus will come eventually.  Again, I think it is important to be proactive instead of reactive, and with Spring Break on the horizon, it seems like a perfect time to clean the school and keep kids home. At my office, we are being asked to stay home with any symptoms, but we are also proactively working from home. My husbands office closed completely and has all employees working from home. Colleagues and spouses are being asked to stay home after Spring Break travel for up to two weeks.  Thank you for considering this option and addressing my concern as a community member and a parent with a compromised immune system.		Rob responded and explained we will not be closing schools - not advised to do so at this time by Public Health. Advice could change, but we likely won't make a decision about this issue before spring break.

3/6/2020 13:55:09	At Rattlesnake school our staff bathrooms do not have hot water most of the time. It takes FOREVER to get hot water down the pipe to the sink. We wash with cold water.		no ideas
3/6/2020 13:56:32	Is hand sanitizer enough ? Classes come off the playground and go in to eat lunch.		Wash hands if needed, or is the hand sanitizer the solution.
3/8/2020 14:33:33	Should schools get closed down: 1) How will hourly employees be treated in regard to wages 2) Will MCPS continue its contribution to our health insurance premium if we are off work 3) Will we be forced to use our sick leave 4) If we don't HAVE sick leave available, are we in an unpaid status 5) Will we be eligible for unemployment if a shut down goes for an extended period of time. 6) For those that have a compromised immune system (like me) do we need to have a doctor verify that compromise and allow us to be off should there be a case diagnosed in either MCPS or directly in our building 7) If our school or district wide closings occur, will ALL employees be off work or will it be done based on who works 'inside' a building (close contact with others); in other words will it only be staff that work directly with kids that get sent home and 12-monthers such as custodial, grounds, etc. be expected to come to work. ☹		I know Dave Rott has all the answers to these questions.
3/9/2020 10:05:49	Recvd this email on March 8 Some of the statements in your latest email and on the website are concerning to me as a parent. We should not take comfort nor have confidence in the statement that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Montana. It is very likely that COVID-19 is already present undetected in Missoula. If not, we can be certain that it will be circulating in the community very soon. The statement on the website regarding "considerations for closing schools due to high numbers of ill staff and students or for deep cleaning" is deeply concerning. COVID-19 is a far more serious public health threat than other, well-known illnesses that might prompt school closure once a lot of people are sick. Waiting to close schools until high numbers of staff and students are sick with COVID-19 would be disastrous for our community. COVID-19 is a public health threat of historic magnitude. I urge you to implement aggressive measures now, including school closures, which could reduce the severity that this epidemic may have in Missoula. Early interventions have the best chance of reducing the overwhelming burden that our health system will likely experience. There is still time for proactive measures that could greatly benefit our community and save lives, but the window of opportunity is closing fast. Actions that some will view as unnecessary or extreme today will look reasonable and obvious a few weeks from now. Please keep that in mind.		<p>appreciate your planning for digital options that would allow students to continue their education from home if they are ill or isolated from school. Please also consider the following as long as schools remain open:</p> <p>-Revise guidance for medically fragile students, and expand to include students who live with medically fragile family members. It is no longer reasonable to assess the risk of spread as low, especially relative to the consequences for vulnerable people.</p> <p>-Suspend some rules, such as penalties for late papers or missed classes, or requirements for a doctor's note. This would encourage self-isolation when sick, and support families who may decide that attending school is too risky under current circumstances.</p> <p>-Encourage teachers to put all assignments, notes, and PowerPoint presentations on Google Classroom.</p> <p>-Anyone with flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms, especially fever, should be sent home as soon as safely possible.</p> <p>-Set aside a room for people developing any COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms while they wait to go home, and require ill students or staff and those caring for them to use protective masks while still at school.</p>
3/9/2020 15:18:41	Email Rob received from parent: I am writing regarding my concern over what is on many people's minds these day, the Covid19 epidemic that has currently begun infecting our country. I have received several notifications outlining MCPS's plans for keeping our children safe, and I appreciate the communication, however I continue to have concerns and questions. I understand that we currently have no diagnosed cases of Covid19 at present in Missoula county or in our state, however I suspect this is more likely due to a lack of testing than to an actual absence of the epidemic, and I imagine that we, like the majority of other states in our union, will begin to see cases in the days to come. From what I read in the information you sent out, it appears that school closures would not be considered until there were multiple children or staff infected in a given school and that prior to that, if children or staff were shown to be infected, the only steps that would be taken to protect the other staff/children would be to do a thorough cleaning of the schools and quarantine of the infected persons. Given that this illness has been shown to be contagious before symptoms appear, it is likely that any student sent home for illness and then later diagnosed with Covid19 has the possibility of having infected other people prior to their removal, and cleaning the school would do little towards keeping these possibly not yet symptomatic or even asymptomatic people from continuing to infect others in the school before their illness is recognized, and so on... I understand that children appear to be the demographic least affected by this illness, with little in the way of severe symptoms. That this is a blessing I think we can all agree, however, I still worry for my children. My older son, who attends Hellgate High School, had pneumonia less than a month ago and he currently has a broken collarbone due to a snowboarding accident. Both of these things decrease his immunity at this time and I fear how he would respond to a novel virus such as Covid19. My other son is thankfully healthy at this time, but I am not. I will turn 50 in two months and I have hypertension, a condition that has been shown to increase the mortality rate of this illness. Additionally, my mother and grandmother also live here. Any exposure to this illness could very well be deadly to the two of them, especially as my mother, in addition to her progressed age also has heart problems. Keeping my children in school where they may eventually be exposed to this illness so that they may bring it back to our household and likely expose family who could be severely compromised feels irresponsible to me. I have heard from students and staff that the Hellgate district spent much of last week preparing both their students and staff for school closure, training student how to use their iPads to work online. It appears they are considering school closure as a viable option and I think their students, staff and families of both will be safer because of this.		Her suggestion: Make school optional after spring break or allow kids to work from home - I understand that school closure will be hard on people who may not able to find care for their children, but if it were to be made an option for students to work from home online, then there would at least be the possibility of fewer children in school, which would lessen the possibility of contagion, given the possibly smaller groups. I would like the option of having my children continue their classwork online after spring break (especially given the likelihood that some families will be keeping with their plans to travel over the break, increasing the likelihood of exposure), thus reducing their exposure and the exposure to my family. I am hoping you will consider making this option a possibility for any who would choose to take it, at least until a time that school closures for all may become necessary.
3/9/2020 16:17:09	Are we still permitting public groups such as SPARK to hold meetings in our admin buildings? Some businesses who typically permit use of conference room space are declining requests.		Maybe we limit size of group or just say no to all school space rentals, admin building space usage, etc.

3/9/2020 16:48:43	Parent called to ask if homemade hand sanitizer using WHO recipe but with Ever-clear alcohol would be allowed to be carried by high school student without risk of discipline due to carrying a source of alcohol.		I researched a bit on line. WHO recipe called for Isopropyl alcohol 99.8% but is no longer readily available. Ever-clear alcohol reportedly has a high enough alcohol percentage so that is what parent used. Not clear if this is advised at all. I called MCCHD and asked that they research ( Sara Heinemann). No answer as of end of day 3/9/2020. Parent contacted and told answer not available but I will get back to her.
3/10/2020 8:25:26	Elementary principals are asking about whether or not they should have all school assemblies.		The principals are looking for district guidance so that they are all handling things in the same way.
3/11/2020 11:20:07	<p>From: Glen Moffatt &lt;gmoffatt@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;  Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:34 AM  To: David Rott &lt;drott@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;  Subject: RE: COVID-19</p> <p>Hi, due to the high #s of students using gymnasiums, I think it would be worth considering installing hand sanitizer (wall mount) stations in gyms. There is no way we can get all the kids through a handwashing during PE. Since every student is touching the same equipment it seems like it might help. At Paxson, there are nearly 1000 sets of hands touching equipment in the gym in 1 week. That's each kid twice. It's really hard to keep up on cleaning as there isn't enough product.</p> <p>Just an idea,  Glenn</p>		Mount hand sanitizer stations on gym walls
3/11/2020 13:08:49	Do we have have a plan in place for the students who depend on School Lunches if we have to close the schools?		Depending on the number of students quarantined maybe a drop off? Or if they are not quarantined a place to pick up sack lunches? We could identify students in need by the free lunch program which I believe has a question about having enough to eat. Or maybe a form for the teachers to fill out?
3/11/2020 15:51:59	Do we have a plan in place for when the students return from spring break from all over the country? In asking students I know some that are going to California, Washington, Florida, Arizona Utah. Will it be reactionary if they bring it back or preventative?		Has there been any discussion about the use of google classroom for a week after spring break to prevent illness from spreading during incubation period before symptoms arise?
3/11/2020 20:25:33	<p>From: WyAnn Northrop &lt;wnorthrop@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;  Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:42 PM  To: Melanie Jeffs &lt;mjeffs@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;; Karen L Sweeney &lt;klsweeney@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;; Scott C. Mathews &lt;scmathews@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;; Matt Laidlaw &lt;melaiddlaw@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;; Shelby M. Lipp &lt;slipp@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;; Jennifer Courtney &lt;jccourtney@mcps.k12.mt.us&gt;  Subject: Special Olympics Soccer Practie</p> <p>Hi all,</p> <p>We just received an email from Special Olympics Montana stating that they are following the guidelines of Special Olympics International and suspending all practices and competition through March 31st...and we'll see after that. That being said, we will NOT be starting soccer practice on the 25th and will plan to begin on April 1st.</p> <p>Will keep you informed as they inform us.</p>		just for consideration of cancellations
3/12/2020 9:54:05	At conferences a parent said she planned to keep her children home if there was one case in Montana. What is the expectation for sending homework or lessons home if parents make this choice? What will happen when students fall behind and do not take state tests or are not proficient?		I think we need a coordinated response rather than a school by school or teacher by teacher response. Elementary School is much different that MS or HS when it comes to e-learning.
3/12/2020 10:15:09	If you close schools, will teachers get their normal salary?		Please continue to pay us, we can do online work for students to keep them progressing.
3/12/2020 10:18:15	When will we be getting sanitizing wipes for the tables and desks at the high schools. To date, I am using ones I have purchased out of my own funds and this is getting spendy.		I really appreciate the email updates and have been sharing this info with my students. However, I do find it concerning that the newspaper stated several days ago that schools will be supplied with sanitizing wipes and they have not yet been. Also, is it possible to put hand sanitizer pump dispensers in each classroom?

3/12/2020 11:57:21	<p>I am reaching out to you in hopes I can get this message to Rob Watson. I don't seem to see a way to connect with him via email.</p> <p>My concerns are around the Covid-19 situation. It has become abundantly clear that the areas across the world who have managed to slow down the spread to a manageable level so that their communities can deal with it are fairing the best in terms of not only the spread but also lethal cases (see Singapore and S. Korea). This meant they took precautions before they even had cases or saw an uptick of cases (which are always lagging a few days even weeks behind).</p> <p>As of now, Montana doesn't have a case but we know that most certainly will change. Has any thought been given to take proactive measures to suspend classes after spring break? It's a unique opportunity given that we already had a built in week off. Adding another week to clean, assess and test online learning would potentially slow this thing down in our community as it's been determined that although children seem to be somewhat immune, they can still spread this virus, making it almost impossible to detect.</p> <p>I urge you to consider this and consult with scientists and experts for guidance. It might seem like an overreaction and no doubt would it bring criticism but I believe that is a small price to pay for potentially saving lives. I know you are doing your best but we might have an opportunity here to lead on this and help keep this unfortunate situation from becoming catastrophic in our small community.</p> <p>Thanks, Name Redacted for privacy reasons HFL</p>		N/A
3/12/2020 12:50:13	How many test kits are in MT? How many have been used? Could it be possible that there not confirmed cases at this time because Missoula does not have readily available test kits?		We need free and rapid screening performed in a way that doesn't increase exposure. I think we should assume that the virus will come to our town (if it isn't already) and consider remote schooling options to slow the spread of the virus and protect our vulnerable populations. Or at least offer it as a choice so that, at least, we decrease numbers in school to slow the spread. I know we have many students in the district who rely on school for meals, stability and health services and appreciate that so maybe having the option for remote education. Also, for our students who have underlying health conditions or lung disease, or just other concerned parents, I imagine attendance will plummet after spring break so having a plan before then would be great. An update the Friday before kids return doesn't seem like enough adequate time to plan?
3/12/2020 13:07:11	What about brand new students who do not have acceptable use forms?		Override the permissions?
3/12/2020 13:07:51	SPED students		I do not know
3/12/2020 14:34:00	<p>Hey Hatton,</p> <p>Just want to make sure that after school concerts and district music festivals are on your radar as well. I have a concert on the 25th and festival is April 3rd and 4th(all event dates should be in the fine arts calendar). Not sure if these automatically go ahead if school is going on, but I want you guys to know these things are going on, so you can make decisions on them in enough time to get the word out.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Ryan Davis Director of Orchestras Hellgate High School Sentinel High School Missoula Youth Symphony <a href="http://www.mcpsmt.org/Domain/489">http://www.mcpsmt.org/Domain/489</a></p>		consider cancelling large events
3/12/2020 14:34:50	<p>From: Billie A. Spahr &lt;<a href="mailto:bspahr@mcps.k12.mt.us">bspahr@mcps.k12.mt.us</a>&gt; Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:09 PM To: Hatton Littman &lt;<a href="mailto:hlittman@mcps.k12.mt.us">hlittman@mcps.k12.mt.us</a>&gt; Subject: Re: COVID-19 Update: MUS System announcement re: online learning starting 3/23/20</p> <p>So if there is a closure what are the protocols for pay? Or do we not know as of yet. Thank you</p> <p>Billie</p>		get out a message re: pay
3/12/2020 15:01:11	<p>I've had a few teachers ask for clarification on this statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That online learning would not count toward our required annual minutes of instruction per Montana Accreditation standards and Montana law.</li></ul> <p><del>Does that mean that if teachers are teaching online classes if school is closed that we will still have to make this time up during the summer?</del> ☹</p>		I would love to see the clarification that Rob finds on the three days with online efforts allowing us to show that we have made the effort to make up the time missed go into the next staff update.

3/12/2020 15:14:06	ACT Testing in the High Schools on 3/24. We will have approx. 250 students in the gyms taking the test. This test is planned out extensively and protocols must be followed to the letter for the testing to be valid. Have we worked on a process in the event we have a break-out, or must close down?		Asked to send this in.
3/12/2020 15:17:50	Is there a way to beef up our custodial staff during the school day? More so in the high school settings. At present, we have only one custodian for the entire school until 12:30 pm - which does not seem responsible at this point. Can we temporarily change hours? Can we temporarily change work assignments? (more disinfecting, less other items)		Questions for admin
3/12/2020 15:40:19	A lot of concerns here about having to prep for online teaching. A majority of our kids won't do it, no matter how much and how well we do it. Of all the times I've prepped homework for absent kids, it never comes back. Add to this the fact that Hatton's email said we can't count online towards opi required instructional time....		How about making it clear that this online instruction is a supplement to your content - that we should be thinking of ways to make sure that kids stay practiced in being students and learners while they are gone and finding connections to share with them about our content without trying to put the whole of that content online. I also think that we may need to define for people that we are not asking them to engage all day each day that we are shut down, but rather to provide those points of contact and some engaging content every day or two. If we add that this effort will help us show that we have done our part to provide instruction so that we do not have to make up every day that we missed, I think we will buy people in.
3/12/2020 16:22:25	MANY on our staff had questions from Hatton's email today...but we were most concerned with this part:  Our teachers are already working on plans for how to deliver online learning to prevent learning loss if we are required to close schools to limit the speed that COVID-19 spreads in our community.  That online learning would not count toward our required annual minutes of instruction per Montana Accreditation standards and Montana law.  So...how can we be required to deliver online learning but it won't count?? We couldn't actually be required to have updated Google Classrooms AND extend our school year by two weeks or more, could we?		See previos suggestions.
3/12/2020 16:23:06	I was going to set all of my Math kids up on ED Ready, but if it is not going to count why would I? What are we contractually obligated to do for online learning?		See previous suggestions.
3/12/2020 16:27:55	Hello,  My name is (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL). First, I recognize and appreciate all the work everyone is doing at this time. My wife and I have a 10 year old son named (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) (5th grade) and an 8 year old daughter named(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) (2nd grade). (School Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL). We have lived in Missoula for 20 years. I am writing to express my deep concern about Covid-19 and our community. Watching what is happening nationally it is undeniable that this virus spreads like fire and could be out of control by the time positive tests begin to show up in Montana. Looking at the steps being taken elsewhere (Italy national quarantine, Seattle, New York, cancelled NCAA tournament, cancelled NBA and NHL seasons, Disneyland closed, closed schools everywhere), it must be clear that the time for Missoula to act is now before it is too late.  I am going to just quote an email my friend and fellow Missoula Schools parent Sam Barkley sent you this morning. He recommends consideration be given to suspending classes after spring break. I strongly agree with him:  ""It has become abundantly clear that the areas across the world who have managed to slow down the spread to a manageable level so that their communities can deal with it are fairing the best in terms of not only the spread but also lethal cases (see Singapore and S. Korea). This meant they took precautions before they even had cases or saw an uptick of cases (which are always lagging a few days even weeks behind).  As of now, Montana doesn't have a case but we know that most certainly will change. Has any thought been given to take proactive measures to suspend classes after spring break? It's a unique opportunity given that we already had a built in week off. Adding another week to clean, assess and test online learning would potentially slow this thing down in our community as it's been determined that although children seem to be somewhat immune, they can still spread this virus, making it almost impossible to detect.  I urge you to consider this and consult with scientists and experts for guidance. It might seem like an overreaction and no doubt would it bring criticism but I believe that is a small price to pay for potentially saving lives. I know you are doing your best but we might have an opportunity here to lead on this and help keep this unfortunate situation from becoming catastrophic in our small community.""  Please do the right thing here before this is a crisis in our community.  Sincerely, Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL		NA
3/12/2020 16:54:54	Are we going to start limiting volunteers who we allow into our schools?		Come up with a response
3/13/2020 9:05:42	If school closes hypothetically, do I have the authority to close the Public Library?		Possibly in the MPL contract that Kara has.
3/13/2020 9:11:24	DECA Nationals was just cancelled		
3/13/2020 10:59:17	This is a test of the form.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
3/13/2020 12:01:00	I would like to encourage you to close schools after spring break for at least a couple weeks. I know there isn't a confirmed case of coronavirus in the schools yet, but we should take proactive steps to slow the spread of this virus. If you wait until there is a confirmed case in the schools or even in Montana, it will be too late and our children will have all unnecessarily risked exposure. Thank you for your time.	Big Sky High School	
3/13/2020 13:07:26	Questions re: events-sports banquets, Parent/Teacher conferences, prom, booster club events.	Sentinel High School	

3/13/2020 13:13:09	If the school shuts down and we do online classes, will school still extend into summer?	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
3/14/2020 10:14:09	I am still concerned that MCPS continues to add language to the DPHHS, MCCHD, and CDC's recommendation that you should "stay home with you are sick." According to CDC, children with coronavirus present with mild, cold-like symptoms that very well may NOT "prevent them from participation in their normal school activities," yet they are still contagious. Likewise, teachers who are coughing or have a low fever should also stay home, even if they could teach through those symptoms.	Washington Middle School	
3/14/2020 10:43:56	Confusing heading and question. I just want to make a comment. I'll check back	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Lowell Elementary School	
3/14/2020 13:26:42	There are now 4 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Montana.	Hellgate High School	
3/14/2020 15:51:18	1. Clarification on daily cleaning protocols for the school. During spring break, could there be a meeting for custodians? After reading - <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tqOY6Cm-X-XKtajiVz0MpvSuxbOmNUvvZuxfUguY4L4/viewform?edit_requested=true">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tqOY6Cm-X-XKtajiVz0MpvSuxbOmNUvvZuxfUguY4L4/viewform?edit_requested=true</a> shared by MTSBA, we may need to re-write our run sheets.  2. Concern - # of families and staff members who traveled outside of the country and to the Seattle area for spring break.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
3/14/2020 16:14:30	Be proactive close schools before we have our children infecting each other, family, relatives, workers, and teachers. It's too late to slow this down when it's already in our school. Now is the time to get ahead of this. Our health system needs all the time we can give it. Our students can catch up and will be ok in the long term. Please side on <u>overreaction than under!</u> Can't go back. thanks.	Washington Middle School	
3/15/2020 10:48:03	I am a double board certified physician whom is deeply concerned about continuing in person classes. This note is my own personal views and not of the organization that employs me nor the medical school that I am faculty on.  It is my professional opinion that continuing classes will lead to further deaths during this pandemic based on data from other countries and the 1918 influenza outbreak. The large grouping increasing the rapid spread of COVID-19 includes schools; I wish this wasn't true as I have chose to practice in Missoula in part due to the excellent school system you all have created. However, children at the center of known outbreaks that are infected with the novel coronavirus have high viral titers and only mild symptoms. This means children are carrying this virus to vulnerable patients I see every workday in the intensive care unit and the Montana Cancer Center while perhaps asymptomatic.  I am sorry such a difficult decision lays at your feet. I feel for the teachers whose workload will be more difficult and also for the children reliant on school food. Due to this, my wife and I plan on donating to food services for low income children. We plan on educating our two young sons at home to continue their education. Please consider your students that are immunocompromised, the elderly with high mortality rates and my patients of all ages who are in danger of losing their lives to COVID-19.  Thank you for consideration of this request and concern.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
3/15/2020 12:36:09	Please consider closing schools starting after spring break. Don't wait until all the students come back from traveling, infect others, and then close schools. That would be inefficient and counterproductive. Also, please ensure there is online learning so they don't have to go into summer.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
3/15/2020 13:05:16	what adult activities are cancelled or not? Like gym rentals, field sports, etc	Hellgate High School	
3/15/2020 14:48:17	Hello, I am writing to you on Sunday, March 15, because I see the MCPS webpage addressing COVID-19 has not been updated since Friday, March 19, when there were no confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Missoula.  Now that we have two confirmed cases in the city, I am writing to strongly urge MCPS schools to suspend in-person classroom instruction, in an effort to address community safety. By providing students the opportunity to follow the CDC's guidance of social distancing we can reduce the rate of spread of this pandemic, thereby helping to ensure our healthcare systems have the best opportunity to respond to community members who become sick.  Immediate action is needed to flatten the curve of COVID-19 spread. Please use your leadership position in the community to look out for the greater good of our community members.  Sincerely,	Hellgate High School	
3/15/2020 15:50:30	What about MCPS Adult education division that has many community members, parents of students at many k-12 schools and classes all day and evening March 16 +(no spring break)?	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Chief Charlo Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School, Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Lowell Elementary School, Paxson Elementary School, Rattlesnake Elementary School, Russell Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Washington Middle School, Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School, Seeley Swan High School, Sentinel High School, Willard Alternative High School Program	

3/15/2020 17:26:19	Please update the page about the covid-19 plans for school.	Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/15/2020 18:07:10	I'm a 7th grade student from Meadow Hill and I was wondering how students without laptops would get them because I don't have a laptop and if schools are shutting down and we have to do online classes then I wouldn't be able to do them	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/15/2020 21:45:44	I am wondering what will happen with special education during the closure, as well as whether or not Arenas will still be held as prior scheduled. Thank you.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/15/2020 21:45:57	Will we need to make up the days into the summer? What kind of supplemental education will be offered by teachers and will students be expected to complete it or is it merely a suggestion? (Asking as both a teacher and MCPS parent!)	Franklin Elementary School	
3/15/2020 21:46:08	Will the school closures and new policies affect the upcoming arena interviews for the 2020-2021 school year?	Franklin Elementary School	
3/15/2020 21:46:20	Will arena interviews be rescheduled?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/15/2020 21:46:30	When will the arenas be rescheduled for?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
3/15/2020 21:47:54	At what point will missed days be added to the end of the school year?	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
3/15/2020 21:58:04	What about staff members getting paid?	Franklin Elementary School	
3/15/2020 22:02:30	If there are still cases in the community come the end of the two weeks and school resumes will there be a option that can be utilized by parents if they are high risk and choose for the health of their family to not send their kids back due to the virus?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
3/15/2020 22:04:07	How is the closure going to affect the end of the school year? Will it be extended beyond June 10th? How will it affect Seniors and their ability to graduate (not necessarily the ceremony but actually being extended a diploma)?	Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School	
3/15/2020 22:06:44	Is there somewhere where we can donate money during this time of hardship?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
3/15/2020 22:06:53	Drivers Ed starting in April and graduation ceremony are our concerns. We have paid for Cody to start driver's ed in April and he walks 6/6. Will Driver's Ed be rescheduled? Has there been any plans for his graduation? We are needing to send invites soon. Thank you	Big Sky High School	
3/15/2020 22:14:58	I don't have a laptop if we have to do online class	Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/15/2020 22:41:56	I appreciate your efforts to keep our community safe! My concern may not seem important, but I am not alone when I say our kids aren't quite comprehending the importance of social distancing due to Covid-19. My 2 boys (high school, middle school) have been home now for 3 days with little outside activity and social engagements. I realized we have few specific guidelines or recommendations in terms of social contact for them while at home. They want to see their friends and/or neighbor kids. Should they be allowed to see close friends? One friend? Two friends? I know we are supposed to gauge this by symptoms and the 6 foot rule but my standards are more stringent than other families in our circle and I can't guarantee what other families are doing to stay safe and keep our community safe. Keeping kids apart and not sharing germs is one thing in theory, but it is a whole new ballgame in practice. My boys are used to daily sports and extracurricular activities. They are already going stir crazy and we haven't even officially hit Spring Break yet. They want to see their friends and don't seem to understand the need for social distancing no matter how much I try to illustrate its importance because it is coming from their Mother. Also, many of their friend's parents seem to think this is all blown out of proportion and a political "hoax" and their attitude rubs off on the kids who would rather believe Covid-19 to be a hoax than not have any social engagement. Is there a way to reach out to our student population (mainly teens, middle school) to emphasize the need for social distancing and to emphasize the REASONS why they need to wash hands and make extra efforts to avoid spreading and contracting germs? I feel like I am fighting an uphill battle and I certainly don't want the lesson to take affect after someone they know (or they themselves) is infected with Coronavirus. THANK YOU! Many Montana parents will appreciate COVID-19 information and updates targeting our student population as well!! Again, thank you for your efforts to keep our community safe.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
3/15/2020 23:01:29	Please reconsider not cancelling the ACT. Hellgate will have been vacant for 10 days, a period to long for the virus to survive. In addition, the few students per classroom would be well distanced from each other per regular testing procedures.	Hellgate High School	
3/16/2020 0:38:10	During the week of 3/23 - 3/27 will there be classes online for our kids? Also, will we be able to pick up learning packets? Finally, will the kids have to make up lost time during the summer.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
3/16/2020 0:43:02	Please support a school closure AT LEAST until 2 weeks after the end of spring break. Many families have likely traveled over the planned week of spring break so starting school only a week after that increases the potential for carriers who are not showing symptoms to reintegrate with their classmates when they are still infected. I feel it is unsafe to invite the children back in the middle of what should be a two week quarantine period. Please help keep our kids safe with a longer formal school closure period that employers are less likely to penalize employees for while we do what we feel is necessary for our family's safety	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
3/16/2020 8:15:29	How will we get food and computers to families and students who don't have transportation?	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/16/2020 8:56:59	I'm a community member living in the Lowell Elementary neighborhood and I would love to help out in any way that I can! Is there a need for volunteers during this time? I've already been background checked to volunteer with MCPS so I'm ready to jump in whenever you need! Thanks for your collaboration and communication in keeping the community safe and informed!	Lowell Elementary School	
3/16/2020 10:24:09	Is MCPS planning to do any distance learning or are we just taking these days off?	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
3/16/2020 10:34:23	Hello - I work for USAHello and you have listed our flu/coronavirus post on your page <a href="https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/15098">https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/15098</a> - I just wanted you to know we have a more recent post just about coronavirus written by our board member who is a public health official and epidemiologist. It is hand translated into Spanish and Arabic and auto-translated into other immigrant languages with links to many WHO and CDC multi-lingual materials. It might be more useful to your population than the one posted in January. If you would like to change your link it is <a href="https://usahello.org/coronavirus-information/">https://usahello.org/coronavirus-information/</a>	Jefferson Early Learning Center	
3/16/2020 12:10:14	For school closures, I recommend following CDC guidelines instead of political guess work. You can always phase shift the year and continue classes into July.	Big Sky High School	
3/16/2020 12:36:35	As a Para Educator at Jefferson, I would like to know if I will still get compensated for 3/23-3/27.	Jefferson Early Learning Center	
3/16/2020 12:38:09	Should teachers report to school on March 23rd or not?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/16/2020 13:10:08	Arena interviews are scheduled for March 23-24. Will these still take place as planned?	Paxson Elementary School	
3/16/2020 14:23:33	We need to close the schools for the week of March 30th. Lots of people are traveling for spring break and they'll return with only one week before going back to school which we know is not enough time to show symptoms. Please cancel school for the TWO weeks that follow spring break.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
3/16/2020 16:58:55	What does this mean for Parent Teacher Conferences?	Seeley Swan High School	
3/17/2020 6:52:55	This is a teacher question: will we be able to use Zoom or Google Hangouts? I teach 6th grade and my students are under 13. Will there be an exception made during this time to provide students some face to face time with teachers and classmates? I'm confident in my abilities to push out content in Google Classroom and provide a stable high quality learning environment for my students. Yet, I think it would be incredibly grounding and normalizing for them to be able to see each other and interact.	C.S. Porter Middle School	

3/17/2020 10:07:21	Will the students be receiving instructional materials to keep up with coursework? I didn't see (and maybe I'm just missing this) anything in regard to making up the closure time? If both of these are a 'no' response, what would be the districts recommendations for study material(s)? Thank you for your time.	Washington Middle School	
3/17/2020 11:38:02	I will be on medical leave from 3/24 to 5/6. I will have a long term sub. Will the District charge my sick leave bank when the school is closed?	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/17/2020 11:42:10	I am healthy and eager to assist in meal preparation and delivery, please reach to me via text (Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Washington Middle School	
3/17/2020 11:56:07	What are the plans for special education at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels (I know each building has unique needs)? Will we be rescheduling our IEPs and ERs for dates when we return back to school? What about students who we have received consent for testing and we are loosing out of the 60 calendar days to complete the evaluations and testing, will these also be postponed for when we return? Will we be given more time to complete the evaluations upon returning back to school?	Russell Elementary School	
3/17/2020 11:58:25	When my students completed the survey last week, were they given the opportunity to request a laptop then? We didn't have much notice on giving the survey, so I'm afraid not everyone had the chance to fully address their need? (As an SLP teacher, I know most of my students do not have internet nor computers, and they also may not have taken the survey seriously!!) Do schools have a list of students who may check out laptops?	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 12:08:30	I'm just curious what is expected of teachers if we get sick? Normally we would have a sub. What would this look like for teachers and the online learning options?  I'm also hoping we will learn about what you would like us to do for 'office hours' / availability to parents and students. Thank you for taking time and making such careful decisions!	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/17/2020 12:14:59	Will print shop be open?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/17/2020 12:15:28	What is the expectation for Speech language pathologists during the week of March 23?	Russell Elementary School	
3/17/2020 14:28:38	As a teacher I'm wondering if we can assign student work through non district approved websites. For example, can I ask my students to read an article on NewsELA even though it is not an approved site?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
3/17/2020 15:07:08	My son,(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) can't remember if he selected that he will need a computer or not. We do not have access at this time to a computer. If he did sign up for a computer, how early on 03/23/2020 can we pick them up and that you will have enough? Thank you for the constant communication at this time.	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:08:54	If we need a laptop how do I go about requesting one? I haven't seen anything pertaining how to get put on the list.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/17/2020 15:12:26	Are there any laptops available for checkout during the closure so that my children can continue with online learning?	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:12:54	I'd like to request a MCPS Access laptop for my son (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) to use while school is closed due to COVID 19	Washington Middle School	
3/17/2020 15:12:58	Why would the MTDA and credit recovery program be suspended during the closure? I understand the students can't take the tests, but it seems counter-intuitive to shut down a digital class.	Hellgate High School	
3/17/2020 15:13:11	Our family respectfully requests chrome books to access online learning. We have three kids and one computer so an extra resource would be greatly appreciated, if possible. Thank you for all you are doing!	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:14:34	I have a 2nd grader who goes to Hawthorne Elementary, a Freshman and a Senior who go to Hellgate High School. I was wondering how I request a laptop or Chromebook for my kids to borrow because we don't have a computer at home.	Hawthorne Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
3/17/2020 15:14:39	If the school year needs to be extended due to continued closure, how does this affect the graduation date of June 6?	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:14:43	In your email entitled COVID-19 update 3/17/20, you indicated there would be no gatherings of 50 or more until at least May 8, suggesting schools will be closed until at least that time. But later, the email says "Starting on March 23, teachers will be asked to plan for some online learning options for their students that can be posted to classroom or school websites starting Monday, March 30, if schools remain closed."  I just want to make sure I understand - at this point we do think schools will be closed (and we should plan to have our son home until then), with the possibility there will be some online learning tools available starting possibly next week? Do I have that correct?	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:15:50	My husband has a compromised immune system. We are staying home for the foreseeable future. If classes start up again on March 30th, will there be an online option for families like mine who aren't ready to send their kids back to school, due to risk of exposure?	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 15:16:20	Is graduation going to happen on time???	Seeley Swan High School	
3/17/2020 15:16:23	I have a son with an IEP and special needs and we dont have a computer... There's no way online learning is gonna work for him due to this... How are we going to address this for my son? His needs and his IEP needs to be abided by.	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 15:17:53	Hi. You mentioned something about requesting a laptop donation, but this is the first I'm hearing about this. Are there still any available? We have one laptop in our family and I need it for work. Thank you!	Washington Middle School	
3/17/2020 15:22:22	Moving-and planning withdrawal- what should we do? Can my daughter,(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), continue working with Sentinel High school until further notice as work will be remote anyway? We have not received withdrawal information or her transcripts from Sentinel. Schools in Texas are closed as well so we cannot enroll her. I do not want her to get lost in the shuffle. She is a great student and deserves to succeed.	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:23:46	I have a student outside of district line that attends Big Sky High, we would definately need help for lunches. How can I get her lunch from the school. There was also mention of lent laptops. I did not get any sort of notification and would need to get one provided for my daughter. If at all possible could someone reach out to me on those answers? My name is(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), daughter is (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL). My number is (Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL).	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 15:26:20	The CDC recommends cancellation of events with 50+ people through May 8th. Is the school planning on breaking up school days to limit the amount of kids in school each day to avoid having 50+ kids together?	Washington Middle School	
3/17/2020 15:28:09	Will the students need to make up for lost time by extending the school year into the summer?	Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/17/2020 15:31:21	My child is a senior. Will graduation be canceled if the virus is still active?	Hellgate High School	
3/17/2020 15:35:40	My largest question/concern is how you are going to support and distance students and staff from all the people who chose to travel over spring break. I am currently pregnant and my doctor has advised me to stay away from anyone who has traveled for 14 days after their return.	Russell Elementary School	
3/17/2020 15:36:29	What happens if learning becomes online and families do not have a computer and/or internet to support their learning? How is the current infrastructure for internet going to support the thousands of kids who will need to access?	C.S. Porter Middle School	



3/17/2020 15:39:53	So are schools closed until March 30 or May 8?	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 15:40:13	Will special Olympics or practices be canceled	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 15:48:55	Its states in the email any gathering over 10 is cancelled until after May 8th. Would that mean in class teaching would be suspended until then as well as the classes are over 10.?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
3/17/2020 15:49:52	All events cancelled until may 8 does this include prom since it's that night or events can begin again may 8. All as of now and wait to hear later if extending.	Hellgate High School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/17/2020 15:50:05	I have two students at home and due to being in the middle of moving and trying to figure out WiFi at our new location they don't have access to the internet	Franklin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/17/2020 15:50:58	Is there a video conferencing platform available through the district? I would like to meet with the robotics team virtually. Am I allowed to create a Zoom account or is there another platform that I should use instead? Thank you, Theresa	Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School, Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 16:02:24	How do i get the form so my son can get free breakfast and lunches do to the shutdown	Hawthorne Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:02:55	Are there still computers available?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 16:04:00	If the president says groups of 10 or less are necessary how can the kids go back to school? Even the 50 or less the CDC recommends at this time exceeds all of our schools communal areas.	Russell Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:13:32	I recently met with my son's teacher (2nd grade) for scheduled conferences and was asked about Internet/computer access in the event of their having to move to long distance learning. I'm worried I may have answered wrong, considering we do have a computer in the home but i use it for work and since this pandemic has blown up, my work demands have picked up quite a bit. I'm wondering to what extent our kids are going to be expected to have access to the computer and whether we can balance this out while still paying mv hills. Thanks!	Lowell Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:18:02	What is the plan for holding evaluation and/or IEP meetings during the week of 3/23 (that could be past their timeline if not conducted that week) and after that if schools remained closed? Is it possible there will be a digital option?	Hawthorne Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:21:11	Will an iPad Air 1 or iPad Air2 be sufficient for the online instruction?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:22:50	How do we request a computer to be used at home?	Franklin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/17/2020 16:23:48	How can I get my daughter a loaner laptop?	Hawthorne Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:25:04	What do we do about school services related to IEPs (speech, OT, PT)?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/17/2020 16:27:03	I am wondering since there has been this closure, does that mean our school year will be extended come June and how this will effect graduation?	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 16:46:15	Any chance to have early graduation for seniors instead of extending their school year? I know many have plans right after school gets out.	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 16:50:13	So are students returning 3/27 or 4/8? And if its 3/27 why? With amount of students per class & school size? Confused	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 17:18:01	For schooling at home during the school cancelation. I will need a laptop for my son(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) to use. I have looked everywhere and even emailed his teacher who didn't know how I sign up for this. I can't be the only one confused. I need to reserve a computer for my son to use. Please help or direct me to this  Thank you. ☺	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/17/2020 17:20:41	Is it possible to get a laptop for my children in case of online learning?	Paxson Elementary School	
3/17/2020 17:21:47	For the pick-up day on 3/23, is the expectation that we also pick up school books because kids will be given assignments from them? I saw a post on FB suggesting as much and would appreciate your clarifying as I don't want to come to school unless it's to pick-up assignments that can be done during this time.  Also, will online learning be possible via iPads/tablets or only with laptops?  Thank you for all you are doing to prevent the spread of this virus. You are doing the right thing!	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/17/2020 17:24:20	How do I request computers on loan. I have 2 children who are in need, even just one they can share would be good.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 17:24:57	Should kids pick up their school books as well or if the schools are going to be closed longer are the teachers going post any readings the children need online?	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/17/2020 17:25:45	If gatherings of people larger than 10 are prohibited until May 10, how are students supposed to return to school before that? In their classrooms there can be around 30 students at once, and I'm sure they are not sitting 6 feet apart. I'd appreciate some clarification.	Hellgate High School	
3/17/2020 17:32:58	My daughter is scheduled to graduate this year will there be a delay in graduation or will the students still be walking on the scheduled date?	Hellgate High School	
3/17/2020 18:34:24	Are school classes canceled until May 8th? Or will schools be back in for classes on the 30th? That last email was EXTRMEMLY confusing on this point.	Big Sky High School	
3/17/2020 21:12:03	Will the students be provided a scheduled instructional learning time with a teacher to guide them through the academic subject areas? For example, web cam, discussion platform with question and answer period.	C.S. Porter Middle School, Hellgate High School	
3/17/2020 21:32:49	On the 23rd are you recommending us to come & empty lockers or just necessary items?	Sentinel High School	
3/17/2020 23:42:18	Graduation 6\6 still on? What about driver's ed that my sin is signed up for in April? Ty	Big Sky High School	
3/18/2020 10:54:45	so i have a freshman at big sky and a 7th grader at target range school. what do we do if we dont have access the internet at home for my children to stay with schooling?	Big Sky High School	
3/18/2020 11:32:14	We have delivery of our chocolate from the sale arriving March 26 and have a plan for distribution and pickup. We can't delay because of the risk of the chocolate melting or being ruined in another way. I will come and supervise chocolate sorting and distribution but want district administrators know that this will be an exception to the working from home rule. Additionally, Mike Johns is out on medical leave. Randy Z is filling in for him in facilitating the distribution and pickup.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/18/2020 11:49:14	What is our policy regarding recent air travel within the US by employees who plan on reporting to work on Monday?	Sentinel High School	
3/18/2020 13:37:55	Your email yesterday (Tuesday 3/17) mentioned "If students requested one of our MCPS Access laptop donations, that can be picked up on Monday 3/23" I do not recall having students request laptop donations. How and when did that happen and if students didn't have the opportunity to request, how can they still get access to a school laptop? Thanks!	Hellgate High School, Sentinel High School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/18/2020 13:57:22	1) You all are doing a great job with communicating to parents during this very strange time - thank you! 2) Not a high priority! My child would like to continue reading a series he started at school. Is there a way to make book lending available? Of course, I know that for safety reasons the answer may be "no," but I thought I'd throw the question out there anyway. Or, is there a free online library that he could access with our family tablet?	Hawthorne Elementary School	

3/18/2020 14:34:16	Please reconsider not cancelling the ACT. Hellgate will have been vacant for 10 days, a period to long for the virus to survive. In addition, the few students per classroom would be well distanced from each other per regular testing procedures.	Hellgate High School	
3/18/2020 15:27:14	Good afternoon, my Daughter(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) is a student at Porter and recently switched to a new schedule and half days per her 504 plan. We had not yet started it when this all happened. Who should I be reaching out to in order to continue her education at home based around this 504?	C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/18/2020 16:14:43	I have twins in Kindergarten that receive one-on-one tutoring aid. I am concerned they will fall farther behind their classmates than they already are if we dont have this help at home. Our teaching team was already on the cusp of holding them back; so without the structured environment school provides for 8 hours a day and the missing individual aid, I worry about them continuing to need intensive aid through next year, which could possibly hold them back more. As a result, I have invested in online curriculum for them, but I would like to know if there is a way our children can still receive the one on one tutoring via zoom or skype... if this is not possible will I have to make those kind of arrangements on my own?? I would need help locating resources. I also worry that finding a private tutor will cost more out of pocket and we are a low income family as I am a graduate student myself and am the only income for our 5 person household. How does the school plan on addressing the lack of concentrated effort to address students with "special needs"?	Paxson Elementary School	
3/18/2020 16:21:42	Just curious if we will be able to have the fund for track refunded. This was the first sport of the year and we paid the full \$120, Are there any plans on how this will be handled?	Sentinel High School	
3/18/2020 19:32:16	I added earlier today that my Daughter just started a 504 and was inquiring on how that will Apply or work with the online learning or who I need to discuss it with. It slipped my mind that she also does not have a computer and mine isn't quite capable of doing more than browsing the web without major slowness and issues. I saw that there are pick ups for computers next week. but wasn't sure if we need to request one or how that works.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/18/2020 22:59:50	For clarification, because information seems to be conflicting or not definitive: Will schools be open or not on 3/23 to pick up instruments, books, etc.? Will there be alternate days to pick up items? Will there or will there not be online instruction the week of 3/23-3/27? <del>We have heard from one teacher who is prepared with lesson plans on google classroom already.</del>	Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
3/19/2020 9:32:43	During this time of working from home we do not have internet in our home and was wondering who we could ask for possible temporary help with getting access to wifi for schooling etc. I know that some schools are lending out equipment i was going to seek out possible options for affordable temp access to wifi from home. Might be far fetched but thought id at least ask	Russell Elementary School	
3/19/2020 15:32:57	Several students & parents have messaged me that Q is not up and working for them.	Big Sky High School	
3/19/2020 15:33:47	Meal consideration for our Hellgate Middle School/Target Range students. They are not on a K-5 bus route and are not in walking distance to Big Sky. Is there a way to get food to those school locations?	Big Sky High School	
3/19/2020 15:40:28	Rob's email states all secretaries report on Monday 3/23, at the high school level that is 6, do we have to have all of them or can the principal decide who they need?	Big Sky High School	
3/19/2020 19:27:40	What time are you allowing us to come pick things up from the school on 3/23/2020. I need to know so I can work it out with my work thanks	Lowell Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
3/20/2020 6:10:37	You mentioned the kids can go online so they don't have a " learning loss". What does that mean as far as credentials and working towards their diploma. Is the time they have to spend away from the classroom going towards their diploma or jus so they don't have a learning loss and will still have to make up all the time that they can't attend school. Parents want to know how this affects their summer vacation and graduation date.	Big Sky High School	
3/20/2020 7:39:38	I need to know how I request a laptop for my children. I have a Freshman that goes to Hellgate High School and a 2nd Grader who goes to Hawthorne Elementary.	Hawthorne Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
3/20/2020 11:35:18	Is there a way that we can access our H drive from home?	Hawthorne Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Big Sky High School	
3/20/2020 15:07:12	Hello, Judson Miller sent an email yesterday that said do not come to the school on Monday to get stuff. This is confusing. He did not say anything about online learning. Do students need to go to Hellgate HS on Monday to pick up their books so they can do the online learning? My daughter did not bring any books home. Thank you.	Hellgate High School	
3/20/2020 15:13:34	Has there been any discussion about keeping schools closed for the remainder of the year? If the CDC is recommending no gatherings until May, wouldn't that contradict the current MCPS plans for our children?	C.S. Porter Middle School, Big Sky High School	
3/20/2020 15:23:42	What will happen after March 27th? We are a high risk family and I'm concerned about sending my child to school. The governor already recommended no more then 10 in a group and the CDC recommended no more then 50. The school has way more students then that. To keep our family safe we have self quarantined. Even my work is closed for at least a month if not more. we are all working from home.	Sentinel High School	
3/20/2020 15:56:57	If the advice of the CDC is no gatherings greater than 10 people, how can we consider opening the school, where we have hundreds of students? Additionally, with spring breakers returning, we need 14 days before we know who is infected, and not just from travel abroad any more.	Sentinel High School	
3/20/2020 16:35:22	My daughter is a student at Willard high school and their work is done on the internet at school. How will she be accommodated at this time. We do not have internet nor does she have a laptop or home computer. Also, I'm a para educator at Lowell elementary in the k2 extended resource room. How will the district handle pay during this covid 19 crisis time? Am I allowed to apply for unemployment?	Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/20/2020 17:16:14	I wasn't given any information about signing up for a laptop. Is it too late to sign up? If it is not to late how do you sign up?	Lowell Elementary School	
3/20/2020 18:14:27	My daughter attends Washington and the only reason I'd need to pick things up from her locker on Monday is if school will be conducted online after next week. Without this information, I have no idea if I should get things from her locker. Would it be possible to release this information on Monday morning?	Washington Middle School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/20/2020 18:29:29	If it is decided that students will not returning to schools for the remaining of the school year, what happens to their grades? Both of my children have assignments that need to be turned in or re-taken so they have lower grades in a couple of classes. What happens if they are unable to make up or turn in those assignments to get their current grades up to a passing level?	C.S. Porter Middle School, Big Sky High School	
3/20/2020 20:19:53	Will there be alternative dates to pick up items from the schools should school cancellations be pushed further out? My kids don't have critical items to pick up but would like to get their things should school get cancelled much past next week. Thank you!	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
3/23/2020 13:56:03	How can I get lunch and/or breakfast for my kids?	Big Sky High School	
3/23/2020 15:08:44	Please run the highschool bus routes in the hellgate school district. I dont live anyway near a elementary school and I qualify for free lunch. I work at a job during the day where I care for people so I can't run to a school. It will be financial hard to feed my child breakfast and lunch if this goes any longer.	Big Sky High School	
3/23/2020 15:11:34	CDC guidelines state no more than 50 people in a gathering until early May. How can middle and high schools operate with lunch and class changes? This would definitely put more than 50 students together at one time.	Washington Middle School	

3/23/2020 15:13:25	As a staff member of franklin will we get paid time off if this quarantine is extended?	Franklin Elementary School	
3/23/2020 15:15:36	Is the ACT testing scheduled for 3/24/2020 canceled for now?	Sentinel High School	
3/23/2020 15:25:58	What is meant by the week of 3/27? Is that this week or next week?	Hellgate High School	
3/23/2020 15:28:28	I still have not had an answer to my question about loaner laptops. My household does not have the means to provide a laptop, and my daughter just has her phone. It is very difficult for her to do anything on a phone as far as school work. I was told that the pick up day today would not be handing out laptops. So we are in desperate need of one. You can reach me at(Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Big Sky High School	
3/23/2020 15:32:06	I would really love for you as a district and specifically as a principal to be reaching out directly to the students as well as to the parents. All the information that we have received from sentinel high school or about schools in general have come to the parents. Having a teenager that is not intrested in listening to what her parents have to say even if we are just reporting what the district is communicating to us has not been easy. I know for my situation, my student getting information directly from her principal and/or from her teachers or the district will be received in a much different way than it is being received coming from us. When I forward her the emails that you send she disregards them. If the emails come from her principal she will be more inclined to pay attention to them and follow the guidelines.	Sentinel High School	
3/23/2020 15:37:10	I have not seen that the ACT has been cancelled for Hellgate High School students, set to occur this week. I would imagine that we do not want our kids sitting in confined spaces for hours amidst a pandemic. Could you please provide clear guidance about what's happening for the ACT test and what alternative arrangements, if any, have been made.	Hellgate High School	
3/23/2020 15:42:32	We were not in town on the day you scheduled for students to be able to retrieve items from the school. Will there be another opportunity to do this? My son's clarinet is at school and the band teacher scares us.	Washington Middle School	
3/23/2020 16:13:54	I want to know whats required, not suggested, to get the kids through this time and into their next grade levels. I will not be teaching 6 hrs a day, I have my own job to do everyday from home. I thought the e-learning would be student- or platform-led, as opposed to parent-led, and am disappointed to discover that I, as a parent with a full time job, am expected to lead these lessons. I cannot simultaneously engage with them at their various skill levels simultaneously and therefore will need to additional time with each kid, thereby extending the day. Please advise how this home learning time will be assessed in the fall.  To Whom It May Concern: Just call the school year. None of us needs the added stress of home-learning on top of the stress of the current situation and new Work From Home jobs. Just call it. Or at least explain why you haven't or wont, because this feels like a stop gap to keep being funded until someone steps up and does what needs to be done. This is completely unnecessary, just call the 2019/2020 year over and lets get on with the business of being parents. Most of us, myself included, aren't cut out to be teachers. Thank you for your consideration.	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/23/2020 19:02:31	How does this affect graduation?	Seeley Swan High School	
3/23/2020 21:34:32	Is it possible to apply for a laptop for (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)?	Hellgate High School	
3/24/2020 11:09:08	Parents are contacting me because they missed the laptop check out/pick up yesterday. Will we schedule another district pick up day? Or should I schedule our own additional pick up day? Thanks.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
3/24/2020 12:40:55	My daughter and 2 of her friends, both of whom have single parents currently unemployed, went to Sentinel HS at 11:25 this morning to pick up lunches they waited 20 minutes and took the bus to Hellgate and arrived at just about noon. They waited until after 12:30 and never saw anyone with any lunches. Can you please explain to me what is going on as I have been giving this information to people who work with unemployed and indigent families.	Hellgate High School	
3/24/2020 12:58:24	When home work assignments start virtual? We have seen very little from teachers.	Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 15:15:48	So with the governor's extension of closures are the school staff members going to get paid for this time off or can we file for unemployment?	Franklin Elementary School	
3/24/2020 16:08:36	I'm in special education and as I am reaching out to my caseload LOTS of parents aren't sure what their student's emails are, or what their passwords are. Would it be possible to have someone create district specific tutorials on how to access google accounts and classrooms? Maybe a little about expectations? Thank you.	Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 16:09:02	Will there be the option for summer school for students with IEP's that we're unable to meet goals and/or have fallen behind in their schooling because I'm not able to provide the structure of education at home? I'm concerned that both my preschooler and kindergartner will not be able to keep up with remote classes at home due to being on the autism spectrum. They are also missing important time with speech therapists and occupational therapists.	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Russell Elementary School	
3/24/2020 16:10:05	Are educational sign language interpreters expected to work remotely in order to provide interpreting services if needed? Do educational sign language interpreters count checking e-mails as working remotely and put the hours toward regular working hours? Thank you for your time.	Jefferson Early Learning Center	
3/24/2020 16:10:57	With three people in our household working from home, my home wifi is not adequate to meet our needs. Can we access tech support to help troubleshoot? What are people using from home currently? Is one internet provider better than another? Will any of them give us a discount for being educators? Please provide us guidance for this concern if possible.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
3/24/2020 16:13:58	Will my kiddo still be doing remote learning?	Lowell Elementary School	
3/24/2020 16:15:05	I was wondering about graduation and senior projects since schools are closed til April 10th?	Big Sky High School	
3/24/2020 16:17:44	Not sure if this has been answered- are these days going to count towards our regular school days or are we going to be making them up?	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/24/2020 16:18:02	When will the curriculum be put online? My daughter is a senior and we are wondering if we should be contacting her individual teachers to get the missed assignments for the extension of the closure? Thank You	Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 16:18:56	I'm just curious since that is Easter Weekend if schools will not be back into session until April 15th if they don't extend it again?? Or are there no days missed for Easter.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 16:22:07	What will this do for the school year? Will school be extended like it would be for extreme snow days?	Paxson Elementary School	
3/24/2020 16:27:58	Are students required to do online learning? We have limited access to the internet and additionally I am working and not able to police my IEP student. The unknown is creating enough stress and stress induces his seizures.	Big Sky High School	
3/24/2020 16:28:21	What are you doing with the seniors? Are they to continue being in limbo? My son received an email about online classes and if he needed a laptop to go to his school to check one out. He went to school and was denied a laptop. Was told there wasn't enough yet 4 people after him( all underclassmen) were checked out laptops. You'd think seniors would have priority. Everyone is speculating that the seniors will be not coming back to classes. Can you please address this asap. It is not fair to them to leave them in limbo like this	Hellgate High School	
3/24/2020 16:35:52	What kind of lesson plans will teachers be required to create? How will student work be evaluated? How can we provide art supplies to students?	Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 16:43:53	If we do return to schools on the 13th of April, will students be taking the state SBAC and STAR tests still? What's the protocol on that?	Washington Middle School	

3/24/2020 17:02:18	I appreciate the detailed emails and knowing information is being sent as you all know updates. I can not even imagine how stressful this has been for everyone in the district - so thank you. As a prevention expert I just would like to encourage all to reach out to you local prevention specialist Shannon Sproull ssproull@wmmhc.org. She could be a great resource for adding more mental health information in the emails. We are very concerned about the rise in child abuse and neglect, substance use, and other mental health concerns. So if there could be a consistent message for families about tips for addressing mental health strain that would be incredible. Shannon can pre write that for you and also share with everyone the free resource ParentingMontana.org that address family concerns such as routine, back talk, chores, etc. I know you all have so much on your plates yet I do hope someone can reach out to Shannon. It won't be an added task yet a valuable partnership for supporting families and kids. Which I know that is also the districts goal. Thank you so much. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/24/2020 17:02:38	Just wanted to say thanks Rob for all you're doing!! Everything you've provided is great -- lunches for families in need, online learning options, etc. Thanks for keeping our kids and our families safe!	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
3/24/2020 17:05:04	Will there be any homework assignments or online schooling during this extended time? Also what will this mean as far as length of school year into the summer months?	Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 18:24:47	Are you moving to online classes? If so when? If not can you tell if their are any option online programs students can enroll in that count toward meeting the criteria to move to the next grade?	Sentinel High School	
3/24/2020 18:26:47	Please allow parents to unenroll their students if the state or district decides to go back to in person classes again. Truancy laws should not apply during this time. Please continue online teaching for the remainder of the school year. Thank you.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/24/2020 18:35:12	What is being done to reach out to families who don't have internet or computer access in their homes and support students who will not be able to participate in online classes?	Hellgate High School	
3/24/2020 19:31:52	You all are doing an exceptional job with this situation. Many thanks for the hard work of teachers and administrators during this difficult time.	Washington Middle School	
3/24/2020 21:05:13	Do you anticipate having Online Learning that actually incorporates live class like other cities have been so that our students can get graded for credit and actually do assignments and stay on track with completing school year requirements?	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
3/25/2020 7:51:34	I have a few questions: 1.) Our 6th graders need to have the T/Dap booster to enter into 7th grade before Fall. This needs to be thought about. 2.) Pre-Enrolled Online & new students for fall. This is usually a busy time for secretaries, but we are working at home and we are not equipped to mail, copy and all our supplies. This on this also. 3.) Finally, the big one: a some point we will need to think about moving student to the next school. For example: elementary 5th graders to middle school "recordkeeping" and banking	Washington Middle School	Linda will email Jan. We are already on the 6th grade tdaps.
3/25/2020 9:46:46	Hoping you are all well in this extraordinary time. I have a question. I have several relatives working in Seattle area schools. My brother's district is providing extended learning opportunities (what we are moving toward now), but he stated "no school districts in WA meet the criteria to legally provide "online learning"- ie new content.  Is this the situation in Montana and or has OPI waived this restriction? With all of the very good communication to staff, it is not entirely clear if there will be an expectation of providing new and ongoing content as time goes on. I believe the assumption is that we are moving that way.  Thank you for any clarification you can provide.  (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Jefferson Early Learning Center	
3/25/2020 11:04:59	are we going to have online classes	Washington Middle School	
3/25/2020 11:56:42	How will parents know exactly what is expected of the students for each class? Some teachers will be better than others at using the technology to communicate and start getting things turned in from the kids. So far there are mixed messages and I don't think anyone has a clear plan yet which is understandable. I've received emails from 3 of my daughters 7 teachers so far and am hopeful that there will be some requirement that all teachers get some notice to parents so we know when to direct our kids on what to look for or be working on	Sentinel High School	
3/25/2020 14:02:23	Thank you! Absolutely seeing the strength in our MCPS leadership. Intelligent, engaged, flexible, caring and understanding. Sending lots of elbow bumps:) Thank you for all of your hard work. I hope that you are able to take a breath and know that you are appreciated.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/25/2020 16:01:49	I don't really have a question....I just wanted to thank you! This is a crazy time for everyone, including our school board and superintendent, principles and teachers! Communication has been outstanding by everyone and it really means a lot!! Thank you so much for all you are doing to keep communication as open and honest as possible! I feel blessed to be in Missoula School District now more than ever! ~Stephanie	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
3/25/2020 16:06:36	I am concerned about the District requesting a waiver from the Governor to not extend the school year. The remote learning is not an adequate replacement for the normal curriculum. The District should be making plans to extend the school year and make up the missed days. It shouldn't matter how long this takes. The days missed now can be made up over the summer, if it runs into next school year then run into that summer. Properly educating these kids is far more important than a summer break. The current break is break enough for teachers and students alike	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
3/25/2020 16:43:25	We have no computer for online learning for my daughter,(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) who is enrolled at Willard.	Willard Alternative High School Program	
3/25/2020 17:41:09	I have a child in kindergarten and one in in middle school and I do not know how to get them both going on Google classroom. My son I n middle school knows his log in but password is incorrect.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/25/2020 17:41:45	I have a child in kindergarten and one in in middle school and I do not know how to get them both going on Google classroom. My son I n middle school knows his log in but password is incorrect.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
3/25/2020 19:40:29	Specifically elementary school - Why was a condensed version of 'rotations' not put into a platform of class via Skype or Google classroom - posted by the teachers and available to view anytime online rather than searching and figuring out online links and essentially left for parents and students to figure it out on their own? This seems like a simpler solution and takes the guess work out of it. If teachers can send a 'hello from my home' message to students via email, they can link up a classroom session???	Paxson Elementary School	

	Could you please provide the bus stop times at these locations so that Clinton School may relay the information to those high school students?		
3/26/2020 8:26:33	STARTING THURSDAY 3/26/20 two new high school bus routes will cover additional areas in Missoula County. <del>One route will cover Rock Creek Clinton Turah</del>	Hellgate High School	
3/26/2020 8:29:56	I wanted to thank all of you for the excellent work and communications during this difficult time.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
3/26/2020 11:53:44	The bus information for Hawthorne district is not working and we can not figure out where or when the bus will be in our area. We live at Bentley Park Loop ☹️	Hawthorne Elementary School	
3/27/2020 15:14:13	As I talk with colleagues across schools within MCPS, it is clear how many different things everyone has going on and going forward- from what platform(s) everyone is using, to how information is communicated, to where to access information. It's WAY TO MUCH for our families. They are overwhelmed and over inundated with the amount of information coming their way. We have to remember we have single households spanning K-12, with potentially students in the same household attending multiple elementary, middle, or high schools (ie. I have several families with a middle schooler at Porter and Washington). With every school essentially going "rouge" in how they are presenting online learning, this is fairing to be quite overwhelming for our staff, students, and families. Why is the district not streamlining this process and providing more directive on the tools we should/can ALL be using? And creating a centralized platform to access information? I'm concerned we are focusing too much on individual schools and not what's in the best interest for our entire community. If we are trying to KISS- (especially for our families) why are we "silo-ing" off, letting each teacher, classroom, and school choose how they will provide distant learning? Thank you for your time.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/27/2020 17:28:16	I'm concerned when school resumes that my daughter will not be going back. My husband is a transplant recipient and we can not take any chances that is immune system will be compromised.	Washington Middle School	
3/27/2020 17:34:33	I am a teacher at Lowell and am having a hard time connecting to parents. I am blocking my cell phone number when I call, but many parents send it directly to voicemail because it is a blocked number. I can't leave my number for them to call back. I leave my email address, but many of my students do not have internet access at this time. How should we handle this as teachers?	Lowell Elementary School	
3/27/2020 18:11:53	RE: School lunch delivery. My son goes to Big Sky HS, but we live in the Desmet school district. I can not find any information on when/where he is supposed to be for the lunch delivery. I have tried the infofinder link for the bus stops but nothing comes up for our address except for the location of Big Sky. Nothing about his regular bus stop or anything else. We live at 6295 Goodan Lane. 59808	Big Sky High School	
3/27/2020 18:23:01	I understand online learning is the "default" method to educate our kid during this difficult times. I'm an IT profession who would like to offer my assistance to those who might need a helping hand (remotely) to kids or school.	Sentinel High School	
3/28/2020 10:41:52	Thank you so much for including mental health resources with your updates. Thank you, thank you. I am sure you all are so overwhelmed let your staff and teachers know we see how much you care and support your students and families. Thank you.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
3/29/2020 11:14:38	Thanks so much for all everyone is doing during these unprecedented times. I just wanted to share with you what I thought was a very good communication from our old school district in Wyoming as far as one communication/document (accessed through a link on the District's homepage) to all families as to how remote learning will take place. It seems a great way to communicate to all - staff, students, teachers, parents - just so everyone has one resource from the District to understand what will be going on. Here is the link to the document: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fni-lAvaBRvLHJcGZDV-xlspr2l-02HMDsJdFKYTUBQ/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fni-lAvaBRvLHJcGZDV-xlspr2l-02HMDsJdFKYTUBQ/edit</a>	Hellgate High School	
3/29/2020 16:23:32	Why is there no online instruction going on for the high school students? It is my understanding that the middle and elementary schools are receving online instruction. And my daughter who attends a private high school in Missoula is currently attending school online everyday.	Hellgate High School	
3/29/2020 21:22:32	(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) only has passcodes to algebra. Please send whatever he needs for the rest of his classes. Please send to (Email Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Big Sky High School	
3/29/2020 22:17:10	I have received a call from both of my granddaughters' teachers, both said they would be emailing information to my husband and I....have not received any email. My husband's email (Email Redacted for privacy reasons FHL). I have been doing school work with them but would love input from their teachers!	Lowell Elementary School	
3/30/2020 11:57:33	With kids at three schools, I do not know all of the teacher names. I have received emails today from Blackboard from teachers I don't know. It would be great if we could ask teachers to be sure to put an email signature on blackboard messages that includes their school and grade level to help parents keep it all straight.	Lowell Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/1/2020 14:48:08	Is there a lunch drop off in westview park?	Big Sky High School	
	I love the tenor of this message— Thank You.		
4/1/2020 14:58:28	I also wanted to find out if there will be another opportunity for families to pick up personal items at their respective schools? We were not able to meet the first opportunity. <del>My daughters especially hope to grab their musical instruction and ukelele! Please advise</del>	Paxson Elementary School	
4/1/2020 14:58:34	How come only two of my son's teachers has reached out to him with homework and lessons, his geometry and Biology teachers? All the others only ask him to check in??? What are the other teachers doing with their time and how come no assignments or lessons??	Hellgate High School	
4/1/2020 15:08:35	Your latest email states "many students are online working this week". At this point, we have received no information on how or when my daughter's classes are resuming at Hellgate High School. Are there classes/remote work she should be doing right now? Or is that information still coming? Thank you!	Hellgate High School	
4/1/2020 16:11:12	My daughters, (Names Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), do not have computers to do school work. We were advised to contact Mr. Miller, which I did by email, but received no response. We were then advised to make an appointment with Julia for tomorrow (4/2). The girls both left voicemail messages yesterday, requesting appointments, but we have not heard back. The public library, the computer room at our apartment complex, the schools,, the University, and all other public use computer centers are closed. I have lost half of my income due to COVID-19 and cannot afford laptops. Please, if there are any resources, call me at (Phone Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL). Thank you in advance.	Hellgate High School	
4/1/2020 18:20:22	Is there going to be another day where classrooms are open and help is available to get into lockers etc? When the schools were opened for the single day, classroom access was not granted and locker help was unavailable. As was the locker room. I imagine PE clothes are getting pretty rank at this point.	Hellgate High School	
4/2/2020 8:24:03	Will there be counseling, either individually or district wide, for the students when they go back to school?	Paxson Elementary School	
4/5/2020 7:50:59	Looking for one more Laptop for our son .	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/5/2020 18:00:27	How do I follow my child's progress while online learning? I've tried the google classroom code and it does not work. Thank you.	C.S. Porter Middle School	

4/7/2020 16:41:47	Thank you for working so hard to shift to remote learning - and especially for delivering food to students. I am hoping that on-line learning can become more like a classroom and less like an option for high school students. The more structure the better for most teenagers and using video classrooms benefit them in seeing each other and getting more out of the content. I would love to see classes held in virtual classrooms, instead of content dumped online. Please let us know, as a community, how we can help with inclusion and equity in this	Hellgate High School	
4/7/2020 16:53:13	On the OPI website it states that OPI is allowing school districts to provide traffic education classroom instruction through distance learning during the mandatory school closures because of COVID-19. Is this something Missoula High School's are considering implementing? <a href="https://opi.mt.gov/Families-Students/Family-Student-Support/Driver-Education/Traffic-Education-Preventing-COVID-19">https://opi.mt.gov/Families-Students/Family-Student-Support/Driver-Education/Traffic-Education-Preventing-COVID-19</a> .	Big Sky High School	
4/7/2020 17:00:53	I have 2 fifth graders and 1 in high school at HHS. We live on West Riverside in the Bonner area, and I have been unable to figure out where to pick up breakfast and lunch for my kids, and we don't have high speed Wi-Fi for the kids to be online for all their education purposes. Is there anywhere close to our home we can pick up nutritional meals, or is there a way for the kids to continue their education outside of school?	Hellgate High School	
4/7/2020 17:26:43	Should I as a parent be receiving emails with the assignments as well?	Hellgate High School	
4/7/2020 18:57:17	I was wondering since this virus will most likely continue to spread as Montana is basing extensions on a 2 week basis if it continues to be extended every 2 weeks I'm assuming spring sports will be over. How do we go about getting our money refunded if this happens?	Big Sky High School	
4/7/2020 20:05:57	There are still children playing on the playground equipment several times per day. I live across the street so I see it. The only closed sign is very small and is at least 500 feet away. It is not apparent at all that it is closed. Caution tape is needed please.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/7/2020 20:12:22	Are there any laptops still available for students to borrow? How does it work to check one out?	Franklin Elementary School	
4/7/2020 21:07:47	Why can our Montana University system make a decision to go on line for the remainder of the school year but MCPS can not do the same. This is a global crisis that is not going to go away or be safe in the next 1-2-3 months. This 2 weeks at a time is more difficult for both students and teachers, than just making a final decision. University students and their teachers were able to get into a routine and proceed successfully to finish the school year. This unknown system makes everyone anxious and unable to get into a routine. Why doesn't MCPS act appropriate, professional and do what is best for its students and staff??	Sentinel High School	
4/8/2020 0:23:30	My son (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) needs to get his belongings out of his locker still. We was late and wasn't able to get his things on the scheduled day. Can you please contact us and let us know how we can get his belongings please. My number is (Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL). Thank you	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/10/2020 15:59:38	I realize this is trying times for everyone and an entirely new experience for MCPS. I commend the transition to online learning for the kiddos and think MCPS teachers are doing incredible. One thing that I would find beneficial to reducing the stress/anxiety many parents are experiencing is consolidation of communications. We are inundated with instructions from teachers and I find myself struggling to keep abreast.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/10/2020 16:07:18	There is no reason to cancel high school graduation, this is ridiculous and graduation isn't until June. We are failing our graduates who have worked so hard. There needs to be in person ceremony! My senior is going into the military and won't be here for postponed ceremony. They earned this and it's being disregarded	Sentinel High School	
4/10/2020 16:14:24	I did not receive the email about how to get in the Google classroom to see the assignments. Can someone please send it to me? Thank you.	Sentinel High School	
4/10/2020 16:24:42	I applaud the efforts of EVERYONE. This is so hard for us all but I am begging you to go to a Pass/Fail grading system. Or how about giving everyone an A because it's a pandemic and the single most stressful period in anyone's lives? I have three kids and three schools and am BOMBARDED with information, all the while attempting (failing) to keep up with my work as my 7th grader asks me questions every other minute. I see the emails about putting mental health first but then tell teachers to stop assigning work!!! If they skip an assignment it will still be there waiting and another one as well. I have sent an email to Judson at Hellgate and got NO RESPONSE and also to Kacie L at Washington. She did respond but said pass/fail isn't on the table right now. EVERYONE in my house hates this. STOP with new content while the world is dying. This IS NOT business as usual or a series of snow days. It's ok to STOP. This is so stressful and you have the power to relieve SOME of that stress. Please exercise it.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School, Sentinel High School	
4/10/2020 17:38:34	I would like to know if you have considered shifting your Health and PE curriculum to one that encourages kids to PREVENT depression due to lack of exercise and excess of screen time. You have taught about depression but maybe contextualizing the higher risk for healthy kids to become depressed in the midst of the lockdown could be of help. My child (in 7th grade) is in what I call "double isolation": Isolated from school and self isolated from family. She is experiencing increasing bouts of sadness, but because of her age, is still under the illusion that parents are boring but is suffering the consequences of loneliness and inactivity. (we are definitely not boring :) ). It has occurred to me to network with parents on this? Thank you for any feedback	Washington Middle School	
4/10/2020 23:30:38	I did not get the email invitation to Google Classroom	Sentinel High School	
4/11/2020 11:31:31	Is there a way for Google classroom to inform parents if assignments haven't been turned in? When you look on Q portal, sometimes it's hard to know if a missing assignment has never been turned in or if it just hasn't been graded yet.	Big Sky High School	
4/13/2020 10:01:19	Hello, I am borrowing a laptop and have finally gotten my wifi equipment from Spectrum and have found that I cannot log in to the laptop. Who can I ask for help with this?	Franklin Elementary School	
4/14/2020 21:09:16	Wondering if still planning for traffic education class for April 24. Will need to know as we are out of town. Thank you.	Sentinel High School	
4/15/2020 10:53:07	I have finally reached the enough is enough with the orchestra teacher. My 2 students are not making 5 min videos and uploading them to him. He has never taught this type of stuff in the classroom and I am not wasting bandwidth for him. Would have been nice if he would have contacted me back, but since he has not I will let you inform him he is out of line. Would love to discuss his lack of teaching in the classroom sometime when things return to normal.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/15/2020 11:51:24	Are there any remaining lab top computers to check out? The one we have has been slow and glitchy and my daughter has been having trouble with it. Thank you! Nan'Cee Labbe	Hellgate High School	
4/16/2020 9:11:23	Is there any option to take traffic education online?	Hellgate High School	
4/16/2020 10:59:25	I'm wondering how Covid-19 will impact the hiring process for the Fine Arts Supervisor. I think when we have hired administrators in the past, committees were set up to offer teacher input. Will arts teachers still be able to give any guidance during the hiring process? I realize that this is difficult under the current circumstances, but believe that we can still offer important input into who would be the best candidate.	Hellgate High School, Sentinel High School	

	<p>Hello, I would like to see more teacher and student time remotely. I do not think it is adequate to only provide 15 minutes each day. My student is doing OK, as she is high achieving. She is in 8th grade and only gets a quick check in that is maximum 15 minutes.</p> <p>My biggest concern is for the children who are more at risk. I also operate a Mental Health Center with Youth Homes (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) and am very concerned about the lack of contact between the teachers and our clients at Youth Homes (and all the students) Many student that I see for therapy (provided via tele therapy) are not doing any school work. We see 95% Medicaid clients and have been able to continue to provide their regular appointments through tele health as they all have a smart phone or tablet. Families and kids are having intense needs right now, that I am concerned the school system is disconnected from the students right now. We are busier than ever and having trouble with keeping up with the needs of the children because they are not in school and not attending Zoom meetings. I am concerned that children are not accessing remote learning and that without more teacher contact, more problems will increase.</p> <p>Please increase teacher- student contact so that teachers have contact with students each day and not just for a quick check in.</p>		
4/16/2020 12:39:10	Please also list Youth Homes Mental Health Center on your page of Mental Health Services in Missoula, 721-2754.	Washington Middle School	
4/17/2020 19:31:00	Do you think we will could have a month of summer school to make up the days we've missed? Also do you think the students will return to school before the fall?	Washington Middle School	
4/18/2020 7:58:58	Will schools reopen in May?	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/20/2020 12:03:06	Hello, the COVID-19 page on your website has not been updated since 4/7/20. When will you be providing the next update? Is school still only currently closed through 4/24/20, or has it been prolonged? Thank you.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/20/2020 15:04:22	How much notice will we be receiving before schools reopen? Will we find out on the 24th if school will start that next Monday? Or will we have more time?	Russell Elementary School	
4/20/2020 17:47:23	I am sincerely hoping that the schools will stay closed for the remainder of the school year. As an educator I truly see the benefit of face-to-face meetings....I have also had to go remote with my instruction. However, as a spouse of someone who is in the high risk category, I am nervous about the kids going back to school anytime soon and would prefer to give it time for social distancing to work and for herd immunity to begin, thus allowing for the kids to go back in the fall. Thank you for considering this.	Hellgate High School	
4/20/2020 22:19:57	I feel as a mother of a Kindergarten student and preschooler. That maybe opening the schools so soon is pretty scary. My Kindergarten student has breathing issues and my being pregnant puts us at higher risk. How will the schools protect or children id the is a second wave of community outbreak?	Russell Elementary School	
4/20/2020 23:23:07	Our family has a 5th grader at Paxson and a Kindergartener with an IEP in (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) class at Hawthorne. Their father is severely immunocompromised from the medication he takes for his arthritis, and I have asthma. To wit, our 5th grader is also diagnosed with celiac, which also puts her in the "autoimmune disorder" category.	Hawthorne Elementary School, Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:11:08	I am very worried that we will be at greater risk if the schools are opened back up. Are there going to be options for families like ours to keep our children from bringin it home to us? We've already suffered through at least 4 really bad illnesses (including the flu), which has resulted in my husband contracting pneumonia twice. I am very, very scared that we will be exposed again. Is there any way that a family like ours will be able to protect ourselves?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:14:41	<p>Has there been any discussion about starting school earlier in August for our struggling learners especially K-5?</p> <p>My concern is that I apparently fall into the category of concern due to my age (over 60) and previous health concerns (cancer). I don't feel "safe" to return as the students will not be able to maintain a distance from each other as they work four to a lab with 24 per class.</p> <p>I love my students and my job. I don't feel hiring a sub to cover for me, if I chose to use sick time, is an answer. The demands for subs during the school year has been impossible to maintain. As it is during the school year, staff has been covering for other staff while no subs have been available which I don't feel is right. On the other hand, I did ask one of my subs would she come in and work. Her reply was, "for \$11 something an hour and risk my health--no way".</p>	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 11:14:58	I think school should be online for the remainder of the school year. I just can't imagine being in a classroom of 30 students in such close quarters. Trying to teach with a mask on would be awkward. I just don't think it's a good idea to return to the classroom and I'm worried about students and staff with other health conditions that are at a higher risk if they catch covid 19. Thanks for considering my comments.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 11:19:29	Returning MCPS Library books--At our District K-12 Library meeting, May 14 2-3pm, All librarians will be finalizing a plan for book and equipment return whenever we open schools--spring or fall or whenever. We are taking, as data for best practices, guidance from the American Asso. of Libraries ALA, NEDCC, CDC. If you'd like us to present our plan, please let me know. We realize that this process needs to be adaptable to elementary, middle school and high school libraries.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 11:28:02	<p>I have heard from many parents that they would be unwilling to send their kids back to school this year even if we re-open. Trying to deliver curriculum to both kids who are at school as well as those who are still distance learning would cause an even larger work load for teachers who have already been asked so much of this year, with converting their classes and their curriculum to online learning models.</p> <p>I also understand that many are worried about student mental health while being cooped up at home. However, I think these mental health concerns are minor in comparison to the damage it would cause if we go back to school, and a teacher, student, or family member gets sick from it spreading throughout the school, and possibly dies from this virus.</p> <p>It's impossible to social distance in a high school setting. We have over 1,300 people crammed in the same building. During passing periods, the halls are filled, shoulder to shoulder with students and staff. With 30 kids in every single one of my classes, it would be impossible to ensure proper social distancing within the classroom. I wouldn't be able to teach Health Enhancement the way I normally teach it anyway, as I wouldn't have the ability or time to sanitize equipment between classes, severely limiting what we could even do. I wouldn't feel comfortable asking students to do anything that could potentially put them at risk for contracting the virus. We saw how quickly whooping cough spread at Sentinel last year, and how big of a disruption it was to our daily learning, and that is minor compared to Covid-19.</p> <p>I know everyone is itching to get back to life as it was, but rushing into it would be a huge mistake. It's best wait to go back to opening schools until next fall.</p>	Sentinel High School	



4/22/2020 11:32:47	If you open for middle school and high school, please do not reopen the elementary schools. Social distancing and facemasks will not work with our little ones. Thank you so much for all you are doing to keep our kids and our community safe!	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:35:39	If you are an employee and your medical provider recommends you don't return to work as you are in a high risk group if school resumes what is the leave policy	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 11:37:30	Regarding the most recent update: "We also believe that the Governor will announce that he will lift his school closure order after May 11th and leave the decision to remain closed or to reopen to the local decision makers, specifically the locally elected Board of Trustees."  Have we heard if there will be any funding or attendance concerns for districts that decide to remain closed?	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 11:41:45	in regards to returning to school, I can't help but think of specific children in the "at risk" group. I have one child in my classroom who is extremely asthmatic (his parents will send him to school as they have a limited resources and his attendance is strong) this is a child who also hides in lockers, throws scissors and runs from staff members - so the verbal request made to "wear a mask" will be impossible... if we are unable to keep him in classroom for safety there's no way to ensure he's going to keep a mask on for safety. How will we meet needs for ALL children in this special pandemic when we're already stretched thin and struggling to meet their needs in a "normal" school day? I'm extremely fearful...	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:41:54	As the school board may be deciding if we should reopen schools in the future, I feel as a special education teacher they need to consider the following: 1. How will social distancing be maintained to protect myself, my family and my colleagues with students who have trouble with physical/social boundaries, need physical prompting, etc.? How will social distancing between students be maintained in small resource classrooms where small-groups take place and there is no room to spread out, as well as in a school with limited room to distance students as they go to lunch, into the building, etc.? Will there be concrete plans and actions for how this will work (staggered classes, etc.) if school is to reopen? 2. How long would it take to get back into the routine of school after being out for so long, especially special education students, after they have just somewhat adjusted to remote learning?	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:47:13	Hello. Submitting as an employee of MCPS (as janitors did not, I believe, receive a direct communication soliciting their input). As someone who has cleaned a grade school for ten years, I see--unfortunately--only health risks in reopening school this year. We at Russell are currently in a unique position as we clean for the Emergency Y Day Care and I feel this gives us insight not available elsewhere. Without going into detail (although we/I are available for discussion) the disinfecting is extraordinarily time-consuming if done right (and right is the only way.) Even with best practices, one can identify potential areas of oversight each night. Yet each night we attempt to address those areas. As a professional cleaner, I see no way to combat potential contamination and believe safety must come first.	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:47:29	I just wanted to restate that some teachers (myself included) will still not have childcare, even if schools reopen this Spring. Just another thing to consider. Thank you for all you're doing!	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 11:54:27	If May 8th marks the beginning of Phase 2, keeping in mind that Phase 1 has to be successful, aren't we required to wait 2 weeks to see if Phase 2 is successful before reopening schools? I thought reopening schools was a consideration for Phase 3. I would also like to point out that when the flu was going around this past winter, I had multiple students (sometimes 5+) absent for days at a time due to contracting the flu. If COVID 19 is just as easy to contract, won't the students be at a higher risk of contracting and/or spreading the virus (within the school, home, and wherever else they go after school)? I want the students to be back in school more than anything, but I think being healthy and safe is more important than resuming learning in the classroom.	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:33:00	I ask the board to consider this: We have won the battle but not the war. Reopening our schools without careful, considerate, and deliberate planning for safety of students, staffs, and the families we all go home to will result in widespread COVID infections. This risk comes with only five weeks of school remaining. Many parents will choose not to put their child at risk and will not return to school. Many vulnerable staff will not have clearance from their doctors to be able to return to work, resulting in random subs (and sub-par lesson delivery) or splitting the affected class into other classrooms resulting in crowded, close contact classes. Staff will not be providing effective lessons as the immeasurable stress about the safety of ourselves and the risk we are putting are families at will impede our ability to perform. With only five weeks remaining, let us put our community first and be the district that reopens in the fall with strong protocols, safety precautions, and healthy families. Five weeks is not that much lost instruction in the big picture. But five weeks is an enormous risk in the health of our community. I ask you, as a teacher, please keep us safe. DO NOT REOPEN our schools.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:39:24	As a travelling teacher who is also a parent I'm concerned about the possibility of becoming exposed to the virus and putting my family at risk. I am also concerned about my children being in a setting that will allow for an increased risk of exposure. Will there be a plan for teachers who are parents that wish to keep their children home for the remainder of the year? Will there be a plan for teachers (elderly, high risk or with family members that are high risk) who would rather not return to the classroom?	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:40:26	I strongly believe the Missoula County Public School District should NOT open until the fall. Remote learning is working well for our daughter and keeps our high risk family members safe.	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:42:50	I am not comfortable sending my child back to school on May 7. We will continue to do remote learning at home, and hope that schools will remain closed.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:43:20	I'd like school to open IF you can do so safely (facemasks, etc.). Not sure what you do about kids and social distancing, but I trust you to make the right choices.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:43:36	I've received a notification there has been an update, however I'm not seeing anything new on the website. Can you please advise	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:43:45	After May 7th, please consider allowing only our Seniors to return to school and limit classroom size to 10 or less. Please consider symptom checking at the door and masks used on school grounds. These is a crucial time in our Seniors lives and I would love to see them finish out the school year with their class, teachers, and counselors. Thank you.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 12:43:54	I am really concerned about my kids going back to school. I have kept my kids at home since spring break not taking them into stores and have seen kids being taking into stores and businesses. I have took them for hikes or to the river but seriously worry about them being exposed to the kids that have been drug all over town with their parents. I would like an option for my kids to continue to do the online learning till I see that they are safe to go to school again.	Hawthorne Elementary School, Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 12:44:25	I really hope schools do not plan to open this academic year. I will not be comfortable sending my children to school because adults complained enough to finally get the state opened again. We have fewer cases than other states, but they will increase rapidly with the reopening of business. I am not willing to risk the health of my family because people complained about not being able to get a hair cut or go to the casino! Please keep the health of our children and families in mind. Thank you	C.S. Porter Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 12:44:35	I will not be sending my daughter back to school this year. We have high risk family members and frankly I find it irresponsible to consider opening the schools. Are you going to offer continued online classes?	Paxson Elementary School	



4/22/2020 12:44:55	If schools decide to reopen after May 7th, will parents have the option to keep their child home if they are not comfortable sending them back yet? Will there be remote learning options available? If parents made that decision, would it impact their child being able to go back to school in the fall in the next grade?	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:45:39	I am very concerned about the possibility of opening schools this Spring. I am a mother of four children (three in the school system) and one that has severe asthma,. We know that covid-19 would be deadly for our youngest as other respiratory viruses and influenza repeatedly put him in ICU. Our family can not risk sending other children to school who could potentially bring covid home. There is not enough time left in the school year to rush returning to school and putting vulnerable people at risk. Please do NOT reopen schools!!!	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 12:46:26	Please keep the schools closed. Nothing that students will learn between 5/7 and 6/11 is worth the risk of putting thousands of students and staff in close proximity. I'd also suggest that ensuring younger students wear masks (as per the Governor's recommendation) is not realistic and would make teaching and learning next to impossible. Thank you.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 12:46:45	Outside of health concerns, which remain substantial and worrying, teachers have been asked to do a Herculean task by teaching at a distance. Reaching everyone and trying to provide material is tough and hard work and they deserve applause and raises. Please do not open the schools back up this year. Many families will not send their kids back, which means that teachers will have to figure out how to teach half-empty classrooms. Teachers are already doing the impossible--please don't make this harder for them and don't put families in the position of having to choose between family member's well-being and education.	Washington Middle School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/22/2020 12:46:46	What do we do if local school boards decide to open schools but we, as parents, decide for the safety of our kids and families, that we DON'T want to send our kids back for the remainder of the year? Will students who stay home get remote work vs kids who go back? Will they be penalized? I don't personally foresee myself sending my kids back as their dad and family members are high risk for COVID 19. However, would I be breaking the law? Would my kids be considered absent and lose their spot at school? Any information would be helpful	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 12:46:52	Given the Governors recent statement to extend school closure only through May 7 I would like to share my concern about reopening MCPS schools this year. I firmly believe it is in the best interest of student, staff, and community health to continue using the remote learning platform for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. I will not be allowing my students to return to face to face schooling for the remainder of this year as it is a health concern for our family and I believe it puts the health of many community members at undue risk. I also would not want my children to return to a school full of face masks and social distancing for the last 4 weeks of the year - we have finally adjusted to the remote platform transition and we can successfully navigate this for the rest of the school year. I hope that the board will extend the closure for the rest of the year and spend time making a plan for a safe reopening in the fall. Thank you for hearing my concern.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:47:02	Please do not open the schools we need to protect our children. They are the future	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 12:47:06	My concern is for grandparents like us (age 65 and 74) who are raising young grandkids. We would strongly be in favor of waiting until fall to resume returning to classrooms. It doesn't seem worth the risk to return for only 5-6 weeks.	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:47:12	Please consider reopening the school in the spring since being closed is affecting my senior.online schooling is not effective and in person graduation is so important	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 12:47:34	I have kiddos that have a baby brother at home that was born premature, therefore the thought of sending them to school heightens my anxiety with this virus in our community. Kids have a hard time with washing hands, social distancing, face masks when just going out to the store, doing this for a solid 7-8 hour school day is really pushing it. I believe your subjecting not only our youth to the virus but their homes as well, if at all possible to maintain the online learning I think it would be best for the health of the Missoula community. Also, if we were to resume schooling for the remainder of the year(5weeks) is the additional learning that will be done in that time worth the rise in virus numbers?	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:47:54	We don't have a high risk for Covid 19 in our household however, sending my kids to school where it is really impossible for kids to stay 6 ft apart and for younger kids to keep the best hygiene efforts makes me extremely nervous. We have no real way to ensure their defense against this virus. Will there be an option for families to decide to keep their kids home if they are lucky enough to have childcare even if schools open for the last four- five weeks? This would also keep less kids at school to help lessen the threat of spread.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 12:49:36	How can we, as a school community, justify sending our students back with the guidelines that have been set by the governor of no more than 6 at a table, of the same family; and where the restaurants can only go to half capacity?	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 12:49:43	You are being very thoughtful in your approach. Thank you. It is important to reopen schools in May, to the extent possible, because they may have to close again in the fall or winter. Can schools remain open until the 4th of July to make up for what was lost and may be lost in the fall? Can they reopen for the year in early August? It seems prudent to keep students learning in the warmer months when infection rates are low. I like the idea of half days to limit the number of children in the building at once. In that case, please accommodate families so that siblings attend with the same cohort	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:51:54	How do we go back to school and follow the directive not to gather in groups of more than 10? How do we go back to school and adequately social distance? It seems impossible to do either of the above in a classroom full of 28+ students. This will put everyone at risk. If you go back, are you planning to have students and teachers wear masks? It does not seem realistic or reasonable to ask students and teachers to do so for hours on end.	C.S. Porter Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 12:52:38	I really don't think it is a great idea to open the schools. My daughter has underlying health issues and it could land her in a hospital. Cindy Farr with the County Health Department indicated that there is a possibility that 6 ft might not be even space when people are active. I didn't appreciate the previous message to kids to even say that it's acceptable for them to hang out in groups of 10 or less, 6 ft apart, with masks on. I don't think these kids know what 6 ft is and I don't think they fully understand there are consequences to their actions by not following the rules. It only takes one person to get a group of people infected. What the e-mail should say is that if you do get sick and end up in a hospital, you will die alone. There is no visitation. Even if you don't end up in a hospital, there is a chance of infecting a whole family. We are a family of six. It can take up to two weeks to show symptoms. If a child gets it and then the parent gets it and then the parent goes to work. The business is shut down. For the greater good and the safety of our family, I don't think it's worth the risk of reopening.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 12:55:56	If it is decided to reopen the school, can a parent opt to continue remote learning? I do not want to send my daughter back even though none of us are high risk. There are too many students and faculty to be able to properly clean everything and keep the students separated. I feel like teachers would spend more time focusing on that than they would be able to actually teach the kids, which would be exhausting for all people involved. I would like to have the option to keep my child home for the remainder of the year without fear of her getting sick or having to repeat a year.  Thank you for reading this. I hope you have a wonderful day and stay safe.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:57:02	How will instruction of students with compromised immune systems be taught? Will remote learning continue? My son has asthma.	C.S. Porter Middle School	

	<p>I am a parent to two children in the district. I am also a teacher at Washington.</p> <p>From the teacher perspective: If the district decides to re-open, I would anticipate that parents of many of our students who are at risk as well as those who have family members at home who are at risk will decide to keep their children at home. How do I find time to support those students who are not coming to school and the students who are coming to school while still functioning as a father at home during a time when my family needs me even more than normally? This is particularly challenging this year since I am teaching at a new grade level, so every lesson is new this year regardless of whether it's in class or through remote learning. I can do a good job supporting my students in the classroom or through remote learning, but any sort of hybrid would be overwhelming.</p> <p>From the parent perspective: One of my children is a Kindergarten student. I simply can't imagine a way to maintain physical distance with a group of young students. This, in turn, is exposing me and my family to all of those students and their contacts. It's a scary thought to me.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 12:58:27	No need to email me a response unless I can be of some assistance in any way. I've been impressed by the district's efforts and proud to be part of this organization through a	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 12:58:37	I think school should just remain in remote learning. Why put our children in danger?		
4/22/2020 12:59:52	<p>I find children to be less inclined to practice safe behaviors. I just walked past three Hellgate High soccer players sitting shoulder to shoulder on the bank of Rattlesnake creek smoking pot.</p> <p>That is common high school student behavior. I know these boys parents and I know they are taking Coronavirus seriously.</p> <p>If schools re open, I will be very reluctant to send my kids back. That seems like a perfect storm.</p> <p>Thank you. 🙏</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 13:01:26	I would like some options for kids to start attending in person starting May 8. I think in person instruction is vital and safeguards can be implemented such as half-days, alternating attendance days, and limited mixing of groups/classes.	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:03:00	Graduation	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 13:04:55	<p>1. I teach extended resource at Hawthorne. 2 of my paras have compromised immune systems and won't be able to return to school when it reopens. What will we do about staffing, as I have a high need class?</p> <p>2. I teach children who are not aware of and don't engage in personal safety measures such as washing their hands thoroughly,. In addition to this, they pick their noses, drool, etc. How will this be handled? My own child has asthma. How can I ensure I'm safe and that I don't catch something I then transmit to my own child, who has a compromised immune system?</p> <p>3. I teach children who are physically aggressive and who we have to be in extremely close proximity to and in close physical contact with. How will this be handled safely if school reopens? How will the district protect both the teacher and the students in these cases?</p> <p>4. Will the district be providing us with PPE, hand sanitizer, Chlorox wipes, etc?</p> <p>5. If school reopens, will teachers be given work days to get our classes back in order? A huge portion of my classroom is at my house and the houses of my paras.</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:05:52	If it decided that students will be returning to school for the 20ish days left in the year, will there be repercussions against families that do not wish to risk the chance of their student(s) getting the virus?	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 13:07:15	Will returning to school buildings during the remainder of the 2019/20 school year be optional, even for kids not in high risk categories? What resources will be available to families that choose to protect our kids by keeping them home? My family has decided to finish out the year at home regardless of reopening UNLESS it's mandatory.	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:07:29	If the school's are reopened, and a second wave of infection hits Missoula, is the Board prepared for the fall out (both in terms of people, but also Lawsuits) from not just the students, their parents but also the Faculty?	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 13:09:38	Covid is contagious even when symptoms are not present. Schools should not open on site while this pandemic is not treatable. I lost a child before. I can't lose another...please...	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:10:04	Hi - just putting this idea out there in case it has not been considered yet: might the district consider a hybrid approach, where in order to lessen the number of students at school each day, students go to school on alternating days, then carry on with online school on their off days? Not sure if that would make much of a difference from a social distancing perspective, but it might. i.e.: Group A goes to school on Tues/Thurs, works from home on Mon/Wed; Group B goes to school on Mon/Wed, works from home on Tues/Thurs?	Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:11:17	My teenage son has expressed multiple times that he views the social distancing requirements as over reactive and unnecessary. This is despite us providing him with facts, data, and information. I fear that opening up schools puts a lot of faith in the youth of our city to respect social distancing guidelines that they don't want to take part in. The potential and likely violation of this faith by our youth puts our whole city at risk. Because of this concern I am a strong supporter of keeping our schools closed through June.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 13:11:35	I am writing to advise that schools not resume this year. The CDC and WHO still recommend masks and six feet of distance between people you do not live with. Schools are completely unable to follow this. Can we provide masks for every staff member and student, limit persons six to a table, eliminate transitions between rooms, provide staff to take temps before anyone enters the building, isolate touched items for two weeks before the next use, pay staff members hazard pay and provide them with adequate sick leave and subs? If the answers to any of those questions are "no" then it would be a major risk and liability to resume. I would personally not allow my son to enter the school this year because of medical advice from the CDC which would require finding coverage for me (as a teacher). I know I am not the only one in that position. I ask that you do the right thing. Thank you.	Paxson Elementary School	

4/22/2020 13:12:59	<p>I just want to share my concern regarding potential reopening of school. My preference as a parent would be for schools to reopen after Covid-19 tests are available for ALL facility, students and their families in Missoula. Please ensure that families must supply the school with test results similar to our requirement to show vaccination records when children start kindergarten, prior to returning to school.</p> <p>Online learning videos and video conferencing is working well for remote learning. Kudos to Lewis and Clark Elementary staff for communicating well and Mrs. Meurer for great lesson plans.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:15:12	Please take the politics and economics out of the school decision. Bottom line is that when I send my child to school I expect them to come home in the same health I gave him/her to you. I understand colds and the flu, but this is neither, and I don't want to have to figure out which one my kid might have or possibly get. We all know how kids behave and their less than stellar hygiene! Let's try to get through remote learning for another month and hope for more extensive testing, according to all experts mass testing is the key to reopening. We will be more prepared and may know more by the Fall school year! Thanks for your time, and thank you teachers!	Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:15:13	<p>COVID-19</p> <p>Please do not open the schools. I don't want my children to have to attend their friends and/ or teachers funerals. My children will not be returning to school if it opens.</p>	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:15:30	<p>1. If staff doesn't wish to return will they have to use sick leave? (Or if living with/ caring for someone in higher risk category) Will they have other options? Early retirement, etc.</p> <p>2. How will teachers make plans for those who keep kids at home and need online learning and do in person learning. There aren't enough hours in the day.</p> <p>3. Will students and/or staff have protective equipment, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies?</p> <p>4. Will technology be returned so it is available for in class learning that requires it?</p> <p>5. Under what conditions and for how long would schools be closed or 1+ positive cases? What if not tested, but told to self-quarantine for 14 days?</p>	Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/22/2020 13:16:14	<p>Thank you for realizing that siblings of at risk students would need to stay home as well. I'm terribly concerned that reopening the schools just for healthy children would make the playing field even more uneven. I am also concerned with how social distancing at a level required to reduce spread could even be achieved on short notice. Additionally, some teachers may be compromised or have family members they cannot risk. I also think the constant uncertainty for kids and families is stressful. If they go back and community spread explodes, they have to come home again. The back and forth is more stressful than a solid plan moving forward. I strongly support keeping the schools in distance learning mode until next fall and taking the time to create a plan for safety.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:16:15	<p>If schools do re-open, my brother and I will not attend because our parents aren't comfortable sending us back to school this year. Will we be marked absent or be negatively affected because of our decision? How would the re-opening affect students who are not willing to attend school for the rest of the year?</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 13:17:06	<p>First of all, thank you for all you've done to support students and families during this crazy time. I also want to make clear that I recognize my privilege: we haven't experienced a drastic loss of wages and are financially secure, I'm a regular volunteer in the schools so I'm already attuned to my kids' schoolwork, and my kids are pretty good students who seem to love learning. I recognize there are challenges I'm unaware of. That being said, I have concerns about resuming school for this academic year.</p> <p>1. I've heard teachers/staff might have to wear masks. This worries me for two reasons: one, that tells me we're not ready to end social distancing and two, it will be really scary for my 7 year old.</p> <p>2. Resuming school means ending online education, but not everyone has the option to send their kids back. For example, my husband has cancer and is immunosuppressed. We would probably choose to keep our kids home to keep him safe. But would that mean our kids (and others in that situation) would miss out on standards?</p> <p>3. Many teachers will not be able to return (if they, too, are in a sensitive group). Are there enough qualified subs to provide a meaningful education?</p> <p>4. I worry about resuming too early and effectively undoing all the hard and important work of social distancing we've been doing for the past month.</p> <p>5. Online learning is working really well for my kids. (I understand I'm incredibly privileged to be able to be home with them to help support the amazing work of their teachers). I suspect there will be intermittent social distancing/quarantine protocols over the next year or so. Wouldn't it be a better use of time to build a really strong online learning environment for when we possibly need to close schools again?</p> <p>For the health of my family and their teachers/staff, it is unlikely I will send my kids back this year. I'm really grateful to everyone at MCPS for the excellent communication and support. I hope you all stay safe and healthy.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:17:38	<p>I'm a 68 yo single mom/grandmom to a 1st and 2nd grader. My death would land my kids in foster care. If the kids return to school, I'd like guidelines. I was an ER nurse and often undressed in the garage and immediately showered when I came home after exposure to something. Would that suffice for the children in my situation?</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	

4/22/2020 13:19:35	How are we going to protect our children if we cannot distance them from one another. The 6 foot rule is arbitrary. A corona virus can travel up to 27 feet on a droplet in a still environment.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:20:51	I am worried about our families, teachers, and extended families getting infected if schools re-open. How will we social distance with 28 kids in a class? Even half the class goes in the morning and the other half goes in the afternoon , the teachers will be there all day, and not every surface will be able to be disinfected during the turn around time.	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:26:56	I am concerned that elementary aged students do not have the mental and social capacity to keep a mask on and social distance from their friends. I feel it is highly irresponsible to reopen the schools this year.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:27:39	With regards to the survey, you may want to ask if parents plan to send kids back to school for possibly only 4 weeks, regardless of a direct covid risk. At this time we as a family are not sure we will send our kids back this year. There are many parents that I have spoken with that are considering the same. With 1 week being get back in school routine and the last week of school being well, "the last week of school" the risk outweighs the benefits. At least that is our current thought.  Another question is regarding our current 5th graders introduction to Washington Middle school. Tours and information sessions usually happen this time of year, but we have not heard anything about this from our Principal. Perhaps a virtual school tour, introduction videos to their 6th grade teaching staff, playground tour, class schedule, Spanish DLI class process etc. would ease the minds of parents and future 6th graders. Thanks!  It's a busy time so no need to reply if it's something you plan on sending out. I look forward to the updates through MCPS or Paxson Principal communications.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:27:55	If MCPS heads back to school, can you create some guidelines on use of physical education, recess, art, and any other manipulative equipment? Since this gear is usually shared from class to class and student to student, how would we manage the cleaning of such supplies, etc. Thanks for everyone's hard work.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:29:07	Don't mess around, just finish the year online and resume regular school next year.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:32:03	What's the point in reopening schools for a couple of weeks, seriously. Is the staff going to be surveyed for potential health risks like student families are? If staff/staff families are at risk, what would coverage look like?	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:37:01	why do you think other countries are still stay at home. We have higher rates then Italy and we want to reopen Bright idea You are putting at risk people in more danger. People will not do the social distancing. You watch the rise of covid cases will increase in a few days!! Need at least another 2 weeks!!!	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 13:37:02	I am concerned about my child falling behind this spring and the possibility of her being held back in the fall. Is this something I should be concerned about? Will the teachers be able to address any missed time and assignments when schools reopen? How do I as a parent express my concerns about continued school closures with the board of trustees? Do parents get a say in what happens after May 7th as far as schools being reopened or staying closed? Please let me know. Thank you! April 22, 2020	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:38:20	Hi I realize you have many emails, ideas, and thought processes hitting you about Covid-19. I will list my concerns and thoughts: 1. Seeing that our schools include mass gatherings – I do not believe the risk is worth the reward of bringing students and teachers together at this time. Students will become vectors’ for this virus and bring it home to parents and siblings. 2. My son lives in Italy and they are months of stay at home orders ahead of us and Italy is Not Open yet. 3. Why should we risk people’s health and lives so soon? 4. We are so close to the end of the school year – students are engaged. 5. As a teacher, I am Very concerned about my own health in returning to school. 6. I believe many parents will keep their students home. 7. We are still seeing Covid-19 cases in our state and we have just had 4 more deaths. 8. I do not agree with Gov. Bullock’s Phase 2 orders today. I believe based on what is going on around the state, country, and the World – this pandemic is Not over. 9. Ask you to NOT OPEN MCPS until Next Fall – if it is safe.  Sincerely, Jeanne Veteto Sentinel HS Educator	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 13:44:35	I’m concerned with opening the schools too early. As hard as this is for our family and many others, I do not want to see the exposure and risk increase while we still do not have vaccinations or effective treatments. Please explain the benefits of opening for only a few weeks before the summer time.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:44:39	you can’t separate kids enough. Breakfast, lunch, kids/staff with diabetes, Crohns, receiving cancer treatments/pregnant. Or have family members with any of those. Not enough weeks in the year to restart. I don’t want a kid blowing their nose or sneezing by my boys or even in the classroom. There is no way to social distance in the halls. I don’t think that many kids would come back for a couple of weeks. I’m also a teacher at Meadow Hill	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 13:45:06	I am wondering whether any consideration should be taken if/when reopening as to whether or not students have a healthcare worker in the home. This could impact the student's risk of exposure. As a physician, I have some concern about sending my child to school if it could mean increasing the risk to other students. Thank you!	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:46:26	Will you provide an opportunity for families to give feedback regarding whether they would like to see school back in session or closures extending through the spring? Will there be any consequences for children whom families choose not to send back to school this school year?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	

4/22/2020 13:47:09	As much as everyone in our family would like to go back to school, I truly feel that it is not safe or reasonable to do so until the fall. It's too much to assume that schools can ensure that kids will properly social distance, and to assume that people will keep their kids home if they're sick or have a sick family member. With the end of the year so near, it's such an easy solution to keep our kids and communities safe to continue with remote learning until the end of those school year. MCPS has done an awesome job preparing remote lessons, and should continue to do so. I would hesitate to send my kids back even if schools did open. As a teacher myself, I can't imagine trying to go back to school with some students while also continuing remote instruction. It would be impossible, unsafe, and unnecessary.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:50:24	The risk of vulnerable populations contracting covid 19 seems to outweigh the need to have our children in the tight quarters and recirculated air of public school. What on earth is more important right now? Certainly not a few weeks of exposure that could otherwise be avoided. Please do not risk our families with a premature reopening of schools.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 13:51:50	I don't think schools should reopen this year. We haven't had enough testing to show how many people in our community are asymptomatic carriers. I have watched kids all this time running around, playing together and hanging out and parents ignoring social distancing rules. Schools struggle to manage outbreaks like strep and flu (and lice) let alone something as infectious as COVID19. Too soon.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 13:53:46	My concern as a parent is for my 9-year-old, who is a leukemia survivor and continues to struggle with immunity. We would opt to keep her home, but that's difficult for me as a teacher. How about social distancing and safety measures? Will kids go to school in shifts? Full day? How do we keep them safe?		
4/22/2020 13:53:46	Another concern I have is as a teacher—many parents won't send their kids back. So what remote learning exists for them? Or will we provide both? I've heard we won't do both face to face AND remote learning, so that's a tough decision for parents to make.	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 13:55:27	The risk of vulnerable populations contracting covid 19 seems to outweigh the need to have our children in the tight quarters and recirculated air of public school. What on earth is more important right now? Certainly not a few weeks of exposure that could otherwise be avoided. Please do not risk our families with a premature reopening of schools.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 13:58:45	Please don't forget how hard our kids have worked all these years. The Class of 2020 deserve a Graduation. Please make it happen. Thank You	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 14:00:08	As a substitute currently working a long-term sub position at Paxson Elementary, I would not be able to return to teaching in-person due to having a child with a weakened immune system. How will the schools function if there is even a low percentage of teachers that can't return?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:01:45	The second round of Covid-19 will be worse than the second. We have taken all of these precautions already, what is the point of risking all of our students, staff and other employees. I am a teacher myself in another district and I cannot even fathom how I am going to manage going back if our school decides to. I hope you will keep our states well being in mind and not now to the political game being played.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:05:06	If we aren't supposed to gather in groups over 10 with 6ft in between, how will going back to school ensure following those guidelines. I have just recovered from cancer and have struggled with my immune system. Having my kids exposed to kids who are exposed to families that we have no control over how they are managing safety precautions for just 3 weeks of school seems irresponsible. Re-engaging students after two months off will take 3 weeks alone.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:05:07	I'm hoping that when the schools re-open, that there will be a new (and enforced) handwashing protocol established for all students. Research shows that handwashing programs in classrooms can significantly reduce the spread of illness and reduce absenteeism compared to classrooms where students are allowed to wash hands at their own volition. For example, specifically ensuring (and monitoring) that students wash hands before their first class, before they eat (and are most likely to have their hands in contact with their mouths), after going to the bathroom and before they leave at the end of the day are key aspects of an effective handwashing program. (Washing hands at the very end of the day may also be protective for families at home.) Studies also show that handwashing is much more effective at reducing illness than cleaning/disinfecting of classroom surfaces. So if the school district plans to put additional cleaning/disinfecting guidelines in place, it is essential that the same or more attention is also given to handwashing protocols to have the greatest impact.	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 14:11:07	Do the benefits outweigh the risks here? Is it going to be okay to choose to continue the quarantine?	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:15:37	Our preschooler is high-risk, medically. We cannot send our two high school students back to school and risk our preschooler's health. My wife works for MCPS. She cannot go back to work for the same reason. I have altered my schedule to work from home. How will healthy students who cannot go back to school in order to protect family members be impacted if you restart school?	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 14:16:10	My concern is the sanitation of common areas and classrooms between classes. My other concern protection of staff and students through use of masks and access to hand sanitizer and hand washing. Also allowing students who are vulnerable or unable to attend the possibly to stay home and attend class via zoom or some other avenue to complete their studies for this year. These are my concerns and just as all adults are not complying with social distancing, masks and stay at home orders, some students will not as well putting each other at risk.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 14:18:23	I am a Special Education teacher whose students do not and will not practice social distancing. I share a classroom with a colleague undergoing chemo for cancer. I have a young adult son who takes weekly immunosuppressive injections for Crohn's disease. I myself have only one working kidney. As there has NOT been extensive testing for COVID-19, and no immunity testing, I believe it is much, much to early to return to our school buildings. I have been working extremely hard to design relevant lessons for my students, to be online daily as often as needed, and to reach out to my students over and over again. Please do not risk all of us just to return to a building. I need us to remain in online learning mode for the remainder of this year, and I HOPE we are safe enough to return next fall.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 14:26:20	My concern is regarding the possible re-opening of school. With over 1000 students at Big Sky, just coming in the front door (there is only one entrance) will be a challenge to keep students 6 feet away from one and other. Not possible. The hallways are always crowded. This is just an unsafe scenario for everyone!	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 14:26:48	She has a compromised immune system	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 14:28:31	What about students with IEPs that receive special instruction and are not doing well with online learning? Is there a chance that these students can meet one on one (or in small groups) IN the classroom for better instruction?	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:30:41	How will MCPS manage to keep our children socially distanced while at school if classes return before the end of this school year while COVID 19 is still affecting most of the country?	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 14:31:57	I am looking forward to filling out the survey mentioned in the last email. I believe it is incredibly erroneous that the Board will make a decision on May 5th when the current extension is only through May 7th. This is a special circumstance and I wonder why a special session/vote cannot be arranged. My children will not be returning to school due to COVID; we need to know if we are going to have to poise our family to truly homeschool across the rest of the school year. Knowing if we will need to pull them for the year is necessary will be a good communication.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:35:30	I simply do not see how schools can reopen AND still practice social distancing. And for only a month. I think it would be safer to reopen next fall and continue online learning.	Jefferson Early Learning Center, C.S. Porter Middle School	

4/22/2020 14:35:47	I feel strongly that Missoula should NOT reopen schools this year. It is too soon. We need to wait until we have deployable testing in place. It is important that we continue to stay home when and where we can. There are so many at risk groups that putting families in a position of chowing their kids schooling vs a family member's health won't work. It will be half empty classrooms that would be impossible to teach. As a parent who is high risk I implore MCPS to remain closed for our students, our hospital workers, our community and our kids. Please do not add a possibility of re-closing by reopening. Let's this year be what this year is: a move to online schooling and time to understand this virus so we can make an informed decision in the fall.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 14:35:54	I do not feel comfortable having kids go back to school yet. Especially if masks were needing to be worn. That just says to me that it is unsafe. It also seems like a slap in the face to all the people who have sacrificed so much already to have something horrible happen. Sacrifice again at an even greater cost. The teachers have worked so hard on the online learning and to just disregard that for three weeks of unsettled at school time seems harsh. I hunk it would also polarize the community and be very detrimental to the community as a whole. Outing those that can afford to stay home to stay safe to those who cannot afford that.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:35:54	Please keep schools closed til fall to ensure the slow open phases are working. I have a child and I'm immune-compromised. Thanks for your consideration.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 14:37:56	I am completely opposed to the schools reopening. There is no way to have social distancing. Even one student dying is unacceptable. An additional concern is that the children could bring the virus home to parents and grandparents. Please don't even consider restarting classes for the sake of all.	Lowell Elementary School, Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:42:16	It would be disastrous to open public schools before the fall semester. Because of natural distancing and a timely shutdown, Montana has had very low rates of COVID-19 circulation. The population has no immunity, either from disease spread or immunization, and if we pack students into schools too soon they will bring this deadly virus home to their families, including the sick and elderly. It is not inconceivable we could become overwhelmed like NYC, which kept its schools open even after detecting community spread. As we slowly reopen business there will be communal circulation of the the virus, hopefully slowly enough to prevent a healthcare crisis while people recover and gain some degree of immunity. Hopefully, also, a vaccine will be developed and distributed. However, if the schools are reopened this spring, each of us will likely know someone who has died of this pandemic.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 14:42:30	Don't understand how social distancing can even be obtained in classrooms, hallways, libraries, recesses & during lunchtime. Both of my children, including my high schooler, are a bit afraid of going back & asking questions about safety.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 14:43:36	To Whom It May Concern, I live with my nephew and niece who attend Franklin Elementary. They are the third generation in our family to attend Franklin, which is particularly important when you consider that my grandfather attended when it was no more than a one-room school house. Franklin and Missoula County Public Schools have consistently made informed and impassioned decisions on behalf of the students, families, teachers and staff, and I don't foresee that ending anytime soon. That being said, I do think it is important for schools to remain closed for the duration of the academic year. The number one priority should be the health and safety of students, families, teachers and staff. One of the primary ways to prevent COVID-19 is social distancing. The classrooms and facilities are not set up to allow effective social distancing, and even if they were, children would have a difficult time observing social distancing. This will more than likely be a breeding ground for COVID-19 to spread, often showing itself as very mild symptoms in children. On a personal example, my niece and nephew live with my mother as well, and she has emphysema. Should she get COVID-19, she will, at the very least, be hospitalized, if not pass away from the virus. This prospect to me is incredibly impactful and my situation is not isolated. There are many children, parents, teachers and staff members who are either high risk themselves or live with people who are high risk. Opening the schools after May 7th will be a recipe for illness to spread. Another aspect that should be considered is the mental health of those in the MCPS community. Children right now are more than likely feeling insecure after having to learn distant learning, adjust to a different schedule and go through a pandemic that they don't have the capability of understanding in many respects. By sending them back to school for a month, that will be another psychological stressor that is unnecessary and entirely avoidable. They have already adjusted to online learning and as such, they should be allowed the chance to thrive in that environment rather than forcing them back into the traditional school environment that they have just un-learned. If this were in January, going back to school may be understandable, but given the timeline, it is not a necessary or productive measure. I know this is a difficult decision and one that should not be taken lightly, but for the health and safety of Missoula community members, I implore you to keep schools closed. Kindest Regards, (Email Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:44:54	My biggest concern is social distancing children in schools to keep them healthy. I don't understand how that can be done.	Lowell Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 14:45:27	There is no wide-spread testing in Montana. If my daughter goes back to school this year, I want to know who has the virus and who does not. That information is not currently known. My daughter is cared for by me and by her grandparents. I am immune-compromised—and not able to get the hydroxychloroquine I need, which makes me more susceptible to this virus. Her grandparents are nearly 80 and are both diabetic with high blood pressure. My daughter can not afford for any of us to contract COVID-19. If school is re-opened this spring, I would hope there would be an option for students whose families are very high risk, such as continuing to allow students to attend school from home.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 14:46:00	I would like school to remain closed for the rest of the year with in person classes resuming in the fall. Hopefully the extra safe guard will allow us to have a mostly normal summer and protect our teachers and vulnerable community members.	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:46:04	I do not think it's safe to start school back up. I don't see a way to get kids to be socially distant while at school. The district needs to spend some time figuring out how to do this safely.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:46:59	My children are out of district BUT my sister and father both TEACH at MCPS schools. I'm immunocompromised. I'd have to break quarantine with them. My family's safety and health is important. Also, kiddos are confused. Reopenings couldn't be "normal" and putting children through that change again, for such a short period of time seems both hasty and unwise.	Franklin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 14:49:09	I am deeply concerned for the health of at risk teachers and staff. Many of our teachers and staff are in high risk groups, by age or preexisting condition, and to reopen schools puts them in harm's way. While I also worry about students and their families, I feel that because teachers and staff will not be able to opt-out without harming their livelihood, this puts them in an even more difficult and unfair position. Please do not reopen schools for at least another two weeks past May 7th.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 14:51:25	Please do not reopen the schools. There is no way to make this safe. I used to work in the schools. There's no way to keep social distancing. everyone will be sharing the same small bathrooms where the contagion will easily spread. Children and teachers will be sitting in the same classroom all day together sharing germs across the air. Teachers will get sick and die. parents of the children you are having come back to school will get sick. And extended family members. everyone is struggling right now with the quarantine but we will be in ever so much misery when we start losing our friends and neighbors. Please leave them closed for the remainder of the school year.	Willard Alternative High School Program	

4/22/2020 14:51:36	I have two MCPS students in attendance my daughter is a 5th grader and my son is in 8th grade. I would like to express my deep concern regarding reopening schools for in-class learning. I feel that the school board in charge of protecting one if the most vulnerable populations, our children, would be careless at the very least and even dangerous to put children and teachers in a position that could potentially harm them is unethical, unbelievably irresponsible and reckless. I urge you to keep schools closed through the end of the year in order to monitor and protect our children, school staff and faciulty. As a parent, keeping my children safe and healthy is paramount and I will not be allowing my kiddos to return to a face-to-face classroom setting this year regardless of your decision. It is my hope that the decision to reopen heavily weighs on the OPI and takes into account the innumerable negative consequences of reopening our Missoula schools. Before making a decision to put all of these community members, young and old at risk please consider the possible repercussions of this action. Thank you for your time	Russell Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 14:55:28	Our family appreciates all you have done to provide our boy a good education during COVID-19. We're burdened by having him at home during the workday; however, we feel this inconvenience far out ways the risk of reopening schools. He is in second grade. He only remembers social distancing with direct supervision, guidance, and regularly does contagious/gross things with his body fluids. We'll leave at that. He is eight and delightfully unaware of these things.  We would prefer to keep him home for the year.  If you are to open schools, we ask that you stagger hours of attendance to cut class sizes and move all desks at least 6 ft apart from each other.  Even with these steps, I'm confident our boy will not follow distancing and spread germs not because he is careless, but because he is eight.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 14:57:41	for safety, it's too soon to open schools; for academic success, it's too late to open schools. Please keep out community safe and keep them closed.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 14:58:27	I am concerned proper social distancing can't be maintained in schools, even with advanced measures, and the dangers this creates for high risk students, teachers, and family members. Kids will simply forget and touch each other, common surfaces, and themselves spreading any occurrences of the virus quickly. I also recognize schools remaining closed can be hard on families with both parents working. There is no easy answer. However, the answer that keeps the most people safe is the correct one.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:00:18	This is more just a comment/suggestion... These are serious and difficult decisions. And you have a serious and difficult job. Thank you for serving our community.  I hope that some form of school can take place in May. A few thoughts: - certain grades go certain days (easiest with elementary and maybe middle school) - half of one grade goes morning, the other half afternoon (again easier with elementary and middle school) - for H.S., perhaps certain class periods attend on certain days with larger classes being split (i.e., Period 1-4 Last name A-M: Mon 9-9:45 and Last name N-Z on Tues 9-9:45) - for those kids that need to be at home, teaching shown via Zoom so those students receive the same instruction  I hope you will poll teachers - see what they desire, what they feel will work. After all, you and I are not in the classrooms or teaching online (unless you're a parent helping) so they are our greatest resource in what is best for instruction and for students.  Just some thoughts. Most teachers and most students would like to be at school at least part-time. It's better for all of them. However, staff and student health is also important, so a part-time schedule allowing for some in-person instruction might be a solution.  Thank you for your consideration and taking time to hear from parents, students and teachers. Because life doesn't happen in a bubble, your decisions shouldn't either and I sincerely hope you involve these groups in your decision-making.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 15:00:56	I fear that infections will increase, undoing the work of sheltering in place from the past month and endangering our students, their families, as well as ourselves.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 15:02:13	I feel that it may be too early to have kids go back to school. especially for it being the first phase of "opening business".	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:02:42	How are you addressing testing? I believe regular testing for the virus would be the first priority since most who have the virus are symptom free.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:02:46	As much as I would love the kids to go back to school, it seems like it would be impossible to maintain social distance and would thus set us back as a community in containing the spread of this virus. I have a senior and hope that we can find some creative way to celebrate these kids, given it likely won't be a traditional graduation ceremony.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 15:04:18	We have a high risk family, IF the schools do re-open will there be an option to continue at home learning because I don't feels it's safe for my kids to return at this time.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 15:04:18	I am very concerned about students returning to school this year. They are large gatherings with high rates of spreading illness and transferring to others as well as at home. As a parent I will not have my kid returning this year period. If you decide to open, you have to allow for families to keep their kids home without any repercussions. With asthma in our house, we absolutely can not get this infection. Putting our kids, families, teachers and community at high risk is ill thought out. We don't have proper testing available yet! 4 weeks of school is not worth the risks that will become reality. Please please please finish out the year online.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 15:06:16	I feel that there would be too many people in one place if school reopened. I would feel more comfortable not sending my daughter to school. The risk is still too high.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 15:13:01	Has any consideration been made of Germany's concept of having the older kids at each level return to school first, which allows for more space distancing and assists with level transitions?	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 15:13:03	Is there going to be a vote available for parents about whether or not WE feel it's proper to reopen schools this school year?	Big Sky High School	

4/22/2020 15:15:59	As we look to a gradual reopening of schools, I would like to encourage the district to consider creative solutions. For example, perhaps students return 2 days/week so that class sizes are halved, the other days are remote learning, and the 5th day is either for at-risk students or teacher prep. Please don't hesitate to ask individual families and students to make sacrifices for the good of the community. For example, I am willing to keep my kids learning at home knowing that they are missing out on a lot of learning and social development, if it means that kids most at risk of falling behind have an opportunity to learn safely. (Note: no email response is needed)	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 15:17:44	I strongly urge you to counsel the Board to leave schools closed and continue with remote learning until the end of the 2019-20 school year. Given that our state has not yet seen a decline in COVID-19 cases as of April 22nd, it isn't prudent to relax social distancing in early May. Although we are a small community relative to large urban areas, our hospitals cannot handle a surge in cases given the small number of ICU beds. Respectfully, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 15:21:26	<p>I am writing to ask the Missoula School Board of Trustees to please consider reopening our schools the week of May 4 for the remainder of the school year. The incidence rate of COVID-19 has been low in Montana, especially compared to much of the nation, and seems to be on the decline, thankfully. While this has been a very challenging time for everyone, in my opinion it has been especially challenging for our children. The level of isolation they have endured, lack of social interaction with their teachers and peers, lack of an in-person learning environment, have impacted them in unprecedented and unknown ways. With the use of common sense safety precautions, please let them return to the classroom. They want to go back to school, and for their mental well-being, they need to go back to school.</p> <p>I am also writing to ask the Board of Trustees to please allow high school graduation ceremonies to occur in-person, not via virtual ceremonies. Consider allowing just immediate family members to attend (parents and siblings only) if necessary, but please allow our graduates the recognition and celebration that they deserve and have worked so hard for. These seniors have already missed out on so much over the last month and a half. Please don't make them miss their graduation celebration as well.</p> <p>Respectfully, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 15:23:46	Can I elect to continue distance learning for my three kids even if school resumes.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 15:31:18	<p>My child has special needs, we do not feel safe returning him to school-he is unable to maintain social distance and personal hygiene.</p> <p><del>We would prefer to continue with remote learning until fall.</del></p>	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:31:35	I believe that re-opening our schools this early is a grave mistake. The consequences for the students and the teachers will be a terrible increase of health risk. Schools have no way to enforce social distancing rules. Teachers will be at risk. Some students with underlying health conditions will have to be left at home. Families with a member with underlying health conditions will find themselves in a very difficult place to make decisions. Overall, re-opening schools for one month and taking the risk of a second wave of virus spreading will cancel most of the efforts we have put in this fight up to now. I understand that there are serious and important concerns about children who do not have a safe place to be. Let us work on helping these children who need our help the most. Continued lunch program is a must. Increased funding of shelter and focus on the most vulnerable population would seem highly recommended. But a large scale re-opening of schools for all is simply dangerous. Please keep our children safe.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:33:19	We have children in our home with special needs and sending our first grader to school unnecessarily increases the risk of exposure in our home. We have had success with remote learning and wish to continue until fall semester.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:34:19	<p>Student Comments, Questions &amp; Concerns:</p> <p>~While school &amp; education is essential, remote learning should continue as it will be impossible to remain social distancing guidelines and cleaning precautions with so many students in our highly populated MCPS schools.</p> <p>~What if even one individual is asymptotic? Do the costs outweigh the benefits?</p> <p>~Yes, we would like to go back to school; but, now it's is not feasible since many of us are the sole income for our families &amp;/or are taking care of older generations so will choose to not attend.</p> <p>~Can you make physical building schooling mandatory during a pandemic? What about those who choose remote learning over the other option?</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 15:56:23	I work for Child Bridge, a non-profit organization that finds and equips families to step into foster care and bring children who have a background of trauma into their homes. I am deeply concerned about the drop in reports of suspected child abuse and neglect to the Centralized Intake Hotline. Every family that I support has reported their foster kids regressing in behavior. The families I support can handle this change in behavior, but I worry about dysfunctional family systems. Instability in housing and jobs for parents, increased stress in anyway, often amounts to an increase in abuse of children. Our teachers are front line defenders in identifying kids who are in danger. I would like to see the schools open before we break for the summer so that responsible adults can get eyes on all of the kids they serve and report abuse and neglect when appropriate.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:56:27	Please allow a few weeks to evaluate the repercussions of phase 1 openings (churches, retail, bars, restaurants) before opening schools. IF number of cases increases under phase 1, please continue online learning. In short, please proceed with caution.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 15:57:41	My concern is that, overall MT is doing fairly well of managing Covid-19. I believe it's due to our sheltering in place. As we go through phases of opening our state we'll see a spike in new cases and possibly over stress hospitals and testing facilities. As a country we're not caught up on ppe and tests. I think it's too soon and too risky to open schools this year.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 15:59:25	I would prefer school to open up in the fall. If it opens in May, I will keep my 3 kids home for the remainder of the school year.	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 15:59:42	I am the Grandfather and legal guardian of a Big Sky Freshman. I am 70 years old and my his grandmother is 63. My concern is that all the teachers and students should be tested before going back to school, for obvious reasons. In normal circumstances kids bring home illness, but during this highly contagious situation there should be complete testing.	Big Sky High School	



4/22/2020 16:01:34	During the next phase we are to limit ourselves to groups of less than 10. The smallest classrooms are 20. Our school populations are in the hundreds. How do you justify opening schools again under these guidelines? Can you guarantee children and staff will be safe? Please be specific.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:01:43	Please do not open schools back up, it's too dangerous. Don't play Russian Roulette with our kids lives,	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:02:10	<p>I understand what a heavy decision this is for the school district but I urge you not to reopen the schools after May 7th. While I understand we are all anxious to get back to life, I think it would be incredibly irresponsible for a number of reasons.</p> <p>Our kids are just starting to wrap their brains and be emotionally settled doing online learning. Reopening, and in light of all of the rules that would need to be in place to ensure safety, would be incredibly overwhelming and I believe for many, emotionally more than they should have to handle.</p> <p>Additionally, every day children are brought to school despite being sick, hundreds of kids go to school while sniffing, sneezing - how are you to ensure this doesn't continue? I've read temperature checks but as you know, many who are sick aren't even displaying a fever initially.</p> <p>I understand that even if a school reopens there may be an option to keep our kids at home and have them attend remotely, however, for many of Missoula's families, including mine, this still means sending my husband to teach every day and him potentially getting ill or him bringing the virus home to us.</p> <p>I am so sorry that you are all having to face such tough decisions and I hope you will consider this before doing something that will put our teachers, students and our admin at risk emotionally or physically.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I wish you well!</p>	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 16:04:19	I work at Lewis & Clark. And I would like to express how unwise I think it would be to reopen the district this school year (2019-20). Realistically and logistically I do not think it is in the best interest of our students or our staff to resume school unless and until there is a better handle on this virus.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:06:39	Very concerned about starting back to school teaching as a person in the high risk category, with a husband also in the high risk category. There doesn't seem to be a way to protect me from exposure when I teach 125 students every day plus a huge study hall!	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 16:08:10	The school being able to meet the cleaning requirements along with the social distancing requirements still required to keep individuals healthy. Also many teachers may not come back because of their own health issues. How will the district have enough staff to cover classes?	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 16:11:35	Hi - I am a parent of a senior and hoping the district would be open for alternatives to a virtual graduation. So many parents have voiced their concern and a lot of students including my daughter would rather not have a ceremony at all if it's going to be virtual. There are so many great ideas going around that are very doable (while following social distancing regulations). I feel there should be an email sent out from each high school to senior parents to get their ideas heard and then the ideas be voted upon by the seniors themselves so they have a voice and get to pick their own ceremony (following Covid regulations, of course). It would make it a little more special for these seniors who have already missed out on so much! I will also be forwarding this note to Ryan Rettig. Thank you for listening to our concerns.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 16:14:04	Schools should remain closed for the remainder of the year. It is not worth it to reopen them when there are only a handful of weeks remaining in the school year. If we allow school to reopen too early, students could get sick and spread the virus or not even know they have the virus and be asymptomatic and bring the virus home to loved ones and others who are vulnerable to this virus and they could end of dying. We need to wait until more is known about the virus before reopening the school. Hopefully students may be allowed to go back in the fall but only if it is then safe to do so.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:15:28	Do not open schools. Bullock's plan is shockingly flawed. Testing, testing, testing. Protect our students, and teachers. Don't waste our hard work only to have this happen again in the fall.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:16:47	<p>If reopening,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. will the district be providing hazard pay and hazard insurance?</li> <li>2. How will social distancing be enforced on playgrounds? In classrooms of up to 30? Hallways? Restrooms?</li> <li>3. How will equipment be sanitized? Gym? Books? Lockers? Door knobs? Lost and found area? Shared desks? Counters? Chairs? Offices? Tables?</li> <li>4. How will teachers be compensated for continuing remote lessons for students that cannot come to school? Learning how to sanitize all of their equipment and teach in a covid world?</li> <li>5. How will the district provide coverage for teachers to wash their hands between classes?</li> <li>6. Will the district be providing masks and gloves for staff and students?</li> <li>7. How will the district handle it when staff and students start getting sick?</li> </ol>	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 16:16:47	I cannot imagine how to safely socially distance with so many people back in the buildings. It doesn't seem worth the risk. Especially the ability of younger children to monitor their coughing, sneezing, and where they put their fingers (because they do). I hope the district plans not to return this year and use this time to plan for fall safely.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 16:18:37	<p>It simply does not seem safe for kids to be back in school despite the governor lifting the stay at home order for schools. Bugs and germs circulate widely and easily at school and it's just too risky at this stage of the pandemic.</p> <p>Many kids may have their own health issues, as well as family members with issues that make them too vulnerable to exposure. In addition, many parents will not feel comfortable sending their kids back to school and then teachers will have to figure out how to accommodate both at-home learners and remote learners, making their job that much harder. Even if they do go back, it would only be for about a month anyway, so why risk it?</p> <p>This lifting of the stay at home order seems premature and aimed mainly at appeasing those that value the economy over lives. I don't think our schools should feel pressure to</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 16:19:53	What if the schools reopen and we choose not to have our children come back. Will they be able to finish the school year online and still graduate and move on to the next year?	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	

4/22/2020 16:20:16	I'm concerned with the children going back and being in such large groups and close quarters. We still have community spread in Missoula and I don't think it is right to assume we are safe just because the governor says so. In past situations such as this, once quarantine is lifted more people have become sick and or died than before the quarantine. I feel that it should be at the parents discretion to decide if there children should go back this year. I feel that the current home school set up should continue to be made available for families who choose to keep their children from school further.	Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 16:20:31	I have neither. I truly believe the deciding factor will have the children's best interest at heart.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:25:30	The kids are losing their minds. But there is a real public health concern. To compromise - is there a chance of a partial opening - 3 days per week?	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 16:26:29	I am unclear as to how our building can possibly meet the Guidelines for Reopening Schools with such a short window. Our Building is under significant construction limiting movement as it is. We have many staff and students who are at high risk for terminal outcomes to a disease such as COVID 19. I recently had surgery for cancer and was sick with viruses 3 times in the ensuing month. I do not want to come back and be exposed to hundreds of students who's families are using various health standards/social distancing practices and could be carrying a deadly virus . Our staff, students, and families just adjusted to remote learning which exhausted many. To ask them to adjust again for some combination of remote/live learning for 3-4 weeks of school, much of which will be spent re-engaging kids and helping them manage the whirlwind of the back and forth seems irresponsible. If we cannot guarantee access to all, wouldn't this open up potential FAPE issues? Ensuring social distancing between teens does not seem possible in a high school. How will we manage to fill the gaps our immune compromised staff will be leaving? Our sub pool is small as is and many are elderly/retired or have health issues of their own. And importantly, we would be in violation of the CDC phasing recommendations of no gatherings of 50 or more people until we can establish widespread community testing and a reduction in positive cases.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 16:28:59	I do not feel safe sending my daughter back to school this year. It also puts me at serious risk for COVID complications.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 16:37:56	How can social distancing be maintained within a school setting? If MCPS opens, can remote learning remain an option?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 16:40:17	My daughter catches everything. Has a very low immune system. I will not be sending her back. Are you going to assist with kids that have an auto immune system that the parents don't want them back in public yet?	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 16:43:43	I teach English online to kids in China. They were to start school at the end of January. As of today they are not back in school. They all know the severity of this virus and while children aren't as susceptible they can transmit it. Opening our schools is a death sentence to our country! There's no reason to open with three weeks left in the school year. Whatever the politics this would be willful neglect to the citizens of our state and country. I will not be sending my son back to school and will fight any repercussions of my decision.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 16:45:39	I think that we should look at options for opening school. Distance learning is not working well for my child with learning disabilities. If business are opening, the schools should be able to find a compromise in styles of educating. The virus will not be gone by fall and we have to come up with a compromised solution other than absolutely no physical school. Our students will suffer. Stores are open and people are being exposed in some settings all over town. We are not completely isolated unless we choose to be. Let students and parents choose to take precautions if they feel it necessary. Regular school isn't feasible but we never thought that remote learning would be either and somehow a temporary solution was found. Now let's find a new temporary solution that combines both options.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 16:47:49	Please allow for a graduation ceremony to take place for our students. Graduation is a very important passage of life that our students have worked hard to achieve.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 16:51:27	I believe the risk of re-opening schools far outweighs the pros. It would be impossible for schools to truly enforce social distancing guidelines for all students. And even though children are at a reduced risk for contracting the virus, they can definitely carry and spread it. Also, with only a month of the school year left, it seems unlikely that students will greatly benefit from in person instruction, since settling into another new routine at school will take a couple of weeks.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 16:51:48	Our son, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), is a junior at Sentinel. He has really, really struggled with online learning during the coronavirus shutdown. He's very extroverted and thrives in an in-person, interactive learning environment. But being isolated has led to depression for him (we've had him talk to a counselor and took him to see his doctor), and he has been unable to get anything done. He's pretty bright -- he's normally about a "B" student, he got a 30 on the ACT in December, and he's currently in some dual-enrollment classes and an AP class. But now I'm worried he might fail several of his classes and not graduate on time. We hope the school district will consider some in-person summer school "catch-up" options for kids like James who have struggled the past couple months - perhaps a way to make-up missed work, and have that reflected in their Spring 2020 grades.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 16:59:49	Is social distancing possible? I don't think it is - if there are 30 kids in a class how can they be 6 feet apart?  Also, how about lunch? Even if all kids are wearing masks, they'll have to take them off to eat and then they've exposed themselves to the air that might be carrying the virus.  Also, I'm concerned that since many parents will understandably keep kids home, will teachers be expected to maintain both a full online and face-to-face course load? That would be quite a lot of work.  I think we should absolutely plan on how to deal with reopening, because I think we will have to quarantine again in the next year, but with such a short time left in this school year, I think rather than rush and make a poor decision, we should finish the year digitally and prep for how to deal with this efficiently in the future.  I know both students and teachers are missing each other and school badly and would like the world to return to normal, but it isn't worth the risk of a COVID 19 spike that I think has a significant chance of happening if we reopen now. Thank you for your time!	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 17:07:56	Have teachers sanitize desks before each class and hold graduation on football field... Please open school up... if parents don't want to send them.. that fine they continue remote learning..	Big Sky High School	

4/22/2020 17:09:03	Students should not be required to return to school until next fall or until testing, tracking, and vaccinations are available. We are in the midst of a public health emergency and it is unsafe to put our children into an environment where they risk exposure. Additionally, there is a great possibility that commingling students will become vehicles of transmission to individual households throughout the community. Thank you for your consideration.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 17:18:44	If the Board elects to return to school this spring, please consider an option for students to continue distance learning should the student's parent(s) disagree with the Board's decision or for special consideration for students or families at higher risk.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 17:19:44	I strongly feel that Governor Bullock has unwisely bowed to political pressure and is re-opening schools too soon. While as one of two working parents I know that having schools closed is a hardship, I hope that the Missoula County schools will NOT move forward with a May 7 start date unless they have made SIGNIFICANT changes in classroom size and structure. If they choose to rush into reopening, I hope they will at least make allowances for parents like myself who are unwilling to send their children back to school under this timeline without penalizing our children for their "absence"	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 17:20:10	What would be our options for having a daughter who has a history of respiratory infections due to her asthma? Her chances are much higher to get COVID-19. I'm also an MCPS employee, how would that work with my position if I kept both of my children home instead of sending them to school? Obviously I haven't made any decisions just seeing what the options may be. Thank you for your time.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 17:20:16	I think it is much too soon to consider jamming thousands of students and staff together, because distancing will be next to impossible to maintain. My niece lives with us and attends Sentinel, and both my son (who goes to Lolo Elementary) and I have asthma issues. He was a preemie who has had respiratory challenges from common viruses his whole life, and we have been extremely vigilant about seeing no one outside our family and doing only grocery pickup. Throwing that away so either of them can sit in a classroom for three weeks is 100% not worth it to me	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 17:25:20	I do not support opening the schools until next year. My daughter is in the midst of cancer treatment. Her little brother will not be returning to school in order to protect her. I commend MCPS teachers for their incredible job and to the principals for their leadership. The MCPS food program is outstanding. It is not in the best interest of teaching and school staff to open as well. They have their health and their families to be responsible for. Thank you for your time.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 17:25:22	I have no concerns with starting kiddos back at school. I feel that those who do have health issues should have the option, but children should be in school even if it is for a short time near the end of the school year.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 17:25:42	Who will care for my vulnerable population mother if Covid-19 is introduced into our household? What evidence is necessary to present to MCPS that my child (or I, as I work in the district) contracted Covid-19 on school grounds, so that your insurance can pay for our medical bills? How many tests will the school nurses have on hand to test students and staff as needed? How many tests have been procured from the state for a valid amount of sample testing of our population to ensure our general safety?	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 17:26:12	I strongly urge you to keep the schools closed for the remainder of the school year and resume instruction in the fall as conditions allow. It is too risky to send children back into crowded school environments. Elementary students cannot possibly maintain the social or sanitary protocols needed to eliminate the chance of a second wave of community transmission.  I am grateful for the hard work of the teaching and administrative staff in making educating at home work as well as it has done. It is not worth it to go back to in person instruction at this time.  I think it was irresponsible to put this decision in the hands of the school board. Trustees are tasked with making decisions around education, not public health. Re-opening the	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 17:28:47	You can't expect teachers to teach live classes AND remote learning. You cannot ensure adequate social distancing in school. Classes such as PE and music pose enormous risk. I would hate for the worst to happen and have one of our teachers, students or staff succumb to the virus. How would we recover? This puts those most vulnerable in our communities at higher risk for complications were they to contract the virus.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 17:30:28	I am against sending our children back to school this year. Their health and safety need to be our first priority and if our federal and state governments are not going to do it, then we as parents and educators need to make that decision. Our educators are already under enough stress with switching to remote learning and services and to ask them to switch back with so little time remaining in the school year is unfair. Also many teachers and school administrators are over the age of 60 and may live with people at high risk. Its unnecessary to put family's at risk. Please make the right decision to keep our community safe and finish the school year with remote learning. Thank you.	Washington Middle School, Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 17:31:36	Please don't open schools before the end of the year. I worry about the teachers getting sick, along with the kids.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 17:35:43	We have immune compromised people in our home. With the back to school date being tentatively May 7th, what resources will be available to families that have to keep kids home longer?	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 17:39:06	I would like to know that we have the choice to send our son to school if the schools do open? I don't feel that it is safe to send our children to school for the rest of the year. It's just not safe. Too many parents send their kids if they are sick as it is so it would be even worse with Covid-19.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 17:39:23	My daughter is at high risk due to her asthma, if school is reopened she will be unavailable to attend, also we live with her grandmother who is also high risk too. What will be done if students are unable to return, will they continue with online?	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 17:40:19	I have a high risk student that I will not be sending back to school if you open it for a month! I have another child that will not return do to the fact I don't want her to bring anything home to our house! If I was able to vote I would vote for remote learning for the rest of the year! I don't have a Senior but suggestion would be to hold an out door graduation	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 17:40:30	Too soon and too risky to bring the kids back.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 17:47:15	I think this opening is premature. My husband has severe asthma and other member of our close family are immunocompromised. I do not want to risk exposing them to community spreads because we rush to get our children back to physical school. Additionally, elementary school children will be very difficult if not impossible to enforce six foot distances between them. Please don't rush this and risk the health of our community.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 17:53:31	My concern is our kids that have compromised immune systems and their siblings returning to school so soon, cases are still on the rise. I don't want my kids going back to school and having one or both of them getting sick, especially the one with heart disease. At least if they are home I can control how many people they and myself come into contact with. You never know how or if other people are actually practicing social distancing, and good hand washing. Schools are like a petri dish for germs.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 17:54:43	Germs!!!! That's silly keep schools closed until next year	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 18:03:10	I do not think the risk is worth reopening schools for one month of instruction that may have to be cancelled again anyway.	Big Sky High School	

4/22/2020 18:06:22	I would like to voice concerns over the possibility of our schools reopening this school year. My children live in the home with more than vulnerable, high-risk individual. One of these people works in a nursing home with dozens of other vulnerable individuals. The potential for my children to bring home the virus from school is too great, and so are the potential consequences of that possibility. Dozens of lives could be lost due to the exposure of one child, and my family is not the only one for whom this is true.	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 18:07:22	I think you should consider reopening schools with a staggered learning 1/2 day. mwf classes 8-11:30am, T/Th classes 8am-12:30. Stagger so the schools are less crowded but so that at risk kids (abuse/neglect at risk) kids can get some face to face instruction in a density reduced environment.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 18:08:27	I am a teacher at Sentinel. My request is simple: please do not approve of MCPS re-opening. It is not safe for anyone.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 18:09:08	With only 1 month remaining of school once the order is lifted, WHY put kids and families at risk? Thats not much time for school but A LOT of time for exposure and transmission. I also feel that our kids have had enough change. Some kids are very routine, and the upset of home schooling was difficult enough. I think then changing it up again - even if it is back to more of what theyre used to,will throw some into a total tailspin. Especially with the changes the schools will have to enact such as ensuring masks are worn (ya, right, kids arent going to want to wear them in front of their friends), ensuring hand washing, social distancing, the list goes on. The schools should take the rest of the school year and get it done while working on a safe plan of action over the last month and summer, to start school in the fall. This virus will still be around and with people taking vacations, which Im sure will be happening if states start reopening, the virus is going to come back in full force.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 18:09:26	Please consider the information about COVID-19 that we have not gathered yet because of the lack of time there has been since the beginning of this pandemic, research that has been done because of the short time frame and the young lives at risk. We look to leadership in these times, and trust that our trustees are going to put the well-being of ALL young lives at the forefront of this decision.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 18:20:23	I'm wondering if maybe just the Seniors could go back to school. There would be some shuffling of classes but classes with other than just seniors could be put on zoom. That way they could have one last month with their class with much less risk. I know you'll say that's not possible, it would be too hard on staff or whatever but why not at least discuss it?	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 18:24:09	Or maybe let Seniors go to school until noon. There has to be some way to give them closure on HS. Will there be a graduation ceremony and may I still order a cap and gown.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 18:27:37	1) I'm concerned that social distancing would be impossible in the school setting without constantly policing kids to make sure they keep their distance, which seems like a huge burden for teachers. 2) I'm concerned about the increased use of disinfectants in schools, particularly disinfectants that contain quats, a chemical that is an established asthmagen and has been linked to reproductive harm 3) When children do go back to school (and I think this is a good idea regardless of pandemic), whenever that happens, a handwashing protocol should be put in place. Research shows that handwashing programs in classrooms can significantly reduce the spread of illness and reduce absenteeism compared to classrooms where students are allowed to wash hands at their own volition. For example, specifically ensuring (and monitoring) that students wash hands before their first class, before they eat (and are most likely to have their hands in contact with their mouths), after going to the bathroom and before they leave at the end of the day are key aspects of an effective handwashing program. (Washing hands at the very end of the day may also be protective for families at home.) Studies also show that handwashing is much more effective at reducing illness than cleaning/disinfecting of classroom surfaces. So if the school district plans to put additional cleaning/disinfecting guidelines in place, it is essential that the same or more attention is also given to handwashing protocols to have the greatest impact on our children's health." Thanks.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 18:28:16	We have just spent 5 weeks in isolation, to help prevent EVERY Montanans health and well being. If we release all students back into the same school how are you going to ensure social distancing and keep those high risk students and employees safe? We either need to agree to comply with social distancing guidelines OR go back to school. We cant do both. We risk negating everything we have been working hard to create. I understand reopening the economy, but putting our educators and students at risk is not in anyone's best interest	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 18:31:31	I am concerned that there isn't a safe way to social distance at school. Most classes have at least 25 kids each and it concerns me that there isn't enough room to keep them 6 ft. apart. If just one kid contracts Covid-19 it could run rampant through the whole school and then be brought home to more at risk family members.	Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 18:31:38	If so be crazy to opening schools. There are so many reasons why... we finally have our students and teachers in a groove and now to change again... it's just a lot. Teachers will just be in triage. Pressure on custodians... secretaries... the logistics are insane.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 18:32:48	It is foolish to think that elementary school kids will keep a mask on and what happens at lunch? Opening the schools this year is a terrible idea	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 18:35:39	Im very concerned about reopening the school because it took the teacher a lot of time to get the online version up and working to the point where the kids understand. They aren't going to be able to adjust back to being in school setting for the last month of school. We also don't know who those kids are in contact with outside of school so it a higher chance of people getting it. I think we are jumping to quickly and we might regret it	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 18:35:40	I'm wondering if the option to continuing education online until the end of the school year is going to be an option if schools will be opening back up? I for one do not feel comfortable with my child going back to school and being in close contact with so many people.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 18:36:28	I'd love for my senior to have these last times and memories with her classmates. We also have a freshman. I'm wondering what 2 weeks in school would matter or put them in possible harms way? Is it irresponsible of us to go from self Quarantine, to just allow 2 weeks left of schooling?? I'd love my senior to have this time. She's a brilliant young woman who's the top of her class. (She's going to MSU for engineering.) I'm very conflicted at this point. I also believe they should have a graduation. Possibly limited and small. I hate the parade idea and/or virtual. My dad has terminal cancer and his only wish is to watch his granddaughter walk down that isle before he dies.	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 18:37:05	Stay home, stay safe. Graduatuon: can u at least do some kind of walk up and take diploma from faculty down the sidewalk in front of the school. Many kiddos may not be able to come back in August for a larger ceremony. Also, what about a virtual prom, or I e in the field outside so they can social distance.and.yet have some sort of prom.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 18:38:53	How does Hellegate plan to keep social distance in the classroom and lunch room with a student body of 1,300?	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 18:45:14	Will Seeley Swan High School have to follow along with whatever Missoula schools decide about opening back up before the end of the school year ?	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 18:47:12	I would like to ask that you consider the difference of SSHS to other Missoula county schools (mostly size), and don't treat them as a "one size fits all", when making your decision on whether to allow the kids to go back to school. Please treat them as their own entity. The small size should enable them to return to school. I also feel that there is a way that SSHS could hold a graduation ceremony, with restrictions. There are only 19 seniors at SSHS. Hold the ceremony on the football field, with designated areas for each student's immediate family (allowing social distancing) and restrict the number of family members allowed. The ceremony could be live-streamed for those that were not able to make it. As I said, SSHS is very different that the three large high schools in Missoula. They don't get the funding and perks that the other schools get, maybe you can make up for it by allowing them a graduation	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 18:47:16	Going back now would be absurd. You are putting teachers and students at risk.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Hellgate High School	

4/22/2020 18:52:08	We should open schools with the option to attend or do online learning at home. Many people have to return to work with restrictions lifted but have no means of childcare due to no daycares being open. With that said high risk students or students with high risk families should be able to stay home and still learn remotely. Students with no health concerns should be able to attend school	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 18:55:22	Would it be possible to lengthen the school year for taking another covid19 break (anticipated this fall/flu season)? Could we realistically reduce class sizes by rotating days? And could you provide ample administrative leave for teachers/staff/cafeteria workers/bus drivers with health concerns? Forcing teachers/staff/bus drivers to accept this risk without additional pay is simply not ethical.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 18:57:47	I am concerned that should school resume in early May, my son will be in a position where social distancing is going to be basically impossible. My husband (my son's father) has ALS, as such he would be considered an at risk member of the population. Although our son has not been terribly motivated to get his work done, he has definitely improved in this aspect. I feel that it would be foolish to send the kids back to school for the remainder of the school year.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 18:58:37	I am asking that you please consider Seeley Swan differently than the other MCPS schools as we have a smaller amount of kids/staff than other schools....please at least let them graduate even if its via virtual graduation or an outdoor ceremony. I have a senior that would very much appreciate it! Thank you so much for all of your hardwork during this unprecedented time & trying to do what's best for our kids. As a parent, I cant tell you how much I appreciate all your time & effort!	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 19:06:36	I do not think it is a sound choice for school to reopen. I believe this based on cdc guidelines and science. I am not sure my children would return. I hope MCPS Board of Trustees will consider the health of everyone.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 19:07:49	Please open the schools! Just wanted to give a voice to one parent wanting schools to re-open!	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 19:12:13	We would like to have a graduation ceremony! These seniors have already lost out on the opportunity to participate in Spring sports and chances for scholarships through track and golf! They have earned the right to stand up and be recognized by family friends and community.	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 19:15:16	How can social distancing possibly happen, and how do you prevent little children as well as high schoolers from spreading germs, and how much testing will take place whether there are symotoms or not	Franklin Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 19:16:27	Please consider having an alternate graduation plan, or leave it up to our staff, for Seeley Swan seniors. Our population and class size is not even close to what the Missoula schools are dealing with, and therefore, should not be dealt with the same. We could easily social distance our class of 20 students, and even allow parents of each student attend.	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 19:17:41	We will be risking the lives of those with compromised immune systems if we reopen schools. My youngest son has underdeveloped lungs and severe asthma. I have ongoing chronic health conditions, am a single mom, and cannot risk the health of my family.	Russell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 19:27:23	I feel like schools should remain closed for remainder of the school year or parents have the option to keep their child/children home. I don't feel comfortable sending my daughter back	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 19:28:25	If schools open for the rest of the school year, I believe this is an excellent opportunity for teachers to discuss what a virus is, etc. It's also a great time to discuss proper hand washing techniques and find ways to encourage washing during the school day to become a normal routine, even if it's tricky for teachers to find the time. Life skills!	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 19:30:34	My name is (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), I am a senior at Big Sky High School. Like many of you, I watched the press conference with Governor Bullock. I would like to voice my opinion and say I believe schools should stay closed for the remainder of the school year. I understand there are a lot of seniors that want school to stay open because of prom and graduation but the truth is that at these large gatherings there are many people all in close settings, defeating the time we spent in quarantine. I think it is crucial to end the year so that we can reopen during the fall giving enough time for the virus to settle even more then it already has. For most students, by the time a decision has been made about reopening, there will only be a month or less of school, so why let schools to reopen for that time and increase the risk of starting up something again. There may be a second wave of this virus and we could slow or even prevent that wave by ending the school year now. I think we as a community and as a school district should focus on the reopening of the fall year so we can go into the next year with more confidence.  I hope that this email can be read and thought of when you make your decision. Thank you,	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 19:32:17	My kids will not be attending school if the schools are reopened. We have friends who live in Japan and are directly dealing with the consequences of opening too soon. Will you continue to provide the online schedules for students who's parents have decided that they will not allow their kids to go back to school?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 19:32:51	How do we keep the kids 6' apart. We're so close to the end of the year that we might as well not risk it.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 19:44:52	I don't think we should allow students to go back to school yet. Scientists and doctors say it isn't a good idea. I vote with them.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 19:44:57	I hope the school board decides to keep schools closed for the remainder of the school year. I am not comfortable returning my children to a congregate setting at this time, and believe it will unnecessarily spread covid 19 across students, staff and their families. We have already made the difficult transition to remote learning, and I would prefer to finish our the school year with remote learning rather than transition back to in person school for a small remainder of the year at the potential detriment of public health.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 19:47:24	I think I it is to early to opean schools. I think they should reopen in the fall. Plus they got a little over a month tell they are out. Finish schooling at home online tell fall. Then reconsider.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 19:48:51	My grandchildren attend MCPS. They both compromised respiratory systems, including asthma. Their custodial parent also has autoimmune diseases. My husband and I assist in their care as well as the care of our mothers and my grandmother. We all, are 60+ in age and have a plethora of comorbidites, including pulmonary diseases and cancers. I am a former nurse and have no doubt lifting social distancing measures will cause a resurgence of Covid 19. The school year is nearly over and children and families have adjusted to remote learning. Children will need time to readjust to returning to school. Schools are not equipped to social distance and children do not understand the gravity of doing so. The benefit of minimal gain in classroom learning does not out weigh the risks of doing so. I deplore you to not use our children (the voiceless) as a "testing" product and that you consider the ramifications to extended family as well. Please continue remote learning the remainder of the school year.	Lowell Elementary School	

4/22/2020 20:03:06	Want to know in detail the measurements that schools will be taken to avoid the spread of the virus, containment in case of detecting a case, tests for all the kids and teachers? How are you going to know they are ok to be together (adults included) if the majority of kids are asymptomatic, and they can play the role of the fastest vector, spreading the virus to all family members and so on within the community. We are a family of four with one person being very susceptible to getting sick, and this is not the best thing we were hoping to hear from our Governor. We hope the schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year. Why not just keeping them closed, if it is only one more month? That way we are flattening the curve even more, and many more people will remain safe for longer. Teachers already did a big amount of things by teaching online so far, can not see why we should not do the same for only ONE MORE MONTH	Jefferson Early Learning Center	
4/22/2020 20:09:38	I don't think schools should open for the rest of the year. Or until Montana has no new case's.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:13:34	I do not want schools to open. There is only a short period of time before school ends. There is Covid-19 community transmission right here in Missoula. I am high risk and there are older staff at my children's school who may be high risk also. Summer vacation begins in a little more than a month. There is no need to put anyones life at risk for this. There are many irresponsible parents in this town who put themselves, there children anyone else in there circle of social contacts by not practicing any type of social distancing. Just step into Walmart and watch the parents with there kids strolling around and touching merchandise and there faces like it's any othr care free day. I know there's a lot of frustration with the possibility of some missing graduation ceremonies and proms but that is life and that's what all this is about. Life. My kids will do fine for the remainder of the year learning from home and there "living" teachers have been amazing.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:26:29	I dont agree with opening the school for a month of frustration for teachers and students... especially with those that have paranoia. I believe my son would be more affected by the social interaction than learning. He's on the spectrum. Super healthy, but not cautious and he has a way of stating factual information that might not help soothe social interactions. He has expressed his concerns about this opening day because of the COVID19 warnings this far. He has kept himself secluded. I personally as his mother and ultimate decision maker would like to inquire upon what the actions/consequences would be if we chose to not allow are children to go back to school. Please advise. Thanks so much! Best of luck to you all and I hope you and your families are well. ~Kate	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 20:26:46	Please reopen school and as needed consider student participation on an elective basis. If parents are uncomfortable with an opening, then allow them to keep their students at home and sort through remote learning options.  The lack of direction and decentralized, fragmented, approach to curriculum delivery has not been an effective path to educate children. We have a first grade student and today (4/22) was the first time since closure he's had an opportunity to see his teacher. Students need accountability, resources, and communication. Families need consistency. Thanks for taking our thoughts into consideration.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:28:57	A friend in the medical field texted me today saying she hoped teachers didn't have to go back for this reason: I am really concerned about teachers and their viral load if they go back to the classroom. It is suspect that those with a higher viral load get more severely ill from this virus, despite good health. Teachers would definitely be in the category of being subject to a large viral load: <a href="https://www.statnews.com/2020/04/14/how-much-of-the-coronavirus-does-it-take-to-make-you-sick/">https://www.statnews.com/2020/04/14/how-much-of-the-coronavirus-does-it-take-to-make-you-sick/</a>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:30:21	Missoula has community spread coronavirus now. That has not stopped. If we open schools now we are guaranteeing people die directly from that decision. Schools need to remain online until new cases stop emerging. It is irresponsible for the community for our elders for our health professionals to restart schools at this time. Lives matter more!	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 20:33:02	Returning to an environment that will not have ability to maintain social as distancing. Requiring the students to wear a mask, this will only increase the amount of times the touch their faces.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 20:33:57	I would like to voice my opinion for not fully re-opening schools. There is no way to maintain social distancing, mask wearing and other guidelines outline by the CDC in a classroom full of young children. As someone who is struggling with homeschooling, I see the need for some students to access educational tools outside of the home. Perhaps there could be an optional way for students to spend even one day a week in the classroom with a limited number of students?	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:34:00	How are you going to ensure the health and safety of students and staff in a school with 1,000+ students? How are you going to provide for continued distance learning (for those that choose that option) and in class learning?	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 20:34:46	Oopening schools currentlv is unrealistic and unsafe. I'm disappointed as a parent that we are even entertaining this option. My concern is that it will be hard to maintain social distant. I recommend letting seniors and kids that need extra help complete at school if need be. Let the others finish online.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 20:39:17	As of yesterday's health department report 180 people are in isolation and being monitored. That is the number we are trying to monitor with our small number of active coronavirus reporting's. How will we monitor potential cases if we open up schools? The system could easily be overwhelmed. Please be strong leaders now and keep our schools closed And save lives.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 20:41:39	I have sever asthma and I am occasionally having to use oxygen. I cant catch COVID 19 or it will kill me. My kids cant be at risk to bring this home.	Franklin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 20:43:26	My senior is just devastated about missing school even though she understands why it had to happen. Not having a real graduation is not why and what all the seniors have worked so hard to achieve for the last four years. Let's let them have a real graduation to send them off into the real world. Let them celebrate this wonderful achievement that the deserve!!	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 20:44:29	Dear School Board Members,  For the safety of our community, I would prefer that you keep schools closed for the remainder of this school year.  Thank you for your consideration. (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FNU)	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 20:46:38	I don't have children but I have a spouse that works at a science based educating non-profit that works with the schools. All the science says we are going to have a second wave. Why risk making it worse.	Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/22/2020 20:47:17	Will there be homeschooling resources available for those families who do not feel comfortable sending their kids back to school this spring?	Russell Elementary School	

4/22/2020 20:50:04	My concern is that the risk of spreading the novel coronavirus is high in the school setting. The elementary students will not be able to maintain social distancing on entering and leaving school or likely during the day. I'm not willing to risk my family. I am also a healthcare worker. I cannot add the additional risk of my child bringing this virus from/to school and home. Unfortunately, if school begins again, my child will not be attending. I do not believe that the school system can handle this without ample time to prepare. The remote learning is a perfect example of how much time it takes to prepare as it is understandably chaotic and inadequate for all involved. Take the summer, figure out how to do this correctly.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:50:41	I am concerned for our teachers, students and families if we return to school this spring. So many people in our community have underlying health issues. Classes are all over 10 kids and kids are NOT able to socially distance. Making our teachers police that would not be fair. What do we gain by going back for 4 weeks or less? This is a risk my family will not take.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:50:59	I think it is to soon to send our children back to school right now. There would be no way to have social distancing in place in schools. Plus a lot of students have family members who have health issues. It is not worth risking someone's life just to send the kids back to school in my opinion.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 20:52:03	I am concerned that it is NOT safe for our children to be back at school, in big groups, and exposed to so many other kids. I am terrified that they will come in contact with kids and bring co-vid 19 to our home, into our family, and affecting our loved ones and grandparents. Please don't start school till the Fall until we can be sure that our children and our families can be safe.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 20:55:32	I do not see a possible way to keep our students, families and staff safe at this time from the spread of Covid 19. If there is a way to provide PPE for every child and adult in the school, followed by proper steps at home, then I think we could mitigate the risk to at risk populations, but at present, we don't even have testing or PPE for our health care workers!	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 20:56:22	Do Not Open This School Year	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 21:00:40	Speaking as a mom who has a kid with asthma I would choose to keep him home to prevent him from catching the virus since he is at risk. And with that, it's only a month and 1 of the 2 of my children actually are doing good at remote learning. It's only a month and let them go back in the fall. The only thing my oldest is missing out on is 8th grade promotion but we will just have our own celebration for that. My family is already at risk because my husband is an essential worker and could bring the virus home to us any day.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 21:01:07	I am concerned that high school students will lack the ability to socially distance if they go back to school this spring. I am afraid it will result in either large amount of students getting sick or becoming infected. Also that that could compromise the health of older family members, grandparents, and family members who's health is already compromised. I do not feel safe sending my high school student back to school until we are assures testing, tracing, and other essential safety measures are articulated.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 21:02:50	My daughter is immunosuppressed & has multiple autoimmune disorders- she is in the high risk category. If schools re-open is there an option to keep her home continuing with remote learning through the end of the school year? What accommodations are you considering for kids like her? Thank you!	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 21:03:26	Please don't open schools. It's way to dangerous for everyone. Keep the kids safe, keep them home.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/22/2020 21:14:34	My concern is about MCPS opening back up this spring. I feel that it is too early based on Covid-19 concerns.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 21:19:20	What steps will be taken to ensure the continuation of social distancing and how do we protect immunocompromised children and staff?	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 21:27:22	My concern is for my child that is immune compromised and his sibling bring something home to him. If school is to resume how do you intend to follow social distancing standards?	Seeley Swan High School	
4/22/2020 21:31:14	I do not want to see the schools reopen before we can guarantee the general safety of staff and students. As it is already close to the end of the year, I hope that the safe route is taken and schools remain closed until August. I miss my students terribly but I want them to be safe and healthy. The district has done a wonderful job of supporting families in this challenging time. and I think this support could continue for 7 more weeks.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 21:32:49	An overwhelming majority of certified staff at Porter believe it's unsafe to reopen our schools at this time. There are too many staff, students, and families at risk, and we would be unable to even come close to meeting the guidelines established for safe reopening. Thank you. We want to be there for our students. but not to put so many at risk.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 21:33:05	My child has 3 grandparents in town at higher risk of covid19. Having my child go back to school before we have better and more accessible testing, including testing of people who are asymptomatic makes it more difficult for our family to protect our at risk family members. The health department just started expanding testing to those below age 65 this week and they are reporting that they believe community spread is more prevalent than our current testing shows. I feel our testing infrastructure is not yet established enough to open back up the schools, and as hard as it is for my child, and as much as he misses school, returning now doesn't feel worth the risk.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 21:34:30	We won't be bringing our daughter back to school this school year regardless of what the decision is after May 7th. It's too many kids in one place and there is no physical way to provide safe social distancing while we try to end this pandemic. Everyone is one their groove and as much as my kids miss their friends and teachers, the transition back for one month would do more harm than good. Everyone would be carrying on in fear with all cleaning and having to potentially wear face masks. Thanks for considering. -Mother of 4 (2 in Target Range district, one in MCPS and one homeschooled)	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 21:35:50	How is it possible to keep students 6' apart at all times? If they are able to stay 6' apart, how do you ensure they will wear face masks? I am afraid for my children to return.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 21:35:57	Please do not open the schools. I am concerned for the safety of the staff, the students, and the families. There is not a feasible way to maintain any sort of social distancing, and how will you feel if one person gets Covid-19, and that results in a death that would have been presented. Safety should be our first concern, and on line schooling is working well enough.	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 21:36:18	6 feet seems impossible for bussing, even for middle school kids, much less first grade... how can we even make this work?	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 21:41:31	Opening schools before theatres and gyms open seems irresponsible and hazardous. If it is not safe to go to the gym it probably isn't safe for 500 to 1500 students to gather in a building.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Hellgate High School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 21:42:12	Keep them out of classroom setting remainder of this academic year. There will likely be another peak in the virus and the schools are far too crowded and will be financially over burdened. Finish this year on line as the colleges plan and see everyone again next fall. Graduation ceremonies should happen late May or early June after NOT being back in the classroom.....keep them healthv so the seniors can have ceremonies!	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 21:46:27	My Daughter gets sick so easy and this really bothers me with her returning so soon Until we are sure it is safe .	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 21:46:58	Will kids be penalized if they choose to not go back on May 7th?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 21:47:55	How is it going to be possible to adhere to safe social distancing if school is back in session? These kids are already not taking it very seriously.	Sentinel High School	

4/22/2020 21:48:06	With no vaccine, testing for non symptoms with proof most are asymptomatic why would the schools consider reopening at all this year??? Seems very irresponsible and risky. Also there is no way to make a school especially ones that were just remodeled, social distant compliant. Parents send sick kids to school all the time, with horrible coughs, fevers etc, what's to stop and who would be checking 500 + kids into school each day?? Not reasonable and not safe, I would not be sending my children back, I have RA and the risk is to great to "see what happens" without anything in place	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 21:48:38	My son has severe asthma and I am very concerned about the risk of exposure to COVID-19, what interventions will be in place to ensure his safety while at school?	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 21:49:07	I have a 1st grader at Hawthorne. Her little sister is high risk. If sxhools reopen the school year I will NOT be sending my child. I think schools need to.wait to open until the fall. I think it is irresponsible to open schools up right now. I do not see how you can keep children wearing masks and socially distancing from each other.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 21:49:19	What are the thresholds MCPS would need to see with public testing for Covid 19 before being comfortable exposing students and their families to relax social distancing standards and restart school?	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 21:51:58	1) If school does not reopen, how will the missed learning be made up? Will they all just start the next year behind. What about those with IEPs and 504s who are struggling to meet grade level in a normal school year? 2) Will there be opt-out possibilities for those who do not want to risk exposure? 3) Will partial day options for core learning to reduce the number of students in the building at one given time & allow small group learning? 3) how will you prevent sick kids from attending? In normal circumstances parents send their kids to school ill. Will temperatures be taken at the door? 4) If school does not reopen, will there be more opportunities for students to have live interaction with teachers & peers? My kids who have live video interactions tend to be more engaged in learning. 5) If school does not resume, Will there be a Bootcamp option for all grade levels to engage with peers & teachers before the next school year? 6) Is the transition from in class learning to remote learning & back to in class learning a reasonable expectation of both schools & families with the amount of time left in the	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 21:54:24	I'm concerned about bringing people together in tight spaces, but I'm also worried about my kids missing their friends and teachers. Thank you for all that you have done!	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:01:09	I'm concerned about reopening on May 7th. My son got whopping cough last year and I think that having that many teens together again could cause the virus to spread. The teens that I've talked with don't really comprehend the severity the virus.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 22:09:11	Please do not reopen schools on May 7. Our children need to be kept out of situations where they are exposed to many people, the spaces many people occupy, and the many surfaces those people touch throughout a school day. I understand this is not an easy decision to make. But I am not in support of reopening schools for the remained of this school year.  Please continue distance learning and begin working with the community on readjustment measures in the fall. Allow the greatest minds in science and medicine to create and implement strategies to safely fight this virus. Do not rush this.  Every member of our family is high-risk. And while our son may not suffer as bad as the adults should he get sick, it is unfair to put him in a position where he is potentially exposed to the virus and can bring it home to us. He could lose his mother, father and grandparents from Covid-19 if it is brought into the home.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:13:11	I am an active MCPS volunteer ELL tutor and a retired teacher. I oppose re-opening of schools this spring. As much as I love my work and miss my students, and the teaching staff at Lowell School, I cannot fathom how children would maintain any kind of social distancing; how one janitor would manage to keep surfaces clean; how you'd ban children from using the meager - and planned for replacement - permanent playground equipment in the shared park, and the other shared things like soccer and basketballs; how you'd keep children from touching their faces or the littles from, say, picking their noses. Why would you put teachers in a position of having to choose whether to potentially expose themselves and their families, and parents with having to make a decision whether or not to send their children into a virus incubator to become vectors themselves? I know distance learning is hard for everyone, but let's not rush into reopening before we have extensive virus testing and isolation of carriers, which was what Bullock promised but has disappointed on. Please	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:17:54	I don't have a student in school, my brother teaches at C.S. Porter and his wife works at the hospital in Missoula. My parents returned to to Montana almost a month ago and have been self quarantined to be on the safe side. I'm hoping that at some point in the next few months the numbers will drop and I can feel comfortable enough to spend time with my family. Opening the schools will cause havoc on spreading covid through people unaware that they have it.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 22:19:04	I want my child to go back to learning with his teacher and in person with tactile materials like TEXT BOOKS and hands on experiences rather than online. But I am very concerned about the ability to keep social distancing in schools. If there were plans for extremely limited class sizes, taking temperatures and pulse/O2 monitoring, shorter class times (even outdoors where there is adequate ventilation) and assurances of cleaning standards I might feel reassured. We will most certainly have a spike in cases once these orders are lifted and I think we shouldn't rush back. How can we maintain a 10-50 person crowd limit depending on the requirements? There is a lot to think about before it happens...	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:20:39	I am concerned about sending my 4 kids back to school so soon. One of my kids has asthma and is prediabetic. I don't feel comfortable without a cure in place and so many unknowns.	Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 22:20:41	At this time, based on the all information received, do not wish to have the schools reopened for the remainder of the school year. We have 5 children enrolled in MCPS, 2 of which are considered higher risk, and can not in good conscience advocate for their returning to in classroom learning. The risk of infection to my children, their classmates, the teachers and faculty is too great for me and my wife to feel comfortable sending our kids back at this time.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	



4/22/2020 22:21:07	<p>My concern is that it is still too soon for schools to open. There are families that have high risk family members or rely on childcare from a person who has a high risk family member. My son's daycare will not open back up this school year. I have no people available to watch him while I go to work.</p> <p>I am a para at Sentinel High School, but I feel like I should be checking three more boxes above. My son attends a very small in home daycare. The lady only watches four children. Two of the other parents work at Washington Middle school. Two of the children attend kindergarten before they go to daycare each day. They go to Lewis and Clark and Chief Charlo. In a tiny daycare of only four children, this is five people, coming from five different classrooms in four separate schools. All of these people would be going to the same house every day. It is too dangerous for our daycare provider and her family. Two people in that house are at high risk.</p> <p>This is just one small case. Imagine how scary this could be for a bigger daycare!</p> <p>I will not go back to Sentinel this school year. I will continue to be available to my students through email and Google classroom for the remainder of the school year. I am available and "on call" for my teachers and students all hours and days of the week. It is exhausting, but I would rather do this while keeping my extremely busy two year old home with me, so that the people we care about are safe.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 22:22:55	I don't have kids in school anymore , but I have teacher friends that I love and care about. I also have friends with kids that don't want to send them back to school because it is just not safe. Kids don't understand social distancing. Give the kids a chance and let's not let this virus spread anymore. Keep teachers and their students safe. They have risen to the challenge to teach online .	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/22/2020 22:23:57	I beg you to please carefully reconsider opening school. There's not much of the year left. Why risk illness and possibly deaths. I am a grandmother and will no longer be able to see my grandchildren if they are forced into an unsafe environment. This isn't sharing the flu! Please do not put our entire family at risk as well as the wonderful teachers and staff. I beg you.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:27:53	I do not think that schools should reopen this academic year. There is no way that any kind of social distancing can happen in school. It will be way to easy for kids to bring home a virus and infect their family, and while they might not be as likely to develop symptoms they are all too able to be carriers. My family has a high risk member living with us.....I will not risk sending mv children back to school. even if they do reopen.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 22:28:16	I'm 72 years old and live with my son (a single parent) and his 2 children. Distance learning is working well for us. My son, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), and I feel that in school lessons should be discontinued for the remainder of the school year. There are many folks out in the community who are not following safety guidelines. This is of great concern to us. Our family has been self isolating since before the shutdown and will continue for as long as we need to.	Russell Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 22:30:35	Concerned about opening back up, as nothing has changed since the day they closed. I don't see a feasible way of keeping elementary kids at school and socially distanced unfortunately. No email response necessary.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:34:18	School should remain closed.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 22:41:27	Please do not open school yet. It will undo all the hard work we've done this last month of sheltering in place	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:41:35	Have teachers been polled about feasibility of CDC guidelines and ability to implement with full school opening?	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:42:31	My kids are so sad to be missing school and homeschool is really hard for us since both parents work!! That being said, opening school seems very high risk and needs to be done with the utmost caution. Such a tough decision. Our family would fully support the decision to stay closed until fall.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 22:45:01	<p>I do not think it is wise to send our children back to school with only a few weeks in the school year remaining. My kindergartner would struggle to maintain physical distancing or wear a mask for a full school day. Not only that, but this has been a huge transition being pulled out of school so suddenly and would only result in another difficult transition getting used to a new norm for the remaining few weeks. It seems like it is in the best interest of our children to keep them out of school for this year and focus on strategies for a safe and appropriate reentry in the fall. The virus will still be here at that point and this would give more adequate time for schools to make necessary preparations.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	

	<p>How can students go back to school safely when, logistically, it's often not possible to keep social distancing in check throughout the day in a school? Examples: hallway congestion, student proximity to each other at lockers, eating lunch in a cafeteria, classroom space is too small to accommodate social distancing, cognitive awareness of appropriate social distancing of younger students or special needs students, etc.</p> <p>I'm concerned that some individuals won't take the restrictions seriously, such as not wearing face masks, social distancing and staying home when sick, thus putting my kids and the rest of my family at risk of close contact community spreading of the virus ...We've seen this in the last year with Pertussis.</p> <p>It is known that individuals can still carry the virus and be without symptoms. This is a huge concern when considering reopening schools.</p> <p>The district already has a sub shortage. If teachers get sick or need to stay at home because they are immune compromised or taking care of family members, there won't be enough subs to fill the positions. We would be asking individuals to risk their own safety and health to sub for a vacant teacher, when sub pay is minimal and without insurance benefits.</p> <p>If we open the schools and another surge of the pandemic hits our state, essentially we would be asking our students, teachers and parents to go backwards...Subjecting individuals to more stress and trauma, potentially increasing and deepening mental health concerns.</p> <p>How can we facilitate online learning and campus learning simultaneously?...There will be some people who simply cannot go back into the schools, due to being immune compromised. Creating online and campus learning, simultaneously, will cause an increase of workload for teaching staff, thus causing concerns of tapping them out, increasing stress, burnout and mental health concerns.</p> <p>We already have a routine and system in place for online learning. Though it is not the most beneficial for best practices in teaching or learning, it is already established and is the safest scenario in an environment that has many variables and unknowns for the immediate future with the pandemic.</p> <p>As an employee and parent, I don't feel safe going back to work or sending my children back into the schools. There are simply too many risks to open the schools.</p> <p>Sadly, if a student or staff member were to contract Covid-19 due to close contact community spreading within a school and die from complications from the virus, what are the ramifications. legal or otherwise for the district if schools are reopened too early?</p>		
4/22/2020 22:49:02		Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 22:52:05	I am concerned for the safety of the children and the teachers if we return to school too quickly.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/22/2020 22:57:14	How will they decide on if a child goes on to the next grade if schools remain closed or what will they do to make sure the child is ready for the next grade	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/22/2020 23:00:19	You should continue distance learning for the remainder of this school year. Not worth risking people's lives. OPI looks like it's recommending you not re-open. Also, there is not a safe way to keep physical distancing of 1200 students in classrooms. If we can't have more than 10 people in a group for another couple of weeks, it makes no sense. Not worth the risk.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 23:00:56	I strongly prefer that our school remain in remote learning for the duration of the school year. Thank you for everything you do.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/22/2020 23:02:32	How are children supposed to social distance if the schools reopen? That's impossible. Especially with school out for summer session soon , reopening seems like an unworthy risk. Many parents, as myself-will not allow our children to go back this school year. Especially when many of us have family members who are high risk. Please do not reopen.	Franklin Elementary School	
4/22/2020 23:04:07	Can you tell me why the kids couldnt just finish the year online? If schools re-open, What if we choose to not send our kids because of a high risk family member?	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 23:12:40	I am concerned about the safety of returning to school this year. I do not feel that it is safe for my children to return until covid cases are at 0 new cases for Missoula county for a minimum of 14 days. Social distancing seems impossible in a school setting and this poses a risk to staff and students. It also seems strange to resume so close to the end of the school year. Let's err on the on the side of safety and resume in the fall.	Washington Middle School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/22/2020 23:14:47	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

4/22/2020 23:20:02	<p>There are too many risks to students and staff to justify going back to school for a month.</p> <p>How do you protect students and staff who are immune compromised or special needs? Many younger or special needs students require close personal contact from teachers and paras. Also, many special needs students do not understand how to interpret new rules and changes. These changes will probably severely disregulate many students. This will likely lead to some violent outbursts, increased fear, trauma, and will not be a good learning environment.</p> <p>Additionally, schools do not have enough custodial staff to keep everything clean. In the best of times, many schools are understaffed. It is very likely that many staff members will not be able to return. Schools cannot operate properly without full staff and we simply do not have enough subs in any positions to reopen and cover all possible vacancies.</p>	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/22/2020 23:28:33	It would be nice to get the kids back somehow. Some thoughts are certain grades at certain hours or on different days to distance a little. Even for a couple weeks, and then it is summer break. I understand the concern but there are so few cases in Missoula. With proper precautions we can make it work. I like to look at Sweden as an example. They have kept their schools running. I really hope that there will be some sort of graduation for the class of 2020. Please find a way to make it happen.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 23:28:59	Please start the schools.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/22/2020 23:29:41	<p>Hello, I'd like to start off by telling you thanks for doing a fine job during this difficult time. I'd like to offer my opinion on a possible reopening of Lolo school. Personally, I feel that since The school year is almost over and Schools are the biggest Petri dishes there are in rural areas anyways, I can't see a reason to reopen. It seems like a bad idea to open schools this year. We just got into a regular groove with home school and to reopen for a month or so seems like a ton of risk for very little reward. The risk factor is just too high.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. (Name and Phone Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 23:36:35	Any graduation of any kind would mean the world to the current seniors. No one quite knows the feeling of working so hard for 12 years and having graduation in jeopardy except the current seniors. Even if it meant postponing graduation to a later date or limiting it to immediate family only, the senior class of 2020 would do anything for a real graduation.	Big Sky High School	
4/22/2020 23:42:51	My kids go to CS Porter and Sentinel. I teach at JRE. As much as I'd like us all to get back to school, I do not think it is right to go back under these circumstances. There are so many layers to this issue. Most importantly is the safety of students and staff. I don't see how we can guarantee safety. I don't see how we can social distance/keep gatherings under 10 and properly disinfect schools with 500+ students. With only a few weeks left, is it worth it? I know that my own kids and 5th grade students have finally found a groove in online learning. Asking us to change course again, with only a few weeks left, does not seem worth it. It will be another adjustment for both students and staff that many will not be comfortable with. In addition, how will we cover the many staff members who cannot return due to age or underlying health conditions? How will we teach the many kids who cannot or will not come back due to heath issues or concern for safety? I just don't see the benefit of in-person instruction outweighing the risk both physically and mentally. I think we should continue online learning through this school year. Thank you for asking!	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/22/2020 23:44:45	Please no school until the fall , not safe	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/22/2020 23:46:33	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/22/2020 23:50:50	I am a member of the public. I worry about asymptomatic and asymptomatic transmission. I feel that the benefits of completing the school year with in person instruction are small in comparison to the risk of having to tighten social distancing measures again. Alternatively, cohorting students into a two weeks on and two weeks at home online might be a good way to decrease densities.	Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/22/2020 23:56:55	Please do not open the schools until fall. Our kids are you important.	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 0:10:57	I feel that it is too early to send kids back to school and too late to formulate a plan for social distancing. This requires masks that student may not have access to, and the younger children will not follow these orders because they don't understand the severity of the situation. Many of the students have fallen behind in their work because both parents have work as well. I propose that we have students come in early in the fall for a refresher course of all that they might have missed. It would build their confidence in the coming school year and be an opportunity to create an environment of safety and normalcy. Perhaps we start the next school year off with half days so that classes are able to follow these new guidelines, and continue to supplement their education through online means after the half day. Any at risk students and staff should be working from home for their own safety. It's not a perfect solution, but half days could alleviate stress on both ends. As a parent, I'm willing to continue co-teaching for as long as it takes.	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 0:17:27	I am not comfortable with schools opening until we see if our numbers increase over the next few weeks.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	

4/23/2020 0:25:54	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 0:25:34	<p>Returning to school would be a bad idea. There's no way you can social distance these kids. They may be already carrying the virus and be asymptomatic. You are putting the teachers, other school employees and volunteers at risk or our kids may bring it home to their parents. Online learning has been difficult, but prefer to keep our children safe and continue on the online learning path to finish the year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 0:26:09	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 0:26:15	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

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4/23/2020 0:45:49	<p>I don't believe that it is safe enough to put children back into the classroom at this time. We have not done enough testing, we have community spread and families dont even keep kids home during regular cold and flu season. This will endanger the lives of both immuno compromised students and teachers as well as the virus they may carry home to others. The students are just grasping online learning. The remainder of the school year should be used to finalize online learning and focus on what may lie ahead in the fall if we were still in a COVID scenario. Why risk any deaths at all for a few weeks of learning?</p>	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	

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4/23/2020 1:10:26	I am NOT in favor of the reopening of schools for the remainder of this school year. My 3 children will not be going back this school year either way.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 1:29:10	I don't want my child graduating this year. He's growing up too fast. (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) needs to improve on her grades in first grade. She's kind of dumb.	Franklin Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 1:30:50	My son is currently attending Meadow Hill Middle School and my three year old daughter has an compro immune system due to being born premature. Currently, I'm a stay at home mother and I would prefer that my son continue the remainder of the school with distance learning at home. Is this an option for my son?	Meadow Hill Middle School	
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4/23/2020 1:39:52	<p>How can students go back to school safely when, logistically, it's often not possible to keep social distancing in check throughout the day in a school? Examples: hallway congestion, student proximity to each other at lockers, eating lunch in a cafeteria, classroom space is too small to accommodate social distancing, cognitive awareness of appropriate social distancing of younger students or special needs students, etc.</p> <p>I'm concerned that some individuals won't take the restrictions seriously, such as not wearing face masks, social distancing and staying home when sick, thus putting my kids and the rest of my family at risk of close contact community spreading of the virus ...We've seen this in the last year with Pertussis.</p> <p>It is known that individuals can still carry the virus and be without symptoms. This is a huge concern when considering reopening schools.</p> <p>The district already has a sub shortage. If teachers get sick or need to stay at home because they are immune compromised or taking care of family members, there won't be enough subs to fill the positions. We would be asking individuals to risk their own safety and health to sub for a vacant teacher, when sub pay is minimal and without insurance benefits.</p> <p>If we open the schools and another surge of the pandemic hits our state, essentially we would be asking our students, teachers and parents to go backwards...Subjecting individuals to more stress and trauma, potentially increasing and deepening mental health concerns.</p> <p>How can we facilitate online learning and campus learning simultaneously?...There will be some people who simply cannot go back into the schools, due to being immune compromised. Creating online and campus learning, simultaneously, will cause an increase of workload for teaching staff, thus causing concerns of tapping them out, increasing stress, burnout and mental health concerns.</p> <p>We already have a routine and system in place for online learning. Though it is not the most beneficial for best practices in teaching or learning, it is already established and is the safest scenario in an environment that has many variables and unknowns for the immediate future with the pandemic.</p> <p>As an employee and parent, I don't feel safe going back to work or sending my children back into the schools. There are simply too many risks to open the schools.</p> <p>Sadly, if a student or staff member were to contract Covid-19 due to close contact community spreading within a school and die from complications from the virus, what are the ramifications, legal or otherwise, for the district if schools are reopened too early?</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 2:07:00	If the schools are reopened I will not be sending my kids back to school till next fall. I will Not expose them to this covid 19	C.S. Porter Middle School, Big Sky High School	

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4/23/2020 5:48:39	I am most worried about a resurgence of coronavirus cases if schools and businesses reopen to early. We are still lacking widespread testing and an identification system for teachers, students, and faculty that have been tested and cleared. We need state-wide testing and identification to move forward with peace of mind. Thank you for offering a place where we can share our concerns.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 5:51:55	I am immunocompromised. I can't send my kids back. That could mean a death sentence for me. How do you social distance with 650 kids in a middle school hallway? (Washington has 650 kids)? Or on the bus? I won't do it!!! CWhy not use this time to get ready for next year? This is going to cause so many changes to what school is going to look like next fall. Let's let teachers and schools get ready for next year!	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 6:21:34	I think opening schools would be a mistake at this point, we need more time with children home and isolated before seeing what will happen when we open up the country. I am comfortable having children stay home till fall for more protection from this devastating disease and possiblity of a second surge.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 6:52:25	Nearly 40 states have already closed k-12 schools through the end of this school year. I don't think we should risk it here in Missoula. I don't think the kids can handle wearing masks all day and social distancing would be a nightmare in a classroom setting. Online learning is going pretty well and should be continued. If we still can't gather in large groups then the schools would be considered that don't you think? Furthermore, my wife is a health care worker (Nurse) and we are always concerned about giving Covid 19 to anyone we come in contact with because of that risk factor. I am not sure we will be sending our kids back to JRE even if the schools are opened. Please consider closing through the end of the school year and making sure we can have a safe open in the fall.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 6:54:01	We should not send our kids to large gatherings of 400-1200 people in our ne building and 20+ people in one room. We are making them our test subjects because there is no other setting in Montana that this scenario is allowed. Plus one of my kids has a heart condition and my wife had asthma. This is not uncommon and these ingredients are setting up Montana for an epic failure to the fight against COVID-19.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 7:02:49	I don't feel comfortable with my kids returning to school for the rest of the year. They would be taken care of after school by my parents who are higher risk, especially my mom. Though they are eager to return, I think it should wait until the fall. The teachers and staff have done a phenomenal job with online schooling. Such amazing work! Thank you so much for taking our concerns into consideration.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:06:13	Please make sure we follow the Road Map to Reopening for our schools. Our children and teachers deserve to be kept safe. I'd rather they stay closed a few more weeks or stay closed until fall than to lose one life.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:09:58	Please! Consider graduation ceremonies at Washington- Grizzly stadium. June /July/ even August. The seniors NEED this right of passage.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 7:13:42	If education isn't essential, what is? The teachers have done an admirable job of troubleshooting online learning, but school is so much more than that. Going to school keeps our kids safe in many ways. Each day we spend out of the classroom, the gap between kids well-supported at home and kids who aren't grows wider. I understand the hesitation to be in a room with 20 people (I'm a nurse, so expected to be near sick peoples constantly), but I urge you to think of creative solutions to minimize risk (the University of Washington's global health research team is saying risk in MT is very low as of May 1, we've done a good job), but ultimately get the kids in our community back to school. It's not fair for us to prioritize commerce over their education.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:16:08	I am concerned that opening the schools before the end of this year will be dangerous and not worth the risk. I feel nearly certain that social distancing among children in large groups, in relatively small spaces is nearly impossible. I am concerned for the health and safety of students and staff members in high risk categories, as well as high risk family members who will be at greater risk when children are exposed to so many at school every day. In our home, we are just now finding a rhythm in remote learning. To disrupt the rhythm now to return to school for 4 weeks seems harsh and unnecessary.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 7:20:30	I don't see how on earth rowdy high schoolers are going to maintain social distancing and the school enforce that. Classrooms, hallways, the bus. We are an at-risk home. We never received the form we were told we were to receive the evening of April 22nd, so I want that noted.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 7:23:14	The current structure of a typical school day does not allow for social distancing. Kids are kids and the children I have watched in my neighborhood have not been practicing social distancing even just playing outside. They are ill equipped to be able to do so in schools.  Allowing schools to re-open before there is adequate testing *FOR EVERYONE* not just people who are symptomatic, is irresponsible. Doing so will put the lives of faculty, staff, students, their families and those who interact with them at risk.  Teachers are ill equipped to be able to cope with such a drastic change as well. Kids have had very little structure at home, have had a huge variety of teaching styles from parents with varying degrees of skill at schooling their children.  The trauma of COIVD-19 is real and the psychological impact on students, faculty, staff and families has not yet been addressed either. re-opening schools this year is irresponsible and dangerous on so many levels.  PLEASE DO NOT RE OPEN SCHOOLS THIS YEAR.  Note, I don't have any children. I do teach in the middle schools as part of the SPARK program and have a vested interest in my community. I would like to see it remain as healthy as possible. Limiting this survey to people with children is akin to only allowing people with children to vote on school bonds. I always vote FOR school bonds and my tax money goes to support the schools, so I have a say in how they are managed. Please do the responsible and safe thing: KEEP THE SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Chief Charlo Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School, Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Lowell Elementary School, Paxson Elementary School, Rattlesnake Elementary School, Russell Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Washington Middle School, Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School, Seeley Swan High School, Sentinel High School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/23/2020 7:23:18	Hello. I am the parent of four children in the district. I have two kids at Hellgate, one at Washington, and one at Rattlesnake. I also suffer from a Primary Immune Deficiency for which I get monthly plasma infusions at Western MT Clinic. I have grave concerns about reopening schools this year and what that would do to the our community's heath. I also fear for my own health. Please consider the most vulnerable when making this important decision. Make a choice that is Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 7:25:15	I am concerned about the significant level of anxiety that re-opening schools will cause students, families, and staff in the context of the very real probability that this will cause increased spread of the virus. Widespread testing has not been available in Missoula to determine how prevalent COVID-19 actually is. Dysregulated adults create dysregulated children, and dysregulated children cannot learn. Please protect our children and our community and allow us to continue with remote learning through the end of the year.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:25:18	If you decide to open before the end of the school year I will be remaining at home to care for my daughter who may or may not be in the high risk category and no longer has child care, because her provider is in the high risk category. The CARES act provides for this, but I have sick leave so we will sort that out.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 7:39:59	My concern is in regards to opening school back up for the remainder of the academic year while Covid is still in circulation. I'm unwilling to put my kids at risk at this point in time. I'm sure I'm not alone in this thought. I also realize that many parents aren't able to go back to work without the inherent child care that school provides. The graphs may indicate that we are on the down slope of this pandemic, but I fear that it will start all over again if we're not smart about reopening.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

4/23/2020 7:42:49	If we return to school: Many employees will not be able to return due to their own private health risk factors. Many employees will not be able to return due to the health risk factors of people in their home or their family. How does the school plan to accommodate for this missing personnel? Sub shortages were a problem in our school district even prior to the pandemic.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:43:34	I am disappointed to hear that the school board is considering reopening schools before the end of the year. I think keeping our community safe and healthy is more important than trying to regroup together a few weeks of instruction.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:45:38	I am a teacher, my wife is an OT for the district and we have three kids in the schools. Not only that, but I also coach the high school girls soccer team at Sentinel and a U13 soccer team for Strikers. If we are allowed to go back to school on May 7, I feel like so many people are going to feel immense pressures to start everything back up like normal, and there could be major rises in the infection curve. Our students in general aren't at high risk, I understand that. But what about the kids who live with grandma or grandpa. Or what about the not so careful people who go out and bring it back and then someone dies or gets sick due to their lack of care or precaution. The school board is in a unique position to make educated, cautious decisions to keep our community healthy. As soon as we open up people are going to automatically think it is safe and are going to engage in regular activity again. This is going to put the cautious people in a bind. I feel it is senseless to open schools when we already have a waiver from the governor. I suggest one of two courses: either finish out the year online, or set the date for June 1 and we all finish the last two weeks in school to give this thing three more weeks to die down. The curve has been flattened but we are risking the health of many by going back early. As a district employee I would feel uncomfortable going back on May 7. I know that is a few weeks away still and I may feel differently at that point in time, but this is how I feel now. Thanks for reading.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 7:50:34	Bringing the virus home after returning. Not sure if it worth it with a month left. The socializing is important but there are still many unknowns plus not sure social distancing can be properly practiced in the classroom and not give kids recess is impractical.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 7:51:26	I am uncomfortable with the idea of my children (and myself -I am a teacher) returning to school this spring.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 7:52:29	Wait until Fall	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 7:54:12	It would be unwise and unsafe to re-open schools this year. I beg you not to do it.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:02:40	To help you plan, I just want you guys to be aware that many of our advanced music classes(band, orchestra, and choir) have more than 50 students in a classroom.	Hellgate High School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 8:04:15	Wanted to let you know that we have huge concerns about social distancing if schools reopen. Out of safety, we will likely withhold our student from returning for the rest of the school year if schools reopen.	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:05:59	I'm deeply concerned with the prospect of re-opening schools on May 7th for the safety of our students, staff, and community at large. I encourage our Board of Trustees to monitor the situation and extend closures in 2 week increments as needed based on data.  If school buildings are to reopen, I like the idea of a blended model where students could attend in shifts, or allow for some teachers to continue remote learning, in such a way that social distancing in the schools would be more realistic and parents keeping their children at home can continue to do so with district-provided materials.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:07:25	My daughter's dad is high risk. Because of the potential risks to him, she will not return to school for a mere month of instruction. When we discussed the possibility of schools reopening she felt strongly that remote learning is working, "just fine." She likes that she can sleep in and work on her own schedule. If you decide to reopen, how will you accommodate students like her who will not return?	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 8:09:06	I feel the public schools should be closed for the rest of the school year. Social distancing would be impossible in a classroom. As difficult and extremely sad as this is I do feel it's the right thing to keep our community safe.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:09:13	Let us please continue remote learning for the duration of this school year. It's safer to stay home a bit longer.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 8:09:14	Please do not reopen schools, it's too soon! My child will not be in attendance, as he is immuno-compromised.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:10:09	How will we ensure students remain socially distant when they return to school? If we do a mix of some students at school and others at home will there be a discrepancy in the number of hours of education they receive (full week at school and 2 hours at home)? Will the district provide two cans of bleach wipes per day per classroom (or the spray equivalent that does not cause asthma attacks)? What will we do for technology if all of our devices are not returned (in our department we have one chromebook cart for 11 teachers (so 1 chromebook for every 10 students per period). If our Pass/NG process is in place for students who do not want to return to school (for COVID safety) will an early release for them or lowered expectations for proficiency be also applied to students who attend school?	Sentinel High School	

4/23/2020 8:10:23	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:11:16	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:16:19	Inadequate testing to reopen schools--cases will jump with new testing proposed	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:18:08	School should only be continued online then called early on May 21st.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:21:12	<p>I do not think it is prudent to reopen schools yet. Students will not be able to socially distance themselves, and will be at risk of bringing the virus home to their loved ones, who may be in poor health, or immunocompromised. In addition, how will we ensure they all have access to masks that they can and will wear continuously.</p> <p>Some teachers and school staff may be immunocompromised or have other risk factors. It is u fair to them to ask them to be in close proximity to large groups. Also, if they will be teaching in the classroom and also be expected to provide learning and materials for those that must continue a remote learning experience due to risk factors, this will place additional burdens on teachers and staff.</p> <p>Please consider remote learning through the end of the 2019-2020 school year to better protect students, teachers and other school staff, and their families.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 8:21:59	I think it's crazy to open schools for the short time left. Our home has been staying home like we were told to. If school are opened students will be exposed to "new" and "different" germs. It's asking for trouble.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:22:21	I will not be sending my son back. I'm pregnant and the risks aren't worth it.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:26:13	Scientist mom and former teacher here! I strongly recommend schools NOT be opened for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:26:50	My family is not comfortable with our child returning to school this year. We are still in the beginning of this pandemic and sending students back to school too soon will result in a lot more cases and deaths.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:31:05	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	



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4/23/2020 8:31:51	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
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4/23/2020 8:33:11	<p>I am concerned about the social distancing procedures with children. We will have to hawk eye kids all day to make sure they are staying safe. We have parents who send kids to school sick normally and we have to send them home- will we check every students temp before the school day starts? Will the bus be able to screen them before they board in the morning? How do we plan bussing to ensure social distancing? As a secretary (and I love my job with my whole heart) I would love to finish the year in school but I have fear for the kids and families with compromised immune systems. Will we offer remote learning for this situation ?</p> <p>I also fear not having a nurse in the building as we share ours with CSP and BSHS. Last year when we had whooping cough it was a great strain on the nursing staff and the office staff at the schools even with provided support from the health Dept nurses coming in to help screen.</p> <p>There is a lot to consider before we bring students back. We need time to plan and prepare for new health procedures. We need to know what to expect as far as masks on staff and students, setting up hand washing schedules. Figure out how to seat and feed kids at lunch- we will need to review our current schedules and find a way to safely feed, transport, and engage with students.</p> <p>As a parent I am nervous to send my own kids back since I have little faith in them maintaining social distance and staying safe even though they are older. I feel as a parent the risk isn't worth bringing them back for a few weeks when the symptoms can go undetected for a long period of time. We have been home and sheltered in place since Spring Break started- is it worth risking the spread for families who have taken these precautions for a month and a half already ?</p> <p>We have pregnant teachers. And staff finishing cancer treatments and I am seriously concerned for their health as well</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	

4/23/2020 8:34:38	I think I'd be ok with kids going back to school, but only if there was a way to "stagger" attendance. I'm not even sure if this is feasible, but I do think that having all the children back in the school all at the same time is a bad idea at this time. Has a staggered attendance approach been discussed? I'm more thinking out loud here, so please forgive the shotgun approach. Stay well! Thanks	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:35:12	Concerned that schools are considering reopening with only 1 month left. Why risk teacher's and student's health? Wouldn't we rather look back on this and think we were possibly too cautious rather than have regrets over handling in way that fostered any negative outcomes? Seems like huge liability issues for the schools and teachers if someone gets sick and social distancing is to blame. Our children's first steps into RE-entry should be perhaps seeing close friends or family members they have missed, not rushing back to an environment with so many unknowns. The school climate right now would likely create extreme anxiety for some staff and students. Those with a more relaxed attitude would only worsen that stress. Also, to be honest, how many kids will show up? Why open with the possibility of half empty classrooms? Take this time to calculate plans for next fall. It is no easy task to figure out how to create a safe environment surrounding the virus which will likely still pose a threat come September. Mobilize with information from other schools in other states who can test the waters this month if they choose, but keep our community safe. We will have so much more information at our disposal come June. Information is key. Too many unknowns currently. Thank you for always asking for community input and weighing all options :)	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:36:02	I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.  Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.  Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.  Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.  The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:37:28	My main concern at this point is that decision on wether to reopen/continue remote learning or any myriad of creative combination is made due to massive pressure on MCPS by vocal but privileged families rather than from input of epidemiologists and health care professionals and the ability of our city to handle new cases of the virus. I think the reality is that we do want the virus to continue moving through our community as this is the only way to start herd immunity that will protect us all and allow some sense of normalcy until vaccine is available. All this needs to happen while not overwhelming the system. Please reach out for data and let trained professionals help with the decision and not (only) opinions of the general audience	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:40:03	I am absolutley opposed to MCPS schools opening back up this 2019-2020 school year. There is no way for schools to keep the social distancing guidelines within hallways, cafeterias, or classrooms. The return of students to school will result in a petri dish of COVID-19 that will have a terriple ripple affect on our community as a whole. Students will become exposed and carriers and will carry the virus home to thier families! My son is in the at risk population as someone with a repitory disorder, and in good concious I will not have him return to school. I am also a teacher at Meadoe Hill, and I do not think that for the health og my family, or ethically it is responsible to reopen MCPS! Please keep our kids and community safe! Please keep our schools closed for the 2019-2020 year!	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:40:34	I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.  Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.  Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.  Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.  The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

4/23/2020 8:40:55	<p>I care about the physical health of at risk people, but I am equally concerned about the educational health of at risk students. We cannot just shut down society and live in a bubble every time there is a pandemic, especially in a case such as this one in which there is much confirmation bias based on incomplete statistics, especially when the news media uses algorithmic editing and bubble filters in disseminating information to the masses. We also need a well-educated student body that will include the future health care workforce of our world. And through education our students have a fighting chance to not be included in the ranks of the unemployed and homeless who would become the next generation of "physically at-risk people" in regards to future outbreaks. And while we are at it, has anybody heard of the antigen/antibody response of our bodies? We also need to learn how to discern what components of statistics are significant and what components of statistics are normal background information such as found in the exponential growth curves and crashes that happen with all diseases including influenza, pertussis, etc. People from an educated society are better equipped to understand these things and interpreting them in a more practical manner.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 8:40:58	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
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4/23/2020 8:43:39	<p>I urge you to keep Missoula's schools closed through the end of the school year. In Missoula, it will be impossible for schools to open and abide by the phase one guidelines, specifically "avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing" which is listed as an individual responsibility and under specific types of organized youth activities.</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 8:44:58	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

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4/23/2020 8:46:50	<p>Concerned about how to appropriately protect youth, teachers, therapists, and their families with such short notice. Having youth adhere to requirements this quickly will not happen unless families are prepped. Opening schools this spring seems to unnecessarily endanger lives of youth and adults in our district putting teachers and staff in ethical decision making processes too quickly without being able to assess risk to their own health and families with such little time. We know the virus is still here and much more prevalent than we know of. I truly hope the board takes the health of not only their most vulnerable but the families of them as well who inevitably will have vulnerable members. This virus also has impacted those without preexisting conditions. Giving the district until fall to prepare physically and mentally seems to be a step taken to provide more care to everyone involved. Thank you for your time.</p>	Meadow Hill Middle School	

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4/23/2020 8:47:29	<p>We do not feel safe sending our daughter to school until we have adequate testing, adequate medication to handle Covid and adequate vaccines in place. Otherwise, nothing has changed, the risk is just as high as it was from the beginning. Maybe even higher because of increased exposure. Many people who get this virus are asymptomatic so even doing a thermometer check at the entrance of the school would not adequately protect her.</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 8:49:30	<p>I will NOT be planning to send my children back to school as my husband has an underlying heart condition. I'm not sure what the utility is of completing 4 weeks of school, epecially when social distancing measures will need to be accomplished. It took the teachers 2-3 weeks to become somewhat proficient in organizing the online materials. I expect it will take some time to iron out the new directives. With the relative risks, I just don't think 4 weeks is worthwhile to open up.</p>	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:50:44	<p>My child is considered part of the vulnerable population. She will not return to school and neither will her brother. I'm employed by MCPS and work directly w students (SpED - PT related service provider) and I have some concern w returning to work and risking exposure and bringing the virus home to my child.</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:50:54	<p>I am concerned about exposing children and families to Covid-19, some of whom may be immunocompromised or otherwise susceptible to the worst outcome.</p>	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:50:54	<p>The only thing I want to happen is a graduation ceremony for my senior. What's the status on that? He's doing fine home schooling but will they get graduation or prom? Maybe host graduation outside?</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 8:51:11	<p>I am concerned about exposing children and families to Covid-19, some of whom may be immunocompromised or otherwise susceptible to the worst outcome.</p>	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:51:49	<p>I am a social worker and have seen first hand the impacts of this virus. We will be putting many families at risk emotionally and physically if this reopening happens. School is set to end in the at the beginning of June, stay the course and possibly save lives.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 8:54:58	<p>I am concerned that schools may re-open prior to the fall. Without appropriate safety measures and tests, this puts us all at risk.</p>	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 8:55:20	<p>Whether the BOT decides to open schools up before end of spring term is irrelevant to me as there is NO way I will be letting my children go back before Fall, if even then. I understand there are many factors to consider, including graduation, etc, etc. However for me, there is nothing more important than keeping them safe.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 8:58:31	<p>I have 2 kids with asthma and I am concerned with them going back to school so soon. I don't want the kids to be the "test dummies"</p>	Big Sky High School	

4/23/2020 9:00:10	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 9:00:19	<p>Not enough enforcement at big sky from staff with students hanging in big groups. Certainly think certain groups of students will not abide by rules and laugh school staff trying to make school safe for all.I would like to see focus on the seniors. Getting them to school and finishing last month of final senior year, academically and social concerns for those seniors. Not prom or poss no graduation ceremony ? Are all in question. Making sure graduation requirements are in place with each student</p>	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 9:00:46	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
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4/23/2020 9:04:50	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>My daughter attends Sentinel High School as a freshman. After receiving our email yesterday, my concerns for my family's health skyrocketed. I anxiously awaited the survey mentioned to come into my email inbox all evening so I could express my fears of my child physically returning to school this school year. We, as a family, have strictly been following the stay-at-home orders set a month ago due to three members of our family within our home fall into the high-risk category. The risk of one of us contracting COVID-19 and seriously becoming ill would most likely have a devastating outcome. With that being said, I cannot conceivably rationalize sending my daughter physically back to school this academic school year. She has done an incredible job diligently working on her school work from home. As important and necessary as I feel education is, it cannot take precedence over our health.</p> <p>If the decision is made for our students to return to school this academic year, my daughter would not be attending as to keep our family safe from potential devastation. My question would then be, "Could my daughter, Zoey, continue learning remotely via online classes for the remainder of the school year without consequences of having to repeat her freshman year to keep our family safe from harm?"</p> <p>Being that "the Governor confirmed that whatever our board decides, we will not risk the loss of state funding," the decision of schools remaining closed until August is not at all unreasonable. Keeping our children, families, and community safe from such an unnecessary, senseless spread of this deadly virus should be our top priority.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:05:48	I am extremely concerned about the idea of my kids (2) going back to school on May 7. I think it would be premature risky. Although I know my kids desperately miss their friends and teachers, they, too, are scared by the idea of everyone being in one building when the news remains so filled with COVID predictions.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 9:06:11	I did not receive the email or text regarding the survey mentioned in your email yesterday. could you please send it? Thank you.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:08:32	Kids should NOT go back to school this Spring. We are not out of the woods yet with this virus. Please keep our kids and community safe.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:11:01	There is not enough testing and contact tracing to start re-opening Missoula and Montana. I watch Cindy Farr's update from the Missoula County Health Dept every day and per her update yesterday, Missoula's numbers are not indicative of what's really happening in our community.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 9:11:10	Dear MCPS Committee, <p>My Student has asthma and so does a parent - this fast paced opening while cases are still growing in Missoula is putting children and community at risk. To open schools with only 4 weeks left of school year would be negligent and to what end? The anxiety of having asthma and attending school would also be debilitating for my child. Please carefully consider the health of our children and their parents/family before we open the schools too early.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)</p>	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 9:14:08	My 1st grade son is high risk due to an autoimmune condition	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:14:40	how to keep cleaning and sanitation of building, disinfecting of door handles, desks, etc; hand washing stations; how to keep libraries, gyms, and playgrounds. SICK POLICIES ~ temperature checks or screening protocol; limit class sizes, (most schools don't have enough classrooms as it is) . Staff who are in the high risk categories. How would you get students to actually attend and continue. Will staff and students have to wear face coverings? Is the healthy and safety of our students and staff with it?	C.S. Porter Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:15:03	I am very concerned that MCPS is even considering reopening school at this point. I will not be returning if we do reopen. I am in the vulnerable health category and it is not worth risking my health to return to school at this time. Please error on the side of caution and do not reopen. MHSA cancelled all spring sports. Large gatherings are not permitted. Graduation can not held held in our typical fashion. Please stay closed for our health.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:15:22	Please consider financial and social equity in your decision. Families like ours who are non-essential workers are receiving unemployment and have the means by which to keep our kids home for our safety. However, essential workers, many working minimum wage jobs, may be more inclined to send their kids to school because they don't have any other resources that would allow them to stay home and be safe. This pandemic has revealed so much inequity in our society. Please don't add to it by opening schools this spring	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:15:43	I never received the survey and I have 3 people in my household at high risk. I would like to fill out the surgery if possible.	Lowell Elementary School	

4/23/2020 9:17:32	It's unrealistic (and irresponsible) to follow safety guidelines in a school setting. The risk of exposure will be tenfold, not only for the kids but their families, the school staff and their families(. I work in the special education classes, and the majority of those kids have compromised immune systems!)That obviously keeps growing from there, exposing the family's friends , coworkers, etc. If MCPS chooses to reopen this year, they should be prepared for inevitable lawsuits. I personally do not want my daughter to go back to school. I'm sure that is the same for many other parents. That just puts even more pressure on the school and teachers to provide options for al if those kids. Because people can carry the virus and not have symptoms, taking temperatures, looking for symptoms, will not work. I feel it would be careless, irresponsible, and immoral to open schools and endanger the community.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:19:09	I would like to strongly encourage the school board and powers that be NOT to reopen the schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All the scientific evidence indicates that re-opening things too soon could prove to reignite the COVID pandemic. Trying to school children in a way that adheres to sanitation and physical distancing guidelines seems tremendously complicated and a total pipe dream. We have a responsibility to keep our kids, our family members and our community members safe, not to mention our incredible teachers and their families! It would be irresponsible to push our children, teachers and staff into unsafe circumstances.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:19:59	I understand opening school back up as a parent and as a teacher. My concern is the ripple that will be created between teachers who will not return, and parents who will not send their kids back to school. We are going to create a double standard that will be a nightmare for everyone.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:20:18	As both an educator in the district and parent of a student in MCPS, I am very concerned about the possibility of returning to school this year. My daughter has a compromised immune system and the risk associated with both of us returning to school this Spring far outweighs any of the positive benefits. She misses her friends and teachers and I miss my students and colleagues, but we can wait to see them. The district must make the best decision for ALL. Keep schools closed!  Thank you for your time.  (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 9:22:05	I'm high risk and don't feel comfortable having my children go to school. I wish to continue with remote learning. If i get sick, who will be here for my kids? That's just to much risk for me. Mask must be worn by all students and staff. No masks and I'm not sending my child to school. Washing procedures and air circulation of the building needs to ensure good air exchange.	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 9:22:21	I want to ask MCPS to please NOT open for the remainder of the year. In order to keep a surge from happening in Missoula, we need to continue to allow kids to physical distance. I cannot imagine that this will be possible if the schools reopen. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:22:34	I am an employee. I have a family member with asthma and the risk of potentially being exposed and then exposing my family members is simply too great. Given the size of our student populations and building staff in MCPS, there are no measures that could be implemented to keep EVERYONE safe for the remainder of the school year. As much as we can all agree that having students and staff in the classroom, the possible risk is not worth it. Thanks for listening.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:26:37	As a teacher at Washington and a parent of a Sentinel student I have concerns about going back too soon. With us just starting to open up business I would like to see how that effects the number of cases in Missoula in the next 10-14 days. On a personal note with a type 1 diabetic in my house we have talked about some of us needing to move out if I need to go back to work before it is safe for high risk groups to be exposed. I can't be the only family in this situation. I ask the board to really take their time when making this decision even if it requires additional days to make sure all will be safe	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:30:44	Silly to go back when someone could be asymptotic and contaminate all over again. Best to finish the year at home with online learning and start fresh next year. If we do go back, face coverings should be required by all staff and students.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:32:28	How are we going to address the fact that some parents will not allow their children to return to school this year? We as teachers should not have to teach face to face and provide online instruction. That would require a huge amount of time.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:34:40	What would the plans be for those students who don't return to school due to covid19?	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 9:34:55	As a high school teacher at Sentinel I think school should only continue online until May 21 and then end.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:36:14	I myself suffer from a compromised immune system. I would not feel safe going back to school in a crowded classroom where we can't ensure proper safety protocol of teenagers moving between classes etc.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:38:38	Opening too soon. COVID is not over	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Chief Charlo Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School, Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Lowell Elementary School, Paxson Elementary School, Rattlesnake Elementary School, Russell Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Washington Middle School, Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School, Seeley Swan High School, Sentinel High School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/23/2020 9:38:45	The prospect of going back to school as a teacher terrifies me. I can't imagine, even with half of our students in the building, that we would be able to keep ourselves safe from what has been proven to be a super-contagious virus. It is NOT worth 4 weeks of in-person instruction to risk the lives of our grandparents & those that are immuno-compromised. Without adequate testing, we just can't know who has the virus, especially among our children. PLEASE be on the side of science and act with caution and care for all	Sentinel High School	



4/23/2020 9:39:04	<p>I have two kids at Sentinel HS. My worry is if the schools just reopen and 1200 kids plus teachers, staff head back to the building it will be a petri dish of germs. No matter if you require masks and gloves and handwashing .. teenagers wont do it, they will touch each other..etc.... I don't see how you could do social distancing in the school. The custodians couldn't keep up with the disinfecting of everything.</p> <p>My kids are doing well with home school and I would like to just finish the year out at home. I know some kids having trouble and are needing extra personal help. Maybe those kids ( a much smaller number) could be accommodated at school so that they do not fall behind this 4th quarter. Then we can start fresh, and much safer back at school , in the fall</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:39:04	<p>I am concerned that we are moving too quickly. The health of my family is at risk as soon as we return. The health our entire community is at risk as soon as we return. For my children, I know that they will be excited to see their friends again and be social... I do not think they will practice social distancing in their school cafeterias, in their hallways, in the bathrooms... etc. I do not see a healthy way to mitigate the risk in buildings of over 1200 people... Or a way to contain all the germs if we're sending kids to school in shifts. I feel as a parent it would be irresponsible to send my children to school. I know this will leave them more anxious because they will know there are other people at school and will be missing out on things. In regard to my own job as a teacher, I think we will have a fair amount of students who decide to stay home which means that as a teacher I will be teaching kids in school and at home... And I worry about the split focus and not being able to address everybody's concern and learning needs and mental health during this time. I Also worry about dream bringing germs back home to my family. During a normal school day I have over 100 students in my classroom every single day. Even if we rotate days or rotate shifts and I only see half that many, I am potentially bringing a lot of dangerous germs home to my own family members, and endangering my own health. Many of my coworkers have actually expressed in our group discussions over the past couple of weeks that we are terrified to go back. I feel like this decision would have to look different if it was earlier in the school year and there was a significant amount of time left, but we are so close to the end why not stay at home and buy ourselves a little more time to practice the recommendations of keeping everybody safe.</p>	C.S. Porter Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:43:22	<p>I think the tradeoffs of "opening" just aren't worth it to the students, the parents, or the district itself. Everyone has too much to lose for very little regained value.</p> <p>Even if you could accomplish the impossible task of having half as many kids in the building and sanitizing every surface after every contact, you're still going to have the population walking too close, being near each other in desks, sharing surfaces with hundreds of other people, maybe some not taking it seriously, etc. In that environment, just one person carrying the virus would spread across the school in no time, which then brings it home to their families pretty easily. And that's assuming an impossible level of cleanliness and distancing that, even if you could enact, would hinder the daily learning process so severely as to render being back in the school pretty useless.</p> <p>I'd also guess that many students would be nervous wrecks in that environment, not to mention the parents who can afford to do so, would probably not send their kids back in the first place. And while I don't actually want to know the answers to the following questions, they are questions I think the district should ask itself because they will certainly be questions raised by the community/parents: If not all students go back to school, would there be half e-learning and half in-person learning populations? What happens to those who refuse to return - do they fail or get a pass? Doesn't either of those options undercut the learning process worse than sticking with e-learning for the year? If there were in-person and e-learning, can teachers even handle a dual workload? Which students/teachers would have to risk of going to school and which wouldn't? What is the quality of learning in that situation as opposed to just sticking with e-learning for the year? Etc, etc.</p> <p>I think there's a whole can of worms that gets opened up real quickly with trying to open the schools again this late in the year.</p> <p>Ultimately it just really seems like a whole tangled mess of issues for every level of the school - none of which would be easy to manage for parents, teachers, or MCPS - in exchange for no real gain.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:43:35	<p>I would urge MCPS to resist the push to re-open schools in early May and instead to consider continuing remote learning for the rest of the academic year. We have family members who suffer from the "underlying" medical conditions that often cause COVID-19 complications and re-opening schools too soon will put them at risk. With just a month left on the school calendar before the beginning of summer break, remote learning remains the most responsible option. Thank you.</p>	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:44:29	<p>I have a couple concerns about opening up the schools in early May. On a personal level, our home has a newborn, I have asthma, and two of my kids, as well as myself, have autoimmune disorders. From a larger societal perspective, I have concerns about opening the schools before we see the impact of reopening the state. If bars and restaurants are opening on the 4th, we won't know what type of impact that will have on the community spread of COVID-19 until at least two weeks later.</p> <p>I know that distance learning is tough (I have two 1st graders, a 3rd grader, and a 5th grader), but I would hate to see kids and school staff sick or even dying just to open a building. If kids are required to go back to school in early May, before the impact of opening the state can be seen, I may be forced to withdraw my kids and finish the school year homeschooling. This is not something I would like to do, as my kids absolutely love their teachers, fellow students, and the MCPS staff</p>	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 9:46:29	<p>I'm worried we are sending kids back to school to soon endangering teachers, staff and the kids.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:47:49	<p>How are we going to check temperatures of each and every student and staff member every morning. I am a teacher and without proper testing it is inappropriate to put thousands of lives at risk.</p>	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 9:48:55	<p>Indifferent about reopening school but please please have a traditional graduation ceremony even if limited attendees or moving to a later date. These kids deserve it</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 9:54:55	<p>Senior Projects - Causing anxiety on top of the already anxious unknowns right now, for both my son and me! He had his ride-alongs (job shadow hours) scheduled to occur over spring break with the Missoula City Police Dept. and the Missoula County Sheriff's Office, and they were cancelled by both MPD and MCSD before he could get all his hours in. I can verify his scheduled hours and give you the names of the contacts at both places if you need. Requirements for the senior project is still unknown and it is not known what he and many others are supposed to do at this point. The way I understand it is that senior projects are required for graduation. I feel like they should be deemed "not required" at this point. I know of at least two students who were doing charity-type fundraisers through a baseball camp for children and a 5k Marathon, which are probably not able to happen now. I feel like it would lessen the anxiety and fears of not graduating for both my son, myself, and more than likely many other students. Thank you for listening.</p>	Big Sky High School	

4/23/2020 9:56:28	I am not opposed to sending students back to school and will probably send my children when things open up (based on my current view of things). I just want to make sure that there will be no "penalty" for families that decide not to send their children back to school. I appreciate that this is being discussed and understand that no matter what is decided someone will be unhappy. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:57:56	My daughter does not take this virus seriously and I really don't want her going back to school with a bunch of other teenagers who also do not take it seriously	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 9:57:59	I have significant concerns regarding a return to classroom learning this academic year. There is not a practical means by which to keep students, staff, and our community safe if we return. Individuals cannot remain 6 feet apart. The capacity to test and trace presumptive positive and positive individuals is insufficient. We do not have the necessary staff or resources to provide the level of regular sanitation that would be needed.  If there is drive to return the younger students to school, the district should consider dispersing the elementary students across elementary, middle school, and high school campuses so that sufficient social distancing can be managed, but this would be a massive bussing and resource issue.	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 9:59:30	My son, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), is a sophomore at Big Sky High School. He has down syndrome and hypothyroidism, among other things. His immune system has never been that great and when he gets sick, he stays sick for months. I fear that his immune system would not be able to handle the COVID-19 virus and he would end up with more damage to his body or organs or even die. As with all kids, struggling to keep him from passing germs is an every day battle. The other thing I worry about with him is the change in schedule. Kaiden needs stability and putting him back in school for a couple of weeks, then taking him out again would so more damage than it would good. Keeping kids home for the month and a half or so was necessary. We are adapting to this schedule, having video chats with teachers and other therapists, taking regular walks and doing school work at home, and the really is thriving. He has become much more independent because he is sharing the new activities with his teachers and counselors. I don't think that sending him back to school for such a short time would help the process. If the school board does end up voting to return kids to school, I plan to keep Kaiden out for the remainder of the school year. Given the fact that we know that people can carry the virus with little to no symptoms, I do not feel that it would be safe to allow thousands of kids back to school with no testing to show they either had the virus or have the virus and expose others, especially when we know that healthy adults are dying from the virus, if more kids are exposed, the result might be the same, normally healthy kids could be permanently damaged from the virus or even die. And, the kids with weakened immune systems, who are not in the Life Skills Classes, and have things such as diabetes, thyroid problems, or other autoimmune illnesses, would also be at great risk. Thank you for your consideration, as I said before, I plan to keep Kaiden out of the school the remainder of the school year. This definitely isn't an easy fix and people will be angry either way. Good Luck. No response is necessary, I just included my email in case it was needed.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 10:00:44	My granddaughter goes to delegate elementary school was not in your list my concern An plea is I believe if she goes back to school she will bring home the virus to her siblings and mother who has bronchitis An is asthmatic they only have a month please consider not letting them go back the rest of this year its way to soon.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 10:04:02	I know that students being out of school is creating a hardship for some parents, but feel like if school is reopened our situation is going to worsen. I would worry for(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), other students, and all of the staff. While our family has the ability to control our environment, as soon as students are reintroduced to the school environment they are around other students. Said students may be living in households where infection safety is less of concern.  I have been extremely happy with the job the staff has done since schools have been shut down and I think it is only smart to finish the school year as is.  (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:06:04	There isn't a way to keep 6 feet between kids and there are more than 10 people per classroom so there is really no way to limit gatherings either. There's also the transition period of being back at school so there would really only be 2 weeks I'd school by the time kids settled in. I don't want thousands of kids to get this disease for 2 weeks of school. Health and safety should be our biggest priority. And while I want everyone to have a good education, I also believe that most families have done okay with remote learning, please don't put our kids in harm's way or the possibly immunocompromised people they live with. Instead focus on how to make the schools safe in the fall	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:06:37	I strongly believe it is too soon for our children or staff to be going back, even with a phased reopening, partial days, or staggered schedules. Moving to distance learning was already a massive adjustment to families and employees - we were tipped over and asked to recover in a matter of weeks. Asking us - all of us- to adjust to ANOTHER new norm is unreasonable and a lot to ask while people are actively scared, stressed, and unsure of what to do. When kids go back to school, some of us will have employers who arent pressured to keep their employees home, pressuring us to come back since we have childcare - doubling the household's exposed people. Some of us will struggle with the benefits or services we are managing/juggling/struggling to navigate. And what happens if we spend 2-3 weeks adjusting to another new normal and then we find out it is time to go back to Shelter In Place and the kids and staff will have to recover from that again. Those parents who needed childcare or needed work accommodations to be home will have to get their household back in order; school staff will have to recover again. This is TOO MUCH to ask of our families and of your employees. None of this is even touching the most basic fact of, once a person in a classroom has it everyone in that class will be at risk and asked to go home and quarantine. That is crazy to expect to be navigatable, when the other option (keeping us all home) is much much safer. We are going to be putting so many families at risk if we reopen too soon. I am begging you to choose to keep us as safe as possible and keep us home.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:08:58	My Kindergarten student has a smaller than normal airway, which he is challenged with breathing if he is exposed to smoke or sickness. I am his mother and I am 6 months pregnant. Which puts our family at higher risk. I was terrified to hear earlier this week "they" wanted to reopen everything Friday. I am relieved it was pushed back again. I would absolutely love for my student/child to return to "normal" and resume school for social and academic reasons but the threat of this disease reaching our household is terrifying. Too soon I think. Our world/generation have never been through something like this and there are so many unknowns. I feel it is too risky to reopen the schools especially right now. Our team of teachers are phenomenal in getting us resources and continuing to teach. I would rather my kiddo repeating Kindergarten then risk going back to school/loss of life and risk getting exposed to the Covid 19 virus.	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:10:13	My husband and I are both teachers at Washington with a kindergartener at Lewis and Clark. We also have a 3 year old who goes to daycare in a home with at-risk members that will need to remain closed. What are our options if we go back to school?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 10:14:05	My child needs face to face learning. It took a long time to get internet hooked up at home and that put her behind then the school issued laptop was locked for 6 days due to not being able to update and make changes which put her even farther behind. She is a 3.8 student who is failing and i dont feel she is getting the help she needs. She is not an online student. If it continues online will there be resources available to these students who need face to face interaction? What will the semester grading criteria be? Can we get a copy of how the grades will be counted? How this semester will affect their gpa? Is there a grading criteria for students to follow? Ive received emails threatening the loss of credit and to retake the course.	Hellgate High School	

4/23/2020 10:16:28	With only less than a month left of school before summer once the restriction is lifted, why risk exposing our kids in large group settings ? I think MCPS should focus on trying to creatively find a safe way for seniors in high school to have some sort of graduation ceremony or celebration rather than attempting to reopen all of the schools for less than a month .	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:17:12	I will not be sending my child to school if it reopens. I am extremely concerned about the spread of Covid 19 in this environment where socially distancing is almost impossible. I believe it is unfair to put teachers, or students at risk. There are still too many unknowns regarding this illness.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:18:08	Just a suggestion, actually. Could schools open where half the students (say last names A-M-ish) attend Monday, Wednesday and the other half (last names M-ish-Z) attend Tuesday, Thursday? Friday could be an optional day for students that need extra remediation, tech access, etc. It would be easier to maintain social distancing with only half the students in attendance. I know there are other issues to consider such as free/reduced lunch for students on their "off-days" and childcare for people returning to work. Students would be able to do some hands-on activities with their teachers and have some socialization, but then do remote learning the rest of the week. I feel this is a good option for the Middle School level, at least.	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 10:18:15	Please do not re-open schools in May. Montana has made it this far because of early implementation of transmission prevention measures, but I believe as a nurse and mother that it is critical for us all to continue these practices. Once our kids are back in school, it will be impossible for them to maintain 6 feet of distance between people, enforce masks, and we all know our lovely children aren't going to practice impeccable hand and respiratory hygiene. I think we will see a spike in new cases. It's also almost the end of the year, and I don't feel the benefit of having 1 month in class outweighs the risks of COVID transmission if our kiddos are put back in schools. If schools do re-open in May, I would like to see the option of ongoing "homeschooling" for those of us who don't feel it's safe yet to send our kids back so soon. We all want the best for our community and its families, but please please err on the side of caution and don't re-opens schools this year. Thank you.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 10:20:11	I would be very concerned about my daughters returning to school for the last month as we have been working so hard on social distancing & staying healthy. I am also a teacher & work at 3 schools, sharing art supplies with close to 1,200 students. I do not see a way to safely share supplies without concern of spreading germs.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:24:02	I remain incredibly concerned about the spread of covid-19 in this community. To bring our children together in a large gathering of people for 3-4 weeks of school is senseless. We all know that social distancing is the only way to continue to slow the spread in our state. Why would we challenge that at this stage of the game. You will then be asking staff to perform double the work. Staff will be required to educated those students who return with hands on learning as well as those students who remain home due to risk factors or simply parental concern/ dissent. Let's be reasonable it's 3 weeks of school.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 10:25:30	I have three children in the district. I feel like in order to mitigate the spread of the virus in these early stages, the MCPS should keep the schools closed through the end of the school year. Take the time during the summer to come up with a social distancing plan for the fall. Our kids have just started adjusting (and their parents) to this online normal, let's not uproot them again for just one month of school. Also, for high school kids, maybe you could have 1/3 of the school come in for instruction or to meet with their teacher (both wearing masks) once/week. Will this decision be made by Tuesday?	Paxson Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 10:27:09	I am concerned that at the children go back to school that there will be an increase in covid-19 cases my family has an at-risk person and I feel that it would be best to keep my four children at home the rest of the school year for everyone's sake	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:27:25	I would like my senior to have a graduation ceremony and go back to school while adhering to social distancing. A ceremony held outside at the Adams Center would be my suggestion.	Paxson Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 10:28:04	I have two students at Paxson. I would also like them to go back to classes while adhering to social distancing as well.		
4/23/2020 10:28:04	I first answered this question thinking only seniors return. Now that I think and ponder this I believe that students should not return. Having 400 to 1000 students and staff in 1 building should not happen. Think of door knobs, bathrooms and how is classroom safe distancing going to happen. It would be a huge responsibility of staff to enforce theses safe practices. From my seniors mouth. It would be nonsense. She doesn't feel going back to school really only to take finals would be of any good at this point. I am a nurse at st pats fighting this virus, most groups of community members have did a great job trying prevent spread of disease. I don't see the benefit now of putting us all at risk.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 10:33:04	If schools reopen, I am greatly concerned about the health of teachers and their families, especially older teachers. I'm also worried about COVID exposure to the families of students if schools are reopened.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:33:15	My concern is that the risk of students returning May 7th, outweighs the benefit of the remaining 3-4 weeks of schooling. With restaurants and bars opening the same week as schools, there is no buffer to see the affects this change will have. I also have many concerns regarding how social distancing is even plausible in a high school of 1300. If we are keeping 6 feet away in businesses, how can we allow our children to fall in the exception to this risk?  On a different note, I believe students are just starting to feel comfortable and successful with the routine of online learning. In my student's case, the online portion is working and she feels classes are keeping their intended pace. Teachers are going above and beyond, and are excelling at making sure students have the tools they need to continue learning remotely. It is our preference to maintain this style learning through the end of the year.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 10:33:45	My daughter is high risk due to her asthma, I am high risk due to my heart condition and my husband is high risk. I do not feel comfortable sending my children back to school at this time. I would hope that you continue to send out the wonderful resources for us to continue homeschool our children. Thank you. - (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 10:34:58	Students who live with family members who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:36:44	I know that this is difficult on many levels & safety is the only concern. Things in our favor; weather turning, numbers slowing due to the "shelter in place", the kids are as hyper aware as the adults so we can count on their participation (most want/need to be back), the availability of masks & sanitizers are plentiful so we shouldn't have an issue there hopefully. Negatives; the fact that everyone is suspect now of being a carrier unless tested and or inoculated/vaccinated for a virus that is STATISTICALLY similar to Flu & has been in our presence before now. The children are suffering from loss of contact, too much screen time(for EVERYONE:)) & the much needed stimulation of the brain! The telelearning is ok but not enough, PERHAPS A COMBINATION OPTION OF STAYING HOME & COMPLETING OR ATTENDING IF YOU CHOOSE? (Not yelling just highlighting) But that would certainly help with the distancing/lunch issues. Also bagged lunches from home or provided in class could help limit contact as well. We also need to pay attention to how much we are changing as well, it is supposed to resemble life as it was 3 short months ago after all. My son for one misses class because he enjoyed many hands on classes like Ag & Tech classes & was really looking forward to turning it into a career. I know this is tricky, but we are a team, it is not solely on your shoulders nor would any negative result may that occur. As a community we need to trust one another & if the "Howling hour" says anything	Big Sky High School	

4/23/2020 10:42:15	<p>My concern stems from having an at risk family member in our home and the logistics of trying to reopen schools at this time. We have not yet seen how the number of infections increases with the slow reopening of businesses where we can actually control social distancing and sanitation. In Missoula, we have classrooms with thirty students. We have high school kids leaving campus for lunch or offsite work study. Enforcing social distancing, cloth masks and proper hand sanitation will be nearly impossible with the current physical locations. Given that online learning has begun and that we are very close to the end of the school year it would be prudent for the schools to remain closed for the remainder of this school year. Waiting until fall to reopen schools allows time to watch any increase of infections as other businesses reopen. It allows our healthcare system to handle any increased number of infections and it allows administrators and staff to plan and prepare for keeping out students safe. I understand that many want our children to benefit from in-person learning, be able to interact with peers or be able to enjoy senior events but it is just not safe for our community to reopen schools at this time.</p>	Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/23/2020 10:42:44	<p>While I have already filled out this form a few times, I wanted to share with MCPS my email to Board Trustees:</p> <p>I am emailing to voice my concerns about school buildings reopening for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. It is my personal opinion this is unsafe and unwarranted. We in Missoula have community spread of COVID-19, even with social distancing measures in place. However, these measures are not being practiced by everyone. As a high school teacher, I have paid close attention to people out and about in the community on my few runs to pick up pre-ordered groceries, or to go on a hike and stepping far off the trails to maintain social distancing. While driving, I have observed students all over town, hanging out as they normally do, congregating in groups, and not seeming as if anything is different. If you have driven by the skate park, you can see it is packed as always, everyone in close proximity, and nary a mask to be had. Students simply do not have the background knowledge to understand the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic, which puts anyone in a school building with them at serious risk.</p> <p>I teach with colleagues who are over the at-risk age category, who are immunocompromised, who are undergoing chemotherapy, and who have family members in all of these categories. I, personally, fall into an at-risk category, as does one of my young adult children, and I am just one of many who can say something similar.</p> <p>While it may be acceptable to reopen businesses on a reduced capacity level while maintaining strict social distancing guidelines, it will never be possible to do so in any school building. And offering alternate schedules, rotating days, half days? Impossible to manage for any involved. And asking educators to teach in-person and also continue to teach online is unrealistic at best. Educators and paraeducators are bending over backwards to connect with, serve and teach our students, and to ask us to do more than we are currently doing is absolutely unfeasible.</p> <p>Please do not vote to reopen our school buildings. For the safety of our entire community, please vote to maintain online learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sara Hull Special Education, Sentinel HS</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:42:56	<p>As a parent of a Kindergartner, a husband of an 8th grade teacher, and a mental health therapist to six disadvantaged and homeless children aged Kindergarten - 6th grade, all of whom attend/work in 5 different MCPS schools, I do not believe it would be a safe nor wise to reopen schools on May 7. It would put our entire community at greater risk of harm.</p> <p>Families with children with at risk family members would have to choose between putting family members at risk of contracting COVID by attending school, or else falling behind their peers academically.</p> <p>Thank you sincerely for all of your hard, thankless work in figuring this out for us over the last several weeks, and for your thoughtful consideration of this complex issue.</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School, Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Paxson Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 10:48:51	<p>My concern is that opening the schools up early will put at risk student and teacher health. I do not see that flattening the curve for two weeks is reason enough to believe we have gotten past the threat from Corona Virus.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:49:48	<p>I am highly concerned about the schools opening again. My son has asthma and the idea of having to send him to school until this virus is totally gone is absolutely terrifying. I think it would be detrimental to his mental health as well, to have so much change in such a short period of time. Let them finish the year at home. Please. His health isn't worth risking</p>	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:53:07	<p>I have a niece who attends Sentinel High School and live in a nieghborhood with kids who attend Lewis and Clark and Washington schools. My concern is that these kids may be COVID-19 vectors who pass on the virus to others in the community. I am an at-risk individual and want the potential to spread the virus minimized. I realize it is a challenge for teachers, parents, and students to conduct school virtually. However, I do think it is possible and that the risk of developing a COVID-19 hot spot is not worth the risk.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 10:56:32	<p>If my children go back to school, I don't want massive changes including no recess, no PE or no Library. I want my children to feel normal. They have not left the house and we have kept their lives as normal as possible here. I also am not in support of masking our children or split schedules and reduced classes. All of the suggestions I've seen are damaging mentally to our children as well as the schedule we have now adjusted to. With only a month left, keep it as is, at home. Our children and staff do not need added stress to this already horrific situation we are all living</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 10:58:55	<p>How can you enforce social distancing? How can you enforce cleanliness? How can you enforce small groups? People have adapted to online learning. Seems silly to try to cram a month in with the dangers involved. Hopefully, we can open in the Fall.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 11:01:10	<p>I did not receive the survey about school opening.. could you resend</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 11:01:29	<p>In order to keep our kids, our teachers and our community safe, I believe our kids/all students should continue learning remotely. Going back for a month of school will not accomplish anything academic but will certainly put all of us and our families at risk. I prioritize safety and feel strongly about going back safely in the fall with strong, thorough, dedicated response plans. Nothing will be accomplished in these last 4 weeks of school except fear and illness.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 11:11:19	<p>I am concerned/questioning whether our school's staff and teachers have adequate time to ensure the safety of our students and those in our community who have contact with them in the next couple of weeks.</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	

4/23/2020 11:12:54	<p>First, thank you for all that you do for MCPS!</p> <p>I believe we are putting the cart before the horse in that the School Board is voting whether or not to go back to school. It seems to me that a feasible plan should be created before deciding to go back to school.</p> <p>How are we going to fill subs for the teachers who can't go back or the teachers who get sick? (Yes I do understand unemployment is high right now but don't we want the best teachers teaching and it seems unfair to put a teacher in a situation to get sick and lose 10+ sick leave days)</p> <p>How do we maintain social distancing in a classroom of 30 at 7 tables?</p> <p>How do we maintain social distancing when passing period has 600 students in the halls?</p> <p>What about the families that chose not to send their kids to school and still expect online learning?</p> <p>So many questions regarding logistics that a vote seems superfluous and will only lead to more fear, anxiety, etc.</p>	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 11:19:10	<p>We are very concerned it is too early to re open school. Children are finally settled into their at home remote learning, let's not disrupt all their hard work over the last month (by our amazing teachers!, children and all our families) and push the limits and the unknown. As an educator myself, I find it nearly impossible to even consider the idea of practicing appropriate social distancing and proper sanitation with that many children in classrooms, even with "new" protocol. It will be devastating to both children and teachers to not be able to hug, be close, get back to their normal school routines. It's just too early, and not worth the rush for 24 days of school. We are very anxious and eager as parents right now, but nothing has me convinced it's the right time. Thank you for listening to each and every family. We have been put in a very hard place as parents and educators by our governor, which is sad and heartbreaking. I do not envy your position to make this enormous decision, and I trust you to make the right call to protect our</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 11:21:36	No question nor concern at the moment. Just want to let MCPS know that our family is doing fine with our 4th and 6th graders at home. Their teachers have provided consistent, understandable instruction and our boys enjoy the weekly video chats. We do not feel stressed having them at home.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 11:22:10	We don't think it is worth the risk to open school back up this year since the school year is almost over.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 11:22:17	I don't believe it's prudent to restart school at this point. This process has been very disruptive for my kid's routine and our family in general. Unless school is reinstated without modified scheduling, as I suspect it would have to be, we should maintain the remote learning already in place for the remainder of this year.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 11:26:35	Not a question or concern. But I have heard a lot of parents wanting to keep their kids home. My daughter is in high school and wants to go back and don't understand how she can got to work and not school. Most high schoolers are working and not staying home. So why not keep online learning for elementary and open the high schools.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 11:27:33	I'm concerned that if the kids are allowed to go back, there is much higher risk of them being exposed and bringing it home to our family. Two people of our family group one being myself has a asthma health condition as well as my son, if either one of us gets sick it could be very harmful. Many of the concerned parents are absolutely refusing to send the kids back regardless of opening or not for the same reasons I'm concerned. Though it is difficult to stay away from others, it has proven to be helpful with the states lowest cases per capita	Franklin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/23/2020 11:30:03	If the order is to keep numbers between 10-50... how can we possibly have schools reopen if classrooms are 20+...? What about the health and safety of teachers? Teachers with their own children? Students with parents/grandparents that have health concerns. How is opening schools back up for a month going to keep everyone safe?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 11:33:01	I'm writing as a teacher and a parent. As much as I want to return to my classroom and have my son return to his friends and teacher and finish his school year on a positive note, I feel that there is too much unknown. Does a child really want to return to a school where they and their classmates and teacher have to wear masks. Where they can't go to recess, eat lunch with their friends, where they are contained in their classroom and constantly been asked to wash hands and sanitize. Doesn't sound like a positive learning environment to me, sounds scary for the younger students. Also, what if a teacher is sick, how do we find a sub, when there already is a shortage in the district. The list goes on.... As much as I would love to return to some kind of normal I feel like it is not feasible at this time.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 11:34:02	There will likely be a raise in COVID-19 cases, with the re-opening of bars, restaurants, etc. I DO NOT think schools should open again until the fall. And I don't know how it's possible to enforce social distancing in younger children.	Seeley Swan High School	
4/23/2020 11:36:23	How are you planning to estimate number of staff in the 'vulnerable' category to see if re-opening is even feasible from a staffing standpoint?	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 11:37:26	I did not receive the survey that was reportedly sent the evening of 4/22	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 11:37:51	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

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4/23/2020 11:49:57	<p>Thank you for your recent email and text update from the superintendent on 4/22/20. I have been getting these updates to my home email and cell phone regularly. In the 4/22 email, it mentioned that an additional email and text would be sent out the evening of 4/22 with a link to a survey to complete - however - as of this morning 4/23 - I have not received this additional communication. It does seem - however - that other parents have because they are sharing the link on Facebook. I am concerned that not everyone (myself included) has been provided with a link to the survey. Thank you for looking into this.</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 11:52:16	<p>If schools reopen - how on earth will there be any semblance of social distancing. Impossible! Schools do not even come close to meeting current health department/CDC guidelines for physical distancing. I was under the impression we would have adequate testing before considering opening schools. Testing is also no where near where it needs to be. If schools reopen this year my daughter, who is immunosuppressed, will not be attending.</p>	Sentinel High School	
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4/23/2020 11:58:06	<p>Will we have the option not to send our child to school in the event they open back up? I have lost 2 friends from the virus in Chicago and I have no plans on sending my child back until next year. If it not advised to have groups larger than 10 or 50 I will follow the scientists/doctors recommendation and I will keep my child at home.</p>	Meadow Hill Middle School	
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4/23/2020 12:00:42	<p>I would like to share that I am NOT in favor of schools reopening this school year for many reasons - most importantly the health and safety of our entire community. Thank you for convening this to the School Board and Superintendent.</p>	Hellgate High School	
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4/23/2020 12:02:51	I ask that the schools stay closed for the rest of this school year to give MCPS time to properly prepare for likely contingencies next fall.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:03:46	I am extremely concerned about the possibility of schools re-opening in May. How can my child safely circulate among hundreds of other students without unknowingly bringing the virus home to my immunocompromised husband? Please keep our at-risk population safe this spring by keeping schools closed. I can understand small business opening to small numbers of clients, but allowing kids, who are most likely to carry the virus asymptotically, to gather in large groups seems extremely irresponsible at this stage (and truly terrifying from a personal perspective)	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 12:06:26	Please do not risk opening too soon. We have seen what happens with a second surge.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:08:43	I am a bit concerned because I have asthma and have chronic conditions which would put me at high risk. Im not sure how one would be social distancing at school. However, I think it's also important to have our son go back to school since he misses his friends, teachers and classmates. Good for social skills and his education.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:10:16	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
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4/23/2020 12:15:53	We live in the Hawthorne School District, although my son is in pre-school..His school, however, does follow MCPS schedule and guidelines. I find it an issue of public, physical, and even mental health to resume the school year for the 3 weeks remaining. I would love to see MCPS reinvigorate summer programs down the line, as to help kids and their families have access to quality education.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:21:26	I don't have kids but I do not support re-opening schools this semester. Pls wait til fall.	Franklin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:21:53	I have three children in the public school system here in Missoula; 3rd, 9th, and 12th. I also work as a Family Advocate, social worker, here in Missoula at Head Start. There are a number of concerns opening up schools in Missoula on May 7. The first concern is that it is not developmentally appropriate to have children and teens come back to school for one month. This is going to cause unneeded stress and anxiety. In addition personally speaking my children have developed a new routine for remote learning and we are into that routine. Second concern would be the safe reopening of schools to the point that the governor has noted. For example, social distancing, masks, keeping everyone safe. Not only school staff, but also families with health concerns within the home. Finally my opinion would be to put resources and energy into a safe reopening for the Fall of 2020. Have children and families continue with online/remote learning. The funding is there to continue with remote learning.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 12:23:13	Please do not reopen schools for the remainder of this year. The risks far outweigh the benefits of coming back for such a minimal amount of time. It is challenging to have children home, especially for working parents, but the death of a child, a teacher, an administrator, a grandparent-- is just not worth it. We simply are not ready, without a vaccine, or without the possibility of another surge of COVID cases, to have one of our most vulnerable populations (our children) at risk.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:29:07	I am concerned with teachers and students health & safety if teachers and students go back to school after May 7th. I vote NO to sending kids back to school and YES with continuing remote learning until social distancing state wide is not recommended.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 12:30:07	<p>time</p> <p>Dear MCPS Trustees and covid-19 Response Team Members:</p> <p>Thank you so much for consideration of the following bullet points (for conciseness) regarding MCPS and decisions you personally are charged with making in the coming days pertaining to the current pandemic. As Governor Bullock has given opening/closure directives to local control these decisions will effect the very lives of people who you have been elected or employed to serve. I believe you are about to make your most important decisions as a member of the MCPS Board of Trustees or covid-19 Response Team Member. There is absolutely nothing trivial about what you have to do. With that preface I ask you to consider the following:</p> <p>1. The health and well being of students, staff, administrators, substitute teachers, bus drivers, affiliated business partners and all their relatives and friends (essentially everyone) in our community ought to be the very first consideration with regard to any decision-making process. These decisions need to be the right ones - they are not ambiguous. I believe they need to be right the first time they are made. They also need to take precedence over any academic concerns.</p> <p>2. Any decisions made that further Coronavirus transmission in any incremental manner will ultimately deal illness and death to members of our community who would otherwise be living their lives. THESE WOULD BE THE WRONG DECISIONS TO MAKE. I believe you have the morality, compassion &amp; intelligence to understand why or you wouldn't have been elected as a trustee.</p> <p>3. Data-driven scientific/medical evidence with respect to #1 above should be the second consideration regarding open/closure status. Decisions taken without such information are also the wrong ones.</p> <p>4. One very important datapoint is the fact that we are just in the beginning of this pandemic. Another datapoint is that a vaccine is 12-18 months away. Relevant historical precedents point out a 3rd datapoint - the worst of this pandemic will be coming in the future as a second wave - most likely in the fall. The reasons for this should be truly considered. Some of them include: 1. There is no cure to this ever-mutating virus. 2. Fully 70% of Missoula's citizens must be immune to the virus for it to die off (that number is based on scientific evidence). Missoula County, as of this writing, does not even come near a single percentage point if we consider those who have survived a coved-19 infection in our midst. 3. Citizens become tired of the restrictions placed on their lives as well as complacent with the likelihood of the virus slowing infection rate in the summer months - and we relax our social distance behaviors and other protocols. 4. This behavior pattern continues into the fall until we collectively again become aware of increasing infection rates and THEN act accordingly. 5. The second wave environment begins with complacency and perhaps ill-placed over-confidence coupled with a dose of denial. 6. The virus does not care about any of this - only its replication. It only needs groups of people to do this. So the second wave is coming regardless of the beliefs of any of us as individuals. 5. The logistics of actually creating a safe face-to face learning environment this spring for all of the individuals mentioned in my opening point seem to have absolutely no basis in reality. Many of the logistics are patently insurmountable: 1. Can MCPS clean bathrooms, halls, desks, handrails, tables, bus seats lunch dishes and silverware - the air - as well as any number of other surfaces (walls?) multiple times per day - and provide masks for all who work and learn within MCPS? 2. Can MCPS keep every elementary and middle school student from touching their face while on site campus for 7 hours per day? 3. Can MCPS create social distancing in buses, classrooms, hallways, gym classes, music and other academic classes? Will the air still be virus free? 4. Can the school nurse (if one is available) be expected to determine if individuals are infected (please consider now that some infected individuals will not display symptoms and will not know that they are infected). Moreover will this nurse be expected to determine the infection demographics of his or her school so that ample warning can occur if there is a surge in infections on campus? Are MCPS medical personnel even equipped materially and otherwise to deal with this kind of activity and process through their normal day-to-day activities. 5. Can MCPS educators be expected to lift their heroically-created content off of its current online format and reassemble altered face-to face learning environments that actually meet their curricular goals while addressing these sub-points? And what happens if a teacher becomes ill with covid_19? What are the quarantine issues involved with anyone on campus becoming infected? 6. Can any of the people I mention in my first point be expected to place their lives or the lives of their loved ones at risk by participating in the reopening of our schools? 7. What does MCPS consider to be the protocol for parents who choose to keep their children away from an opened school because of safety concerns. 8. I could go on - but I think you see the point.</p> <p>6. Are MCPS resources and time better spent on developing plans that meet requirements for the next wave of this virus in the fall? I think there are very good reasons to continue remote learning and no reasons at all to open MCPS schools at this time. This would allow our educators to more fully develop their capability to deliver content by finishing this remote process - thereby fine-tuning effective learning strategies and protocols - and having them available in a future emergency in a very real sense. We would consequently create a more flexible environment for dealing with the 2nd wave of covid-19. We would also be in a better position in the interim to adequately demand and receive the testing capability that is absolutely required by our community to make truly informed decisions about closure/open status of MCPS Schools. LASTLY, None of this reduces the harsh and stressful economic impact produced by the virus on the lives of so many people in our community. Though I submit that it is infinitely better than having to create mass graves for at least 3400 Missoulians who would otherwise not be among us as a result of doing nothing (Covid-19 statistically results in 3.4% death rate - Missoula County = c.100,000 people). Montana has been deliberatively successful in denying the virus' success for very specific reasons because our measures took effect very early in the infection cycle. Had this not occurred we would be in a much worse position with many more deaths and an overwhelmed hospital system - as well as an even harsher economic impact - all of which we see now in other regions were there was delay/denial in operation. I reiterate that I believe you are moral, compassionate and intelligent enough to understand what I have presented here and I thank you for the hard decisions you must make. MAKE THE RIGHT ONE RIGHT NOW - KEEP OUR SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL WE ARE EQUIPPED TO DEAL PROPERLY WITH THIS PANDEMIC - WE ARE NOT THERE YET. Again, thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter. I sincerely appreciate all the unplanned-for extra effort that you must be experiencing on behalf of all of the people of Missoula during this</p>	Sentinel High School	

4/23/2020 12:37:22	<p>Governor Bullock has made the irresponsible decision to reopen MT without proper testing, personal protective equipment, or ventilator/ICU capacity. I urge MCPS not to follow the Governor's dangerous lead and continue to keep schools closed for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>I have been a registered nurse in this community for more than a decade. I am also currently a law student here at UM School of Law. I am not an epidemiologist, but I am educated. I am troubled by the responses I have received from the Governor's office. Please be advised of the following: MT's population is approximately 1.069 mil -There have been roughly 11,000 COVID-19 tests performed in the state (that's about 1% of our population), and of those, roughly 4% have tested positive.</p> <p>There are 2 problems with this scenario as it relates to reopening that I would ask you to consider in your decision to reopen schools: 1) Testing criteria have only been broadened for a little over a week. Still, not enough tests are performed for various reasons, not the least of which is continued lack of tests. I was informed by the Governor's office this morning that the State has received 5,000 additional tests. Does that sound like enough to you? Me either. The Governor makes a deadly mistake to reopen the state without adequate testing. Do not follow his lead. 2) Missoula City-County Health Department Director of Pandemic Response, Cindy Farr, indicated yesterday that the Governor did not consult with her office, nor inform her office of his decision, prior to his press conference announcing his new orders. This begs the following questions: a) On what basis did he make this decision? and b) So the Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD) has 2 business days in which to make a determination about the restrictions that should remain in place in our county to save lives and protect our vital healthcare workers and other first responders AND distribute that information to the public? It is grossly negligent for the Governor to make such a decision without vital information from our county health departments in the state, and to place them in a position to make a quick decision. He is risking the lives of Montanans. MCPS should not follow the Governor's lead. Further, Cindy Farr indicated that there is "no clear picture of how many cases we have in Missoula because of the lack of testing supplies." Ms. Farr is quoted as having made this statement on 04/22/2020. I understand that the superintendent is working with Ms. Farr and the MCCHD, but I urge MCPS to keep schools closed for the remainder of the school year, out of an abundance of caution. We, as citizens, owe a duty to our most vulnerable populations. You also have an additional obligation to protect the children who attend public schools in Missoula County. Even with strict guidelines and improved cleaning and hygiene practices, we all know that these guidelines are 1) unenforceable because there aren't enough staff as it is at MCCHD, much less enough to complete inspections and 2) the guidelines cannot be uniformly or precisely applied. You cannot ensure the safety our children with reasonable certainty. Therefore, MCPS must remained closed throughout the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Another concern is related to personal protective equipment (PPE). The Governor's office reports that they have just secured an additional 244,200 N95 masks and 110,000 surgical masks. That's great. However, it still falls gravely short of demand. For schools to even consider reopening, masks must be provided to students. There are approximately 140,000 students who attend public school in the state, and close to 14,000 students served by MCPS. There are simply not enough masks to meet the needs of our healthcare workers and other first responders, much less supply the students, faculty, and staff of our schools. Reusing masks is not an option and homemade masks are not as effective in filtering droplets. If you plan to reopen schools, it will place our children and our community in grave danger. For schools to adequately enforce social distancing guidelines, students would need to be spaced 27 feet apart, not 6 feet apart. Prolonged exposure to an infected person, as would happen during class, requires a greater distance, as droplets travel 27 feet. Unless you are planning to hold classes in the football stadium, reopening is not a viable or safe option. I urge MCPS to rely on science and keep schools closed throughout the remainder of the school year. Allowing high-risk students or students with high-risk family members to continue by remote instruction does little to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community. MCPS should abandon this as an option and keep schools closed throughout the remainder of the school year. Please keep in mind that Missoula's nurses are already working mandatory overtime with limited supplies. There are limited ICU beds in Missoula. Limited ventilators. Limited PPE. Limited tests. I understand MCPS must balance the needs of students and that you have an obligation to instruct our children to the best of your ability. I concede that remote instruction is far inferior to in-person instruction. However, it is irresponsible to expose our children and our community to a deadly virus when the solution is simple and already in place: Keep schools closed throughout the remainder of the school year. Change nothing. Hold steady. We cannot afford an increase in cases. Some people's lives depend on it, including some children who attend public school in Missoula County. Rely on science, not on the Governor's politically-motivated removal of precautions in our state. Finally, remember that you hold elected positions. Keep our schools closed!</p>	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 12:40:58	<p>I have strong concerns about my daughter that has a global disability and genetic disorder. She has a weakened immune system and is not cognitively aware of self-help skills to stay safe. I am also concerned about the size of the schools and how my high school and middle school daughters will be able to be in such close contact with 500- 1500 students daily. I would prefer to remain closed for this school year with planning for the next school year to take precedence.</p>	Meadow Hill Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 12:49:37	<p>I was wondering why the particular date of may 7th was chosen for the reopening of the school? This is 3 days after the deadline for the track season to start up. Was this a financial decision? Under federal guidelines schools could have opened last week.</p> <p>This decision has far greater impact on our students then the school closure even came close to. Students continued to train for their final chance to get Scholarships and break records. My Senior son cried for hours when he found out that track had been completely canceled. He has gone into a deep depression. He wants to quit school all together because there is he sees there is no longer a point for him to so do it. What makes it worse is they know that the school could have been opened and track could have happened.</p>	Seeley Swan High School	
4/23/2020 12:52:04	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 12:53:16	<p>It is my sincere hope that the MCPS school board makes the safe &amp; prudent choice NOT to reopen schools for the remaining 6 weeks of this academic year. I believe the choice to bring students back together in classrooms, crowded hallways &amp; shared bathrooms puts our entire community at grave risk.</p> <p>Should you chose to reopen, my 2 Hellgate HS students will not be able to return to class and will have to continue remote learning (also missing any in-person graduation ceremony). My husband is immunocompromised and has severely reduced lung function due to an ongoing 7 year-long battle with metastasized bone cancer. In the absense of reliable, effective treatments for Covid-19, we cannot risk bringing the coronavirus into our home. This is quite literally a matter of life and death for their Dad.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments and for making the safety of our community your top priority. We can't be "all in this together" unless we are willing to make sacrifices to protect the lives of those most vulnerable.</p>	Hellgate High School	

4/23/2020 13:00:01	It doesn't seem to make much sense to open schools back up for the rest of this school year, since it is almost over anyway. I think it would just cause more problems and we should just continue to finish out the school year online.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 13:02:33	Returning the kids to school and opening up the public prematurely may be risky (I'm thinking Spanish Flu era... ). At this point, I feel that returning the kids for 2 weeks is unnecessary and we should continue with Remote Learning for the duration of the year. I have the resources at home to continue. I do understand that this is stressful and families have financial concerns as well. I think the option to continue Remote Learning for the remainder of the school year should be considered.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 13:03:05	As of today, April 23rd we have 442 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Montana, 306 recovered and 38 cases in Missoula County. We are not New York, we all choose to live in Montana for a reason. Our population base is vastly different from urban areas in the US. We simply do not have the numbers to warrant an extended school closure. Please open school back up and allow our children to return to some sort of normalcy with safety measures put into place that are realistic.  One potential solution (compromise) would be to run half day school, where half the kids attend in the morning and half in the afternoon (Last names beginning A-M in the AM N-Z in the PM). This would increase bus traffic and logistical management. No in-cafeteria lunch service. Continue the meal protocol that is in place currently with drop off or sack breakfasts/lunches. You could even take it further by suspending all specials and have the kids access these activities remotely (music, PE & library). We need to get the kids back into their core classes face to face with their teachers. Please listen to ALL voices in this debate and work to find a middle ground.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 13:04:49	I am highly concerned about sending our kids back to school. We do not know enough about this virus. We do not know why some people show little or no symptoms. Our kids are in a routine that has taken weeks to step into and albeit a bit discombobulated, it is working in some ways while keeping people at safe distances. As we do not have all the info on this virus, choosing to send the kids back is choosing to have an experiment with people's lives.  Do not choose to put our children and families at risk by sending them back into a setting that is impossible to keep them socially distanced. Not to mention the incredible amount of stress that will occur due to another change in learning.  Our family has one child in the home that is high risk. We have 3 grandparents in the community that are high risk, not to mention the number of friends in our community in the same category. This is not something our family is taking lightly and hope you will choose to keep our kids out of a school building for the remainder of this school year.  Thank you for your time.	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 13:22:14	How will school board ensure my son will not be exposed to Corona Virus in the school? Will protective equipment be given to him or will the district reimburse us for providing our own? What precautions are going to be in place to reduce chances of exposure? What will happen if a student does test positive? <del>Will the schools only close again if positive cases increase in Missoula?</del>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 13:22:51	Going back to school would be incredibly irresponsible and would nullify the progress that Missoula has worked for since late March. The financial, economic, and social impacts of the stay at home order could be all for nothing by a single student with Covid-19 roaming the halls at class change. Social distancing is not a remote possibility in schools. I do not disagree with the Governors directive to leave decisions up to individual districts, as there are many places and school districts in Montana with no confirmed Covid-19 cases. Missoula is not one of those places. If the Board of Trustees decides that schools re-open in any capacity, and there are Covid-19 cases that are related to students or staff; the Board of Trustees has culpability for unnecessary spreading this virus.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 13:25:20	I have concerns about the health and safety of implementing a system that sends kids back to school on a volunteer basis. I worry that this puts everyone's health at risk, not to mention the nightmare for the teachers and administrations to teach to some kids in person and some kids at home. One month of school is not enough time to do this effectively nor is it worth it to put our kids and educators, plus their families, at risk. Please consider taking this time to create a solid system that may have to be implemented in the fall anyway, while allowing kids to stay home and be safe. We have to figure out a way to make this work for all families while keeping everyone safe. I appreciate the gravity of this decision and understand that this is uncharted territory so appreciate your time and efforts.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 13:25:46	Sending the kids back to school at this point would be a mistake. It is not fair to ask them to adjust every few weeks for our own comfort. They have just adapted to this "new normal" and now they may have to go back to school? Not only is it unfair to them it is unsafe.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 13:26:30	PPE to keep kids and staff safe. Cannot control social distancing when students don't have constant faculty supervision. I think remote classes are best. Do not reopen schools	Big Sky High School	
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4/23/2020 13:33:58	<p>This family is hopeful that Missoula district schools will open after May 7 as our kids need quality learning, engagement, inspiration, structure and a feeling of progress to grow and to thrive. It has been pretty rough last few weeks, as online teaching by public schools has been so minimal. Montana was right to be aggressive at social isolation early on, thanks to which we have such low and manageable Covid-19 cases. Now it's time to finish the school year on a hopeful note and let the kids feel some sense of normalcy before summer begins. Such a great chance, take it! At the same time, provide for alternative online learning and tutoring pathways for those who are at higher risk for infection.</p>	Washington Middle School	

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4/23/2020 13:34:17	<p>I would just like to share my concern about restarting school. As much as I want my children to go back to Paxson this Spring, I think restarting schools would be throwing away all of the hard work &amp; sacrifice our city has gone through to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Why not wait until the Fall? Let scientists &amp; public health experts take the summer to better understand how it's transmitted, acquire more &amp; better testing capabilities, and then devise a strategic plan for reopening the schools in the Fall. Because children are the least vulnerable to the disease makes it even scarier as then can be unknown carriers throughout our entire city, state, etc.... We already know how devastating this disease is. Let's not throw it away for just a few weeks of school while we still don't understand the disease.</p> <p>Perhaps you could start some type of an emergency child care in the schools with teachers who are willing to volunteer, for essential services workers or for other children who are in need, but not actually "officially" restart school.</p> <p>I appreciate how hard this decision is and also understand there are so many competing factors, but I urge you to be conservative in your decision given how little we know of this disease and that we really wouldn't gain much education out of it.</p>	Paxson Elementary School	
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4/23/2020 13:39:20	District e-mail said we would get a survey last night. I never got it and it is very important to me as a member of my household is at high risk.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 13:51:41	<p>I am an at risk population, but my child is not. I'm concerned that if she returns to school, she may bring home COVID and we may face very serious struggles with it. She has told me that multiple people at her school have at-risk families, and I think that it would be prudent to develop a strategy to allow these students to attend their classes online without them having to come forward and ask for it. Many families will not know to ask, and this could cause a lot of unnecessary death.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 13:51:45	<p>I don't feel comfortable sending my children to school with other kids that may not even know they have Covid. Children are not being tested. What if one of these children gives this to a grandparent or family member and the die?</p> <p>That is a burden that should not be placed on youth. I have one in high school and two at target range. I would like the option for my children to pass their grade without being forced to attend the public education system and put them and our family at risk</p>	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 13:54:20	<p>I would like to see school resume back in session on May 11th. As a single parent working full time I am having a very difficult time fitting in much school work for my son.</p> <p>Since we are one of the lower at-risk states I think there is a creative way to resume classes. Maybe break the class into two halves and one half goes two days, and the other half two days. Maybe school gets out at 2pm every day so there is an extra hour each day to clean. and Fridays off since teachers are also dealing with kiddos at home. Thanks for your consideration.</p>	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 13:55:40	<p>I think there should be an opportunity for students with limited resources and limited access to online learning so they can come to school and meet with teachers. This could be at specific times or by appointment based on some schedule that incorporates small group sized and social distancing. For kids that are actively doing online school with reasonable success, they could continue with online learning. This reduces the number of students in the building and speaks to long term success of fighting the virus and keeping families healthy. They could also make arrangements to go to the school for help if needed.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 13:56:23	<p>I understand opening school back up as a parent and as a teacher. My concern is the ripple that will be created between teachers who will not return, and parents who will not send their kids back to school. We are going to create a double standard that will be a nightmare for everyone.</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 14:05:43	<p>I'm not planning to send my daughter back to school this spring. She's doing great with school at home, and i don't see the need to risk sending her back to school too soon.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	

4/23/2020 14:08:37	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
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4/23/2020 14:10:20	Time to reopen our Missoula schools	Washington Middle School	
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4/23/2020 14:19:48	<p>I don't believe we can keep students and staff safe if we reopen this spring. While remote learning is not ideal, if we did open schools some students would not attend. That would put us in a position of having to teach during the day and then spending evenings/weekends providing remote learning. That's not realistic.</p> <p>I think the district should put it's efforts into planning how we can begin school in the fall knowing that some of our current issues might still exist.</p>	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	

4/23/2020 14:22:10	<p>I have big concerns if schools are reopened after May 7th for the remainder of this school year as I am very concerned over the ability of schools to help ensure there is true social distancing during the school day.</p> <p>Even with the best of efforts I don't believe it is possible and there is so much still unknown on what will help really ensure safety and health of our children and the teachers and staff (as well as all of their families, etc..) if school went back in session before we know even more.</p> <p>Although our numbers have been low in the Missoula area we have been on a stay at home mode for weeks which I believe has kept our positive covid 19 numbers and the curve low.</p> <p>Taking such a big potential risk of an outbreak of covid 19 for what amounts to just a handful of weeks left of school when there is so much unknown and so much to potentially lose is a bad decision.</p> <p>The schools and teachers have worked hard on the online schooling that is being done and seems to be effective. I believe as does my family that online school needs to continue until the end of the school year.</p> <p>Please error on the side of safety for our children who are counting on you to do the right thing.</p>	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 14:24:48	You would be opening a HUGE can of worms if you open up the schools for just a couple of weeks! The children and teachers are finally on a routine with on line schooling. What is a couple more weeks to finish at home. I have a grandson who has very bad asthma who would be at risk going back for a couple of weeks left of the school year. They can't do year end field trips, teacher near the end would be just showing movies and other activities to keep them busy! We as a community are still doing distance spacing. Let's keep our children safe from school till next Fall comes. Hopefully will have enough testing for everyone by then. Thank you 🙏	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 14:24:50	Given the high number of known cases in Missoula, I do not feel that schools should reopen.	Jefferson Early Learning Center, Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 14:28:03	I do not support a spring return for our students. It is not prudent, nor is thar choice supported by what we currently understand about this virus. As a clinical therapist, I am <u>working remotely for the safety of my family and my clients. MCPS should be doing the same.</u>	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 14:33:35	I do not think it is prudent to open the schools with six weeks remaining in the school year. The first week back will be chaos for the kids and teachers, and the last week or two of school is just silliness, movies, and yearbooks. It hardly seems worth putting hundreds of families at risk of contracting COVID-19 for three to four weeks of instruction time. Perhaps a compromise, homerooms/classrooms have separate meeting times (or days) for students to go to the school and collect their belongings/supplies, sign yearbooks, and say hello and goodbye to their teachers. Thank you for your consideration. I do not need a response, but I added my email below in the event you'd like to contact me.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 14:34:56	I guess a realistic secondary crisis to all of the COVID is that fact that the kids are at home and regardless how good we try as parents, the structure is not the same and for this I would love school to start again. However, a much higher priority is the safety at this point. factoring in the common good of all that it seems that to return to school now, would require so much work around vulnerable students as well as their family members and effective social distancing that it would be far more of a burden than a benefit to go back for a couple weeks. If this was January a totally different story, but it will be May 8th. I wouldn't expect you to go through all the effort for a few weeks. Also, the fact that the <del>state funding will still be available if you do not return</del> <u>give yourselves a break</u>	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 14:37:36	I don't think it's appropriate to send kids back to school after May 7th. They may not get sick but could contribute to other people getting very sick especially older or immune compromised people working in the school system. Without contact tracing and robust testing it seems like a not brainer that kids should not be in school. I will probably choose <u>to keep my children home.</u>	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 14:38:12	The schools are NOT equipped to function with the current level of sanitation and physical distancing that is required. I feel like it would take weeks to get kids up to speed on new policies and procedures and then school's out. The momentum that we've finally built at home with remote learning would be upended again and we'd start all over. <u>Additionally, physical distancing on buses? It just doesn't make sense right now. Please don't open the schools.</u>	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 14:39:47	If classroom instruction is re-commenced, please include in your plan the option for students to continue home-instruction for the rest of the school year without penalty. Recognize that families/guardians may not agree with re-opening schools so soon during a pandemic, and do not wish to risk infecting MCPS fine teachers & staff, nor themselves.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 14:42:47	I respect whatever decision is made by our school board and know that it will be based on sound public health information. I just wanted to submit that I think the stress and mental health of our families would greatly improve if schools re-opened. Parents who are working full-time with elementary age kiddos at home are not thriving under the school closures. It's so hard to get a second grader to stay attentive to the remote learning plans, especially when her full time working parents have very limited time to oversee the lessons and are on zoom conference calls for most of the day with coworkers. Either we need to lower expectations for remote learning if other business in the county is opened back up or we need to let our kids get back to business too, with masks and other precautions. Opening everything BUT schools will make it even harder on working families.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 14:46:22	I'm concerned it is too early to move to classroom learning.	Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 14:49:13	Where's this supposed survey? We have not received it yet.	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 14:58:05	My concern is that my son will bring the novel corona virus home from school if Hellgate HS reopens soon. I have a suppressed immune system because of rheumatoid arthritis medication that I have to take, and my wife has a lingering cough from a bout of pneumonia last year. I worry that one or both of us might not survive COVID-19.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 15:02:13	Concerned we have not done enough testing statewide to justify students going back to school for just 4 weeks. If the Board of Trustees is considering voting on schools reopening I would like to it be based on science and epidemiologists recommendations. The students have just adjusted to school at home and it's going well for the most part AND we are keeping our numbers down. If some students do go back, the teachers will be doing double duty as many others with compromised immunity or relatives with compromised immunity are unlikely to go back. I would rather be conservative now ( if that is the science based recommendation) and have a chance at schools and universities <u>opening in the fall</u>	Hellgate High School	

4/23/2020 15:02:54	I do not think we should risk our children's safety, health and well being over a month of school. I think it is not a good decision whatsoever to reopen schools. We risk infecting families that have worked so hard to stay safe and healthy. Please don't reopen schools. The teachers have done an amazing job with remote learning and it is working very well. Four to six weeks is not worth coming back for!!!	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 15:03:05	I have underlying health issues that put me at higher risk for serious complications from Covid 19. I am a mother and a therapist who works with children and families. I am very concerned regarding the possibility that schools may reopen this school year. Everyone has already been subject to a great deal of change over the last month and a half and has had to adjust to those changes. Changing everything again, especially for so short a time as the limited amount of time we have before the school year ends, is likely to increase stress for children and their families. Additionally, the amount of planning, time and work that would be required to implement safe practices under social distancing guidelines is likely just not feasible, which will put our families and school staff at risk.	C.S. Porter Middle School, Hellgate High School Jennerson Early Learning Center, C.S. Porter Middle School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Washington Middle School, Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School, Seeley Swan High School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 15:03:11	Voicing support of Covid team's recommendation to NOT re-open. Thank you.		
4/23/2020 15:08:36	As much as I'd like us all to get back to school, I do not think it is right to return under the current circumstances. There are so many layers to this issue. Most importantly, the safety of students and staff. Here are some specific concerns and points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•I do not see a way in which we can social distance/keep gatherings under 10 in enclosed classrooms with 20-30 students.</li> <li>•I do not see how we can properly disinfect schools with 500+ students, especially the schools with our youngest students who cannot comprehend or follow through with safe social distancing, keeping hands off faces and others, and wearing masks for hours at a time.</li> <li>•How will we cover the many staff members who cannot return due to age or underlying health conditions?</li> <li>•How will we teach the many kids who cannot or will not come back due to health issues or concern for safety?</li> <li>•My students have finally found a groove in online learning. Asking us to change course again, with only a few weeks left, does not seem worth it. It will be another adjustment, for both students and staff, that many will not be comfortable with.</li> </ul> - Furthermore, the number of cases continue to be reported in Missoula County. I just don't see the benefit of in-person instruction outweighing the risk both physically and mentally. Therefore I think we should continue online learning, for the remainder of school year.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 15:10:52	If schools to reopen, our family will not be able to send our children back to school due to the risk of exposing our high-risk family members that live in the home. Our students will not be returning until the fall.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 15:11:58	non-symptomatic spread is still highly probable. has every school been disinfected? do you have the funding to keep disinfecting? If you require masks and gloves, will those items be provided to those without? who is teaching the homeless?	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 15:37:30	Please do not open schools until fall.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 15:45:12	My concern is that in a rush to reopen we will have Covid spread through our schools like wildfire. Young people are full of energy and do strange things. No matter what rules or guidelines are in place you and I both know they will be broken. One other question, should the decision be made to reopen the schools does the district have enough money to cover the litigation that will occur, when a student or their whole family becomes mortally sick, from such a poor decision?	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 15:46:18	(I am consulting the white house reopening guidelines throughout.) As part of phased reopening, stage one is achieving a 14 day period with several different downward trajectories. I have not seen demonstrative evidence that Missoula County has achieved all different types of downward trajectory required to begin phase one of reopening. Irregardless, schools are to remain closed leading up to the beginning of phase one and for a minimum of 14 days after. Reopening schools on May 8 would be very unwise, given these guidelines.  A further consideration is the use of cloth masks mentioned in the MCPS email. Do enough child sized masks exist for every student? Are they made of the appropriate materials and do they include filters that would make them effective in preventing viral transmission? How will they be frequently laundered/sanitized in a consistent manner across households? Do you really think that elementary age students will be able to wear masks continuously and appropriately throughout the school day? My son is in second grade; the size of his classroom does not remotely come close to allowing proper social distancing. They don't even have room to store their belongings (coats, backpacks) in their room!  As a teacher myself, it is almost impossible to imagine a way to have a functional school day that also adequately protects the entire school/staff population as well as the greater community. Will there be exceptions made for families that are not comfortable (for whatever reason) returning to school? Or penalties should families not return once school reopens? Our knowledge of this virus and its spread changes from day to day. It seems premature to back off of current social distancing measures. I believe that the risks of reopening outweigh the benefits and that MCPS should follow the wise course of the many other states and localities that have chosen to remain closed for the rest of this school year.	Franklin Elementary School	

4/23/2020 15:49:41	When I asked my son, a senior, what he would like to say to the Board as they make their decision. He said, "Please put the health and safety of your staff and students first." He and his teachers have adapted to on-line learning, and he can finish the school year from home. He is not interested in putting himself, his teachers, his grandparents or his community at risk - not for classroom learning, not for graduation. The risk is unnecessary. There is no way to ensure student and staff safety. Testing for fevers is not a sufficient safeguard. A student may transmit Co-VID without showing notable symptoms. In addition, without regular and widespread testing, we may not know the community health outcome of resuming school until it is too late for too many. Teachers will be challenged to teach and to monitor risks simultaneously. Students who are conscientious will be similarly challenged. What rights will either have if other students disregard protocols? I think this is an opportunity for the district to focus on students who are most at risk and have struggled with on-line access and learning. The current system is safest and is working well for my family.	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 15:53:03	I'm concerned that there seems to be a push to reopen everything in Montana, including the schools. Based on everything we have learned about Covid 19 and the fact that so little testing is occurring and we have no idea how many people may be non-symptomatic and spreading it around our community, it seems crazy to send our kids back to the petri-dish of school. Let's be safe and responsible and finish out the school year at home.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School, Seeley Swan High School	
4/23/2020 15:54:32	We are not in favor of the kids, teachers and staff to go back to traditional school for the rest of this year. It does not make sense to put any of them at risk, to make the teachers change their lesson plans again, to change to a 6' spacing (which will be impossible to do!) and to think that our children will be able to have a happy learning environment for the last 4 weeks. Our high schoolers in our house are afraid to go back. They know that the kids will not physically distance themselves or wear masks. Our elementary child wants to be with his friends so bad- but even he said "How do I ride the bus and not be next to anyone? How do we have lunch and recess?" Please vote to stick with online learning for the rest of this school year. If you vote to have school in session in person, I do not believe we will be sending our children to school. We do not see the risk/reward in anyone's favor.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 16:06:42	I never did receive the text/email for a survey and would like to weigh in	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 16:15:47	I work at a nursing home. I am concerned about children bring it home and then myself transmitting it to my residents. 3 different schools are attending by the children at my housr	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/23/2020 16:17:58	If or when we go back to school, will the kids be wearing masks?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 16:21:01	I think it would be very difficult for kindergarten and 1st graders to keep their distance and not share germs. Keep schools closed until September.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 16:23:09	If the kids don't go back to school, would you consider cancelling the rest of the school year? Remote learning isn't effective for elementary school lets be honest. Seems like an added stressor to families! Let the kids ,off if the community is too fearful. Thanks	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 16:25:58	With Montana's active number of covid 19 cases declining, thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of those of us in the state, should we risk bringing students together at this time when we are so close to summer break? Schools are a place that unfortunately creates a way for a disease such as this to go from one group that has isolated itself away to another group that is in isolation. Students and teachers both have adjusted to the online model over the past few weeks and it seems reasonable to just continue that till the end of the school year as we ride out this wave of the virus.	Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 16:50:40	I am an at-risk parent and have serious concerns that the thought of reopening school is even on the table for discussion. It is too early to open anything in my opinion, especially schools, where social distancing and other requirements such as sanitation will be virtually impossible to attain. Teachers that I know are scared, some students, including mine, don't want to return at this point with the constant fear of bringing the virus home. Kids have enough stress to worry about without adding that burden this late in the school year. We are still adding cases in Missoula, and have had very few days with no additional cases, so again, I don't support opening school. Eventually, yes, of course, but now is not the time.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 16:51:10	I have not received any survey to complete for my household. Can I get this sent out	Chief Charlo Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 16:59:27	I believe the closure should be extended though the school year. I also believe that the work the kids are doing need to be ramped up and kept on curriculum schedule as much as possible so kids can complete their year being prepared for next year. At least make the content available to those kids who want it or are able to do it. Giving them 2 assignments a day and doing only "social meets" with the class is becoming a waste of educational time and effort. I recognize the need for social interaction but I think most kids are getting that in their neighborhoods or online with friends. I understand that public education needs to be accessible for all but that should mean that the content is withheld from all. Maybe it just doesn't need to be mandatory?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 17:04:20	My daughter and grandchildren go to Chief Charlo Elementary School. I feel schools should remain closed for the rest of the year. You do not need to put teachers and children at risk and you would be because there is no way you can keep these students 6 feet apart and have them all wear masks. This is still a pandemic and you would be putting 1000's of students and teachers at risk. Not only that you would be possibly infecting parents, grandparents, siblings, and babysitters. You only have a few weeks left of school and the children are being schooled through the internet. There is no reason to jeopardize the health of all these people. If you can't sit at a bar and no more than 6 at a table being 6 feet apart, at a restaurant, how are you going to keep 20-30 children in a classroom 6 feet apart. Keep your schools closed. Thank you! A concern grandparent	Chief Charlo Elementary School	



4/23/2020 17:04:52	I am a healthcare worker. How are we going to keep the kids at school from becoming sick and then passing it to the healthcare workers plus other people in the community. Why risk overwhelming the healthcare system and compromised people's lives when they only have 4 weeks of school left? At this point everyone is just getting settled into a routine and to go back to school would take time to acclimate back to that routine. Just doesn't make sense....	Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 17:10:56	Though I am the mother of a senior, I don't think schools should re-open. Please consider continuing the current online learning environment for the duration of this school year.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 17:14:37	I did not receive the survey and am very concerned about school reopening. Please send me the survey so I can participate in the local decision making. Thank you	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 17:16:17	It is not worth the risk to reopen just for 24 days. How could you possible come up with a way to 100% ensure the safety of our students and staff especially small children. It would be more traumatic to go back and have to have them wear masks and put the stress on the teachers to keep them a safe distance apart and try to keep the facilities clean. If just one person unknowingly has it and walks into a school it will spread like wild fire. The trauma of our kids losing a friend, teacher, parent, or any relative is way more severe then not getting to hang out with their friends for a little longer. My spouse has asthma and has to use an inhaler daily my parents are in the high risk category. Not to mention as this disease goes on it is showing that it is affecting everybody healthy or weakened immune systems. I really hope you make the right decision and keep MCPS closed to protect your wonderful MCPS staff, students, families, and community.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 17:22:56	I am concerned about having my son go back to school this Spring. My step daughter is immune compromised, and I don't know how we could possibly keep him from bringing the virus into the house if he is back in school with all the other children. If you go back to in class learning this Spring, please plan for a way for them to take classes from home.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 17:26:01	I have concerns regarding schools reopening too soon. Myself, my husband, and my oldest daughter all work for the school district and my younger daughter attends high school in the MCPS district. We also have an older family member who lives with us who has 'at risk' health. Please err on the side of caution as you consider reopening schools as we have seen places (such as China etc..) who have reopened and have experienced a resurgence of Covid-19 and, once again, had to pull back and lock down.  Another concern is how how do we keep one student per seat on a bus? Will there still be time to teach and learn with the increased time it will take for students to arrive?  How do we sanitize sanitize gyms, libraries, and playgrounds? We will need more manpower and man hours to accomplish those tasks.  If students and staff should wear face coverings where are these supplies coming from? Will they be disposable one use or will they need to be laundered?  How do we avoid mixing students in High school classes where students have 4 classes per day and rotate every other day and an open campus for lunch?  How do we work social distancing into any of our schools/classrooms with a cap on gatherings of 10?  Thank you for having the best interests of our children at heart.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 17:27:16	As the parent of an at risk asthmatic 4 year old, I am very concerned about his health should schools reopen and his brothers return to their classrooms. I want normalcy as much as everyone else does at this point, but protecting the vulnerable is much more important. I feel like the board should also consult the health department regarding their decision if they have not already done this. Social distancing is not possible in an elementary school setting, and it is just so risky to reopen.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 17:27:54	I'm really worried about the schools opening up any time before the end of the school year. I will not be sending my children back to school before fall, there is way too high a risk, even if the schools reopen. A school is an absolute cesspool of bacteria during any time of the year, it is the absolute worst, most unsafe to put children during a deadly pandemic.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 17:29:46	i'm worried that having so many people together coming from different homes will cause a spike in the virus. Though kids are less susceptible to the virus, they can be carriers and this help it spread from home to home. There are only a few weeks left of the semester, let the kids stay home and keep everyone safer. This also allows for truer quarantine for those that are still wanting to do so.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 17:38:53	I think school needs to remain closed. However maybe in June there can be an open house day where people come for their belonging and say good bye to their teacher / friends. Also, in August can there be a day to allow graduating 5th graders to check out Washington middle school so they know where to go and what to do on the first day of school?!?! My daughter has asthma and I won't be letting her come to finish this year out even if you do open back up. Not to mention how difficult for teachers and nearly impossible to keep germs at bay.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 17:40:45	Do automatic sinks (with hot water), soap dispensers, and paper towel dispensers exist at the schools?	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 17:43:03	Kids cannot be counted on to social distance and remote learning seems to be going well. There is little reason to take this potentially very dangerous step when the school year is almost done. Maybe have the teachers put together some summer learning catchup activities, but not return to school. What about band, orchestra, PE, choir? super hard to keep those safe. No way to enforce safety rules effectively and kids touch faces and stuff all the time. It will spread like wildfire and whv. especially after such hard time for businesses.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 17:50:35	If there is limits on crowd size for graduation, consider doing small groups staggered days, with only parents, and live streaming as well. But PLEASE do not cancel graduation. They have been working for 12 years for this and they say graduation matters right? Sports have already been cancelled. The is no reason to cancel graduation ceremony based on the governor recommendation. My son is already feeling like he doesn't matter. I know there is a way to do this, and not is just wrong	Sentinel High School	

4/23/2020 17:56:50	I am concerned that the school board is thinking of reopening schools this year. I do not believe it is safe for our children. How will you maintain social distancing? What about individuals who refuse to wear a mask? Before covid 19 my kids frequently mentioned how sick kids are always at school. I think reopening our schools would be a poor decision. I believe we should finish the year with remote learning. Let's keep our children and teachers healthv.	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/23/2020 18:01:23	I am concerned about the ability for students to return safely to school as early as May 7th. I worry about the ability to maintain appropriate distancing. I think it is in the best interest of students, and the community, to continue distance learning through the end of this school year. Thank you.	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 18:07:51	My son is asthmatic and I do not want to send him back to school. I am all for taking small steps to get back to normal but I am not ok with putting him around a thousand other kids. I would like him to finish out his Sophomore year online.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 18:10:17	I did not receive the survey link, however, I advocate for keeping schools closed and continue distance learning. We live with a pulmonary compromised 64 yr old.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 18:13:55	I do not think it's in our best interest as a community to keep schools closed till the fall. I don't think we have enough information to understand the seriousness of this disease.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 18:14:36	My concern is that I personally have asthma, we live with our grandparents who are 80 and both have COPD one of which who uses oxygen. Going back would be difficult because social distancing would be very difficult to maintain because student desks are close together, also students may not wear masks appropriate or at all. Also medical fields have given out information that state cloth masks are not effective.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 18:19:07	I have not received the survey yet. Did it go out already?	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 18:21:34	Hello, I'm the parent of 2 children in the county schools. Given the short amount of space I have to voice my opinion on this forum, I would like to see schools reopen for classes as soon as possible with common sense approaches. My children, I feel, need the opportunities that a school environment offers. I, we as a family have and continue to take appropriate measures for safetv but this current situation is a detriment to mv children.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 18:22:21	My children are not your pandemic experiment. And they are not for you to gamble with. Do not put them in danger of being exposed to covid 19 by placing them in an environment where they are physically unable to apply social distance. This is not the time to put them in a position where they have no control. It's too soon to know what will happen as people begin to integrate and they need to be protected.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 18:27:40	We'll need accommodations for our high risk/immunocompromised son to finish the year @home. Will he be able to do so via the distance learning tools already in place? Will teachers be expected to teach in-person as well as distantly?	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 18:44:10	I am very concerned that it is too early to reopen the schools. As much as I would love to send my children back to school, I am not comfortable at all that it is in anyone's best interest for them to go back in 2 weeks. We are still seeing additional cases of COVID19 in Montana. The governor himself is still requiring no groups more than 10 people, so why would it be ok to fill a school with 1000 kids and staff. Both myself and my children are at great risk with preexisting conditions that would not fair well with contracting this virus. I hope you will consider the full impact on everyone before you make this decision. Thank you	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 19:03:11	I'm not as concerned as to whether or not we go back as I am with the fact a decision may not be made until May 5th!! This is not only not fair to our kids who will find out 2 days before they go back(if they do), but it is also EXTREMELY unfair to the teachers and staff. I am a parent to not only a senior but to an 8th grader. While I know high school graduation is very important, I have not heard a word about 8th grade promotion. This is unfair to these 8th graders who have also missed out on the last of their junior high memories. Ultimately I think it would be absolutely ridiculous and impossible for the kids to go back to school. I do not believe there is a way to keep up with social distancing or to be able to clean and disinfect to a standard that would keep our children safe.	C.S. Porter Middle School, Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 19:06:19	We are already distancing learning, for better or worse; please keep doing it for one more month.	Rattlesnake Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/23/2020 19:14:07	I have not received a questionnaire regarding my opinion on the matter concerning my child's potential return date to Hawthorne Elementary based on high-risk family members that are more likely than others to be in contact with COVID-19.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/23/2020 19:17:22	It is too soon to open schools. My son is immunocompromised and we have a hard time during a regular flu season. My husband is employed at the hospital, so our risk of exposure and consequences is greater than many. We will not be sending them back to school this academic year because of the risks of bringing home or spreading the virus from the hospital or school.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 19:19:03	I really hope that 8th grade promotion can be celebrated in some form. This is a special milestone in our 8th grade child's life. In addition to a 5th grade celebration for our daughter moving on to middle school. I'm also curious what it would look like if school is cancelled the remainder of the year, how personal items in lockers and classrooms would be picked up. Also instruments, school books, and honors choir clothing returned. Thanks!	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 19:24:36	What's the plan for if/when a student/staff/family member does test positive for covid19?	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 19:24:37	I did not receive the survey. Would like to participate.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 19:24:39	How will you help children to socially distance	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 19:29:13	I think that every school should seriously consider resuming by May 7th. This is doing nothing besides teaching our children to live in fear. As far as Montana's actions with shutting down businesses, there are still plenty of people working within the community without any major flare ups in numbers of Covid 19 cases. Media has skewed perspectives and has caused fear and panic.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 19:48:59	I just wanted to voice my concern about schools reopening after May 7th. I think it is in the safety and health of the community to keep schools closed through the end of the year. I also feel like we have finally adjusted to online learning, and it seems like returning to school for just the last few weeks of the year will lead to additional stress for teachers and students.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/23/2020 19:53:57	Please do not restart schools before Summer break!	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 19:55:55	Please DO NOT reopen the schools this school year. It can and should wait until fall.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 20:00:18	Hello, I have a child with asthma and I am concerned about the possibility of school opening up again. I'm unsure why MCPS Board Trustees would make the decision to return children schools for four weeks when there is no way to keep children safely distanced, masked, or surfaces cleaned. I'm also concerned about the stress this will put on the teachers and staff, trying to teach but also police all of these safety policies. I understand this is hard. I have a kindergartener and a 5th grader who were looking forward to a a lot of things at the end of the year. I am working from home and schooling them. They miss their friends. I understand maybe very rural, small schools in Montana could make this work. Missoula is not one of them. I am very interested to see what the Missoula City-County Health Department advises as well. Thank you for your time.	Hawthorne Elementary School	

4/23/2020 20:15:45	Our town took precautions early, and we are fortunate for it. Reopening schools seems risky, at this moment - when we clearly cannot trust federal leadership, and our governor's decisions are politicized due to his senate race. Opening the schools, with so little testing in our state seems irresponsible. I don't think our public schools are the right places to take such risks. This is hard: for children, for families, for teachers and for the community at large. I sincerely thank you all for everything you've done during this impossibly hard time	Franklin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 20:27:21	Don't open schools. I am a student at Big Sky Highschool and it was already a petri dish. The hot water barely works in the bathrooms, sometimes there isn't soap or paper towels. How are we suppose to stop the spread of Covid-19 when we're going to be in close quarters. I have people at risk at home and I don't want to be the one to kill them by going to school.	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 20:28:48	I am concerned about the health and safety of our children and teachers if schools are going to be opening in May. How are they going to be able to maintain 6 feet distant from each other and only be in groups of no more than 10?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 20:30:25	We've had so much disruption in the school year already. Please don't add to it by making us send our kids back to school without any clear plans for how we are to keep everyone safe.	Lowell Elementary School, Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 20:35:17	Please keep the schools closed	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 20:37:23	I am concerned about the potential of opening the schools. I feel like it puts teachers at great risk and I don't think it is worth making so many changes to be done in a month. I know there are families really suffering. But if we open I wont be sending my child unless suddenly tests are available to make this a legitimate process. Our numbers have been low and it would be nice to keep it that way. Please for the sake of our teachers. don't open.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 20:43:35	We house our immune compromised mother. We have been dilligent in our social distancing. So it would be hard to send (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) back considering.  I dont see how it is best to return students to class with amount of time left in the year. Especially with the potential of new rise in cases with large groups at school. I also think it would make more financial sense to start next fall. Meaning with continuous disinfection of an entire school daily, etc.  We appreciate what MCPS has done to keep curriculum going and all the considerations and sacrifices made by all. (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 20:46:57	Going back to in person classes this school year is a frightening proposition. It feels socially irresponsible with the community spread of Covid-19 that has happened in Missoula.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 21:07:37	I adamantly oppose the opening of schools this school year. While I realize closed schools will put enormous pressure on parents that will likely be returning to work soon, I feel like asking a kindergartener to maintain social distance, while wearing a face mask, and washing their hands, and paying attention to their teacher will be an impossible task. I appreciate all that the school board does, and I understand that it can be a thankless job, but remember, if anyone gets sick, or Jah forbid dies as a result of the schools opening, their blood will be on your hands.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/23/2020 21:24:20	I do not think kids should go back. Our family is at risk	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 21:25:07	Our family is at risk please don't let them go back	Big Sky High School	
4/23/2020 21:42:19	First, I want to say how proud I am of the MCPS administration and teachers who have really worked together to help students and parents put the right emphasis on learning while juggling so many changes in the home. I believe that asking teachers to both return to the classroom and continue to offer online learning opportunities is too much. I also know that some families will find themselves in more difficult circumstances as parents are required to return to work and children may be left at home. It is also important to consider the children whose homes are not safe places.  I would like to see most students remain at home with online learning through the end of the school year, but allow schools to offer some refuge for students who may not have adult supervision or who live in dangerous situations. For example, extend the hours of lunch pick up at the elementary schools and utilize cafeterias, gyms, and libraries as study centers where a limited number of students can sit at safe distances under supervision and receive tutoring from MCPS staff. Each principal would need to determine how many children can be served in their building. If demand for space is too high, I would put priority on children at risk and then use a lottery system for additional spaces if available. (As I type this, it seems like a logistical nightmare, but as MCPS has already proven, our district can find a way.)  As the mother of high school junior, I'd also like to ask that school counselors provide information about how college testing and applications have been impacted by coronavirus. Our students may not get to visit prospective schools or meet with admissions staff - parents need more guidance on how to navigate the process.	Sentinel High School	
4/23/2020 21:46:16	Our kids have just adjusted to learning at home. This has been a challenge to manage their mental well being to keep things "normal" and positive. Having them go back with extreme distancing, cleaning etc could scare them. That fear is going to have a negative impact on their well being. Please finish the school year online.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/23/2020 21:48:54	I have not received a survey. My email address is (Email and Phone Number Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/23/2020 22:00:46	I am concerned that it's too soon for the kids to be packed into classrooms like sardines when new cases are still showing up in the Missoula area.	Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School	
4/23/2020 22:02:06	I wanted to share my input regarding the possibility of reopening MCPS on May 7th. We are a large district in one of Montana's larger cities. Reopening the schools would put an immediate stop all of the families, teachers and staff member's physical distancing. With only one month left to this school year, and all of the (amazing!) work the teachers have put into online learning, why rush back into reopening school and exposing our children, our teachers, all the MCPS staff to this deadly virus? Additionally, many of us families do not feel safe sending our children back, which would add additional burden to the teachers to teach both in school and online. It's too much to ask of them and too much to ask of parents to expose our children and ourselves to covid-19. I ask you to please consider this opinion as you discuss MCPS's next steps. Thank you.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 22:08:15	Keep the schools closed. You can't have 6 feet social distance for each child and staff, each child needs to ware a mask so forget lunch they would have to remove masks for that and what about the 6 feet. Restaurants can't operate at full capacity yet so why is ok for our children. Forget about the playground no one can clean it after each child plays there already closed in town. I could go on but I think you can see this is not in the best interest of the children.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/23/2020 22:45:22	I am concerned is that school will resume this year and undo all the good we have done so far. We have at risk people in our household and I would not send my children back to school with only three weeks left. It is not worth the risk.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/23/2020 22:46:41	I am concerned that school will resume this year and undo all the good we have done so far. We have at risk people in our household and I would not send my children back to school with only three weeks left. It is not worth the risk.	Paxson Elementary School	

4/23/2020 23:33:50	I'm concerned with all the kids going back that they will not only get the virus but many may contract it without symptoms and pass it on to others including their family members. I don't think this is a risk we should take in our community with so many kids. Also, they have a little over a month leftand I feel that it will take that time to acclimate back and then they'll be done for the summer. I think remote learning is the way to go or call the year done early to mid May.	Russell Elementary School	
4/23/2020 23:42:13	I feel its too early for children to go back to school. I have a high risk child and see this as a way for it to spread more. I read that masks were gonna be worn by students and staff...how do you plan on keeping the masks on the children? Also kids touch EVERYTHING! Are you gonna make sure my child doesn't touch anything he doesn't NEED to? Are you going to be able to monitor the social distancing? Are you going to be able to keep my child from touching his face or other people? Are you going to make sure they are washing their hands ALL the time? Children don't understand entirely how severe this really is so they won't act accordingly. My child knows whats going on but he doesn't fully understand why we are staying home all the time or why he can't see his friends or why he has been told 20 times today to wash his hands. He understands hygiene but isn't understanding why his shower every other night has turned into every night or why when we do go outside that I make him wash and change clothes. None of this is normal to a kid (not for adults either) so they are not going to act accordingly on their own. I know for me I WONT be sending my child back to school.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/24/2020 0:08:17	I am the parent of two MCPS students. I am deeply concerned about the possibility of opening schools before fall. I have a child who is of high risk of complication if he gets COVID 19. My kids are just now falling into a rythem with the distance learning. Even as a parent of a child who received services from paraeducstors and has an IEP, I would rather face the challenges from home and keep my kids safe. Also, as a full-time single parent, school is usually an important part of my world, being the other capable and caring adults in my kids' live; And even with those facts, I'd would rather face the challenges and keep safe and healthy. Please consider my concerns when making your decision. Respectfully, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)	Russell Elementary School	
4/24/2020 0:31:45	I absolutely do not support schools opening before this Fall. Not only could it result in the spread of a deadly disease, but it is asking too much of the teachers and staff. There is no way they can keep up with online learning as well as prep the school for students. Take the summer to develop a solid plan for how to deal with a resurgence of this disease next school year. Parents already have a routine worked out for this year. I understand some children are not receiving assistance with learning at home, however falling a bit behind in school is preferable to being dead.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/24/2020 0:42:28	Socially the kids need an outlet. Is there any way to ramp up social distancing or hygiene and hand washing?	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 7:37:44	My child will not be returning to school this year. I hope our teachers are not forced to either. It is irresponsible to return when the curve hasn't even flattened yet.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/24/2020 7:44:51	I never received a graduation survey. Can I still fill one out?	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 8:49:15	Please close the school for the remaining year. It is much too early to open up and put our children/families and staff at unnecessary risk! I will not be sending my daughter back to school regardless of the decision made.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/24/2020 8:55:51	I do not want the risk to my child's health, including mental health, significantly increased by a rapid, poorly planned out return to school. Slow down, return in the fall with appropriate procedures and systems to respond without my child feeling the fear of adults and peers. I want my child to walk into a school with the structure of confident teachers and mental health teams that can honestly say, "we're on it, we know what to do, even if unanticipated things might happen."	Lowell Elementary School	
4/24/2020 9:04:37	Please allow a traditional Graduation. Possibly on a football field if needed to enforce social distancing. Either at MCPS Stadium or Washington Grizzly Stadium.	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/24/2020 9:07:31	We are all healthy in our family, no underlying conditions.	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/24/2020 9:07:31	In an earlier email, we were told we would be getting a survey emailed to us. I never received it.		
4/24/2020 9:23:27	My concern is that my son, who is in 6th grade, at Meadow Hill has asthma. He is at high risk for Covid 19. If school opens back up in May, I don't feel safe in allowing my son to return back to school. My daughter attends Jeanette Rankin. If my daughter went back to school, then she could possibly bring Covid 19 home, as well. I truly feel that having kids return to school this Spring is not a good idea. I feel that it is being rushed. With businesses opening back up, and people intermingling again, there is a high chance that the amount of cases will rise, putting many of our most vulnerable at risk. The fact is, we don't know what's going to happen when everything opens back up. We won't see the effects of this decision for at least 2 to 3 weeks. I strongly feel that it is best to error on the side of caution. Not only are we putting our most vulnerable kids at risk, but we are also putting our staff at risk, as well. Is remote learning ideal for education? Probably not. My kids have settled in quite well with remote learning, though. They are actually enjoying it, and in some ways, prefer it. I really don't see how returning back to school, and trying to keep kids in masks, and distancing kids to be 6 feet apart is practical. Even if we could implement all these safety measures, there's no guarantee that kids or staff will be safe from Covid 19.  A few weeks ago, my son did come down with pneumonia and was very sick. He tested negative for Covid 19, thank goodness. He has fully recovered and we are so thankful for that. If he were to get Covid 19, he could possibly end up in the hospital. Please, really consider what this means to our high risk kids and staff, if you decide to open schools back up in May. I know we are all anxious to get back to our normal routines and having schools open again. Please, really consider the costs of that decision. It weighs heavily on my heart, on what your decision will be. If you do decide to open the schools back up, this May, then what are families to do, with the kids and staff that are at high risk? Where does that leave my kids, for education? ☹️	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/24/2020 9:54:25	Looking for the survey that was supposed to go out Wednesday evening. I did not receive it, either by email or text. Not in my spam folder.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/24/2020 10:05:33	I won't be sending my kids back to school this school year because I am having a baby at the beginning of June and it's not worth the risk of exposure. Thank you for all your work with this!	Paxson Elementary School	

4/24/2020 10:28:56	I never received a link to the survey, but I received multiple emails about a survey link that I would receive. Why wasn't the link included in all the emails talking about the survey? Trust me I've looked all over trying to find a link. If I can't find it after all the searching, most parents are not going to dig that hard to participate.	Lowell Elementary School	
4/24/2020 10:32:07	How will staff and teachers balance the numerous and onerous protocols necessary to keep kids and staff safe, with actual teaching and learning time? Putting this tremendous responsibility and burden on teachers and staff is not fair, it isn't what they are trained and hired to do. This will also be traumatic for kids- having to wear masks, not be able to touch or be near their teachers or peers, not able to play outside- this is contrary to what young kids are supposed to do- how do we expect to take kids to the "watering hole" but not allow them to drink? We have done a good job of adapting to virtual learning, we should continue with that for now. Due to these concerns, It's not fair for teachers or kids to return to school with this pandemic still in full swing.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/24/2020 10:40:58	I urge the MCPS Board of Trustees to NOT reopen schools for the remainder of this year. There are only a few weeks left of our school year and we shouldn't undo all that we've sacrificed and worked hard to do over past weeks to protect our community. In addition to continuing to offer remote learning, please use any additional resources you have to help those students who have not been able to remote learn easily to finish the year as strong as possible. I would also encourage looking at a long term remote learning option for families. This is one way to reduce class size and keep students, staff and families safe until a vaccine or other long term solution to this health risk is discovered. We often hear the words "high risk" but as we've seen this virus doesn't discriminate and kills all ages, including those in their 30s, 40s and 50s. Even if our kids are less affected by the virus, they need their parents to take care of them. Tough decisions are ahead and I appreciate all of your hard work (staff, teachers, admin and board) and the great communication you've provided to us during this pandemic. Stay safe and take care.	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/24/2020 10:49:11	I am in favor of schools reopening for the remainder of the school year. Thank you	Paxson Elementary School	
4/24/2020 10:50:25	I am concerned that with lack of testing that opening the schools is going to be problematic. Everyone gets what's 'goin around' and in this case it is something that is particularly dangerous as I fall into the 'higher risk' category. Unless there is a plan to do antibody testing and symptom evaluation to enter the building, I don't see how we have any more information now than we did when schools closed mid-March. If opening the school, what will the procedure be for being allowed onto campus, and what will the response be when a child is diagnosed with COVID-19?	Franklin Elementary School	
4/24/2020 10:53:08	My children are not your pandemic experiment. And they are not for you to gamble with. Do not put them in danger of being exposed to covid 19 by placing them in an environment where they are physically unable to apply social distance. This is not the time to put them in a position where they have no control. It's too soon to know what will happen as people begin to integrate and they need to be protected.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 11:12:38	I really think going back to school for three weeks is not worth the risk to our kids, families, and teachers/staff. There is no way that social distancing will be successful in the schools. I think at this point we have asked teachers to come up with a way to teach online. Having them reinvent how to teach with social distancing for three weeks seems very unproductive to me. If schools were to re-open I am not sure that I would be sending my kid to school. It doesn't seem worth it for all the exposure.....especially since there is not enough time to set it up thoughtfully.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/24/2020 11:19:15	As a parent, I have grave concerns about re-opening the schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Little is still know about this virus and, although not in a high risk group, children are susceptible. Recently, a five year old in Michigan passed away due to Covid-19. I do not believe that the current staffing levels of our public educational system provided for the resources needed to ENSURE social distancing is followed, especially in the younger, elementary aged children. Also, I do not feel there is logistically enough space at any of the MPCS facilities to accommodate CDC social distancing guidelines, including the six-feet-apart in every direction. With so much scientifically yet to learn about this virus and the lack of both a vaccine and any form of herd immunity - I feel compelled to state that it is not worth the risk of a child's life, plus increasing community spread, plus endangering the lives of high risk family members and teachers to re-open the schools for the mere few weeks that are left.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/24/2020 11:21:09	As a parent of two students in high school, one a senior and the other a freshman, I am worried for their safety and wellbeing, if schools are to open up for the reminder of the year. My oldest has asthma and other health condititions that puts him at high risk. I am immunocompermised with other health issues in our home. It would be devastating for my little family if the virus was to catch a ride into our home. I would like to thank you for all that has been done for the wellbeing and safety during this time. I hope that MCPS will stay in this type of distant model learning for the remaining of the year.	Sentinel High School	
4/24/2020 11:22:24	I feel strongly that our energies now ought to be directed towards the adjustments we'll need to make in the fall—the teachers have already completely retooled their curriculum for online learning for this year, what would be gained by returning to the classroom now? While of course I am sad that my children will not be able to finish the year in person with their teachers and classmates, I am not sure it is worth the risk to return for just a few weeks. Also, it places an extraordinary burden on the teaching and administrative staff to manage the CDC guidelines regarding distancing and sanitation—can you imagine having to remind your students all day long that they can't hug you? Or to stay 6ft away from their friends at recess? This is not going not going to be temporary and the long-term adaptations to education are going to require a lot of resources, most of which I believe are best implemented with careful thought and consideration with guidance from experts (ie science). Why not use the next few months to determine the best course of action for our district so that it can be most effectively implemented in the fall?	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/24/2020 11:29:16	I am concerned about the prospect of sending my child back to school while cases of Covid are still rising in our state. I am worried that social distancing will be extremely difficult. Will my child still get credit if I choose not to send him if schools reopen?	Chief Charlo Elementary School	

4/24/2020 11:37:09	I am very concerned about possibly sending my kids back to school in a couple weeks since we are still supposed to be social distancing and no large gatherings. There are too many students that would be in very close contact daily.	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 12:00:08	I feel like I need to give my 3 boys an answer as soon as possible as for when they can go back to school. They miss school but I also fear that fully opening at this time with tight restrictions is going to be hard on everyone, teachers, students and parents. If school opens the Monday after May 7th, that will give everyone 22 days of transition into another new school routine, just for them to go on summer break. I feel it is hard doing homeschooling but not as hard as it would be for our teachers to rewrite and re adjust to reaching all of their students. Please make a decisions prior to May 5th so we can ALL prepare moving forward. Praying for everyone!	Franklin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/24/2020 12:02:11	Did MCPS send out the separate form about at risk household members? If not the public should be notified of this change ASAP as many families are expecting to compete that form. We have an at risk student in our family. For his safety and ALL students and staff please continue with remote learning for the remainder of the spring semester. Our family has established a routine and effectily competing the online learning. Teachers have adapted to provide many educational and enrichment programs while basic food services are also being provided. It would be more disruptive to shift into another new routine in the classroom for a very short month with interrupted instruction as teachers will constantly have to disinfect to ensure the safety of all students. Keep remote learning for the remainder of this school year and instead devise a safe plan for students return in the fall. In Montana the chances of getting Covid 19 are low but the risks are high. Keep school a safe learning environment. Reopening schools for classroom instruction is not in compliance with the CDC recommendations coupled with an insufficient amount of testing. Please for the safety of ALL students, staff and Missoula keep remote learning only and wait to reopen school doors until the fall. Thank you and take care.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/24/2020 12:20:22	I do not think it's safe for teachers or students to return to school this spring. I'm concerned about what it would look like if they did return. Masks? Hand sanitizer dozens of times per day? I would rather keep up the homeschool routine than have them go back to school under those conditions. I also believe that re-opening the community up slowly would not mean opening schools.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/24/2020 12:34:13	I'm not willing to send my son back to school if the district chooses to reopen. I am at high risk because of autoimmune disorders, and his brother's dad is diabetic. I'm hoping it won't come to this, but I assume there will be a plan for kids who need to stay home to protect family members? And that they won't be punished for it in any way?	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 12:46:02	It is a lot of adjusting for both our students and the teachers to have them come back in May when school is out in June. That means between March and June they will have been at school Then had to adjust to being home then readjust back to school and five weeks later be back at home. Also how are you going to maintain a sanitary and socially distanced environment in which for them to learn? I help weekly at school and I personally don't see how that can happen this school year. I have been sneezed and coughed on every time I'm there so it seems like a bad time to encourage groups of 20 sneezing and coughing kids to spend their days together. Also I am curious how sickness will be handled? Most parents don't keep their kids home when they are sick, which is why everyone has constant colds and the flu spread rapidly in winter months. Will that policy change? Will parents have to start actually keeping their kids home until symptoms reside? The attendance policy might need to be revamped in order to accommodate that as that is one of the major stressors to send our kids sick so we don't get to many absences. This has all been hard and stressful for everyone but we don't yet know how this will play out and to have our kids as part of the experiment all for just a few Weeks of school seems a bit much. This has saddened me as we have had an amazing teacher and group and we miss our school dearly. It makes us sad each week to not see the kiddos but sometimes tough love is necessary. We have worked tirelessly to stay on top of all school work and more if we can in order to not fall behind. It is possible and it takes a lot of work and dedication. I know that many families have extenuating circumstances that make this far more challenging, but is risking health the better answer? Time never fails us- if we are wrong then all we are out is a few weeks, but if this gets worse then it's too late. We will have already jumped in and put our kids in a position that could be far worse than losing a few more weeks of school. It saddens me greatly - but this is what I think is necessary. Thanks for your time!	Russell Elementary School	
4/24/2020 13:06:57	I think MCPS should remain on remote learning for the remainder of this semester. It is not worth it to regroup for a few more weeks...the kids have settled into a groove, and I would rather we get this virus under long term control (as best we can!) and then reopen at the end of summer. Thanks for all you do.	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 13:21:41	1. My children refuse to do their work for me at home on their computers 2. How long should they do each assignment 3. How do I get them to do their work 4.I would like them do get the help they need bye going back to School but I Know there is no possibility of social distance in school	Rattlesnake Elementary School	

4/24/2020 14:03:37	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I am a high-risk individual married to a Hellgate High School teacher. My son attends Lewis and Clark Elementary in kindergarten and I have a two-year-old in pre-school.</p> <p>As much as it pains me to keep my children from their friends and from their teachers (and my spouse away from the high schoolers he teaches), I think it would be, quite literally, a grave misfortune to open schools back up. I would deeply, deeply encourage MCPS to consider a late start in Fall. September there may be another surge and our lives are so much more valuable right now than pushing forward blindly. We do not know what we do not know.</p> <p>If my children and husband would return to school, it will deeply increase my risk for contracting COVID19 and I very well may not survive that exposure. We can save lives by being at home. We will gladly do our part to continue supporting our kids' educations away from home.</p> <p>I know my six-year-old will not be able to abide by 6-foot distancing rules. I know my husband will not be able to safely supervise the locker room or teach them a health class when he is not putting their (or his) health first.</p> <p>I understand that some children's lives are not as good at home as they are at school. This is where I hope that there could be switch. Perhaps there could be a program for high-risk or at-risk children that allows them enough space and safety to go to school by day with people who are low-risk to help them. Children deserve safety and if they cannot get them at home, I hope it is a small enough population that could actually be at school with enforceable safety precautions.</p> <p>We can save lives together. 2 months. 4 months. 12 months. We can do it because our community is stronger together and it's only for a small (although it feels big) period of time.</p> <p>Thank you so much, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 14:27:23	<p>If the district decides to reopen, I assume many kids still won't be coming back. Therefore remote learning and in classroom learning would both have to be done. Is it fair to our teachers or our students to stretch the teachers that thin? I personally think that the only way we can continue to provide the best education possible to the students, we need to let the teachers continue to put their energy into online learning. As a parent I am so thankful for all the teachers and all their hard work, they are doing their best and it shows.</p>	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/24/2020 14:31:08	<p>My son who attends Hellgate HS, lives with us and my daughter who is 19 and has a disease and infusion she receives that crashes her immune system. She and our whole family are working from home, not entering any store for any reason. Having our high-school son attend in person classes will create a risk where we would need to separate him and our daughter from living in the same house. We have no other house or RV or anything that could accommodate this separation. The infusion my daughter is having to take is Entyvio. Her Doctor and the maker of Entyvio will not stop her taking this medication to improve her immune system for a possible COVID-19 exposure. So there is not an option to stop this during COVID-19. Please consider this risk and situation we will be in. Our son is open to continuing online learning to not endanger his sister, if Hellgate opens up.</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 15:20:58	<p>It is not responsible to start school back up too early, especially when they will only be attending school for less than a month before the year is over. It seems like it would be rushing to send kids back to school at the beginning of May. Other places of business and churches aren't supposed to have people in large groups, how does the school intend to protect my students and keep kids from gathering in large groups and transmitting COVID?</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School, Big Sky High School	
4/24/2020 15:42:26	<p>I do not think it is a good idea for the students to return to school for one month since we still have active cases in Missoula. Hellgate High School has around 1,000 students ( I think) so I do not think that it is a good idea to get them all back together in one building. It isn't realistic for the students to wear face masks, social distance, and wash hands all day, not to mention the extra cleaning the staff would be doing will be overwhelming. It is too risky, my son will not be returning because we have high risk people in our home. How will you accommodate our choice if you choose to open the school? I would like to know more about graduation and how that will look as we get closer to that time. Remote learning has been going fine for my children. Our family sure appreciates all you do and have done. Thanks for your time and consideration of our families opinion.</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 15:59:03	<p>I am concerned with the idea of reopening schools. It is virtually impossible to create adequate social distancing when there at 500 students plus additional staff in on school building. The choice to reopen schools feel irresponsible at this point. While I recognize that it is very challenging to have schools closed for many families, particularly families without childcare, it will put a great many folks at high risk, like grandparents, in a tough situation if schools are reopened. Please consider keeping MCPS closed until the Fall.</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	

4/24/2020 15:59:17	I feel a decision regarding returning to school as well as graduation should be made in a timely manner. Although Missoula has had only a few confirmed cases recently the best interest of those with compromised immune systems (staff and students) as well as the age of the teaching staff is of great concern to myself. In addition, consideration for graduation ceremonies for the various schools to be held in different locations (Adam's Center, washington grizzly Stadium, osprey field, dornblazer field, MCPS stadium, etc) with limit on number of attendees per graduate? If graduation ceremonies cannot be hosted as scheduled I hope that they can be postponed to an alternate date. The seniors have already had so much taken from them this year.	Big Sky High School	
4/24/2020 15:59:38	I believe it would be in the best interests of the students to continue remote learning for the rest of the school year. But there should be a day (s) set up for students to come pick up locker contents, I know my student did not pick up his PE locker stuff during the material pick up as that was not education material he needed for remote learning.	Big Sky High School	
4/24/2020 16:19:33	I really hope you're not seriously considering re-opening the schools at this time. With so little time left in the school year, I think it's impossible to implement enough changes to make it work. I know my daughter has mentioned she will most likely not send her daughter back this school year, as she (my daughter) has several health conditions and wants no chance of the virus being brought home. Stay closed now, take the summer to come up with workable policies that will protect everyone next school year. There isn't enough time now to make it work safely. If schools do open, give us the option to keep distance learning as an option for those who are afraid to send their kids back to school at the present time.	Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/24/2020 16:32:13	I would love for my children to be able to return to school, but also recognize that it would be difficult to orchestrate that in a safe manner. We do not have any at risk people in our household currently, so they would attend if it were to reopen. I am most concerned about the kids who lack supportive family at home during this time, but I am sure that is something all of you are considering. Best of luck in your decision. I know it's not easy.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/24/2020 16:36:25	I don't think it would be a good idea to open the school at this time.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/24/2020 17:12:34	If school is reopened we will not be sending our children, as we have a very high risk family member.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/24/2020 17:57:32	Our family would prefer to keep our child home the rest of the year. I would like to see more live teaching lessons where students can all be in a virtual classroom together and then go to virtual breakout rooms to work on the lesson in small groups. Also the google classroom calendar and classwork do not always match and the links don't always work. Have to look in multiple places to figure out the tasks for the day.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/24/2020 18:07:26	I don't think it would be a good idea to open the school at this time.	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/24/2020 18:43:07	<p>Thank you so much for the great job all of you have been doing to make remote learning work and to keep us informed. I would like to share with the school board trustees that I do NOT think Missoula county public schools should return to in class/at school learning this year. I do not think it would serve the health or best interests of students, families or the community. Here's why:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CDC's requirements for reducing social distancing are the ability to do wide scale testing and contact tracing. We don't have that ability in the state of Montana or the local community.</li> <li>2. It would be dangerous for everyone in the community to allow larger groups of kids to get together in schools as it would allow for a significant increase in possibility for community spread.</li> <li>3. Even though kids don't seem to be hard hit by this virus, there are many vulnerable populations who would be directly impacted including teachers and parents or other family members with underlying health issues. We fall into this category. My husband has an auto immune arthritis, which makes him immuno-compromised.</li> <li>4. To make onsite school remotely safe would require major changes to how school works including limiting numbers of kids per class per day, not using the playground equipment and not using the lunchroom. It would require students learning very new routines. Would this be worth it for just a month of school? Would this be good for their mental health after just having been through the transition to home school? I think this would not be beneficial.</li> </ol> <p>I think everyday about the kids whose safest place is at school and I care about them very much. But I still think that the costs to students mental and physical health, teachers health, and overall community health outweigh any benefits of trying to go back to onsite school for the last few weeks of the school year.</p>	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/24/2020 18:50:44	I don't think the benefits outweigh the risk given the number of school days left in the year.	Big Sky High School	



4/24/2020 19:11:21	Fortunately my daughter got her GED as she would be graduating this year. There is no way I would want her going back to school during this uncertain time. It is way too early and our kids can't be protected by being thrown back into a classroom setting. It's bad enough many of us have to work and that the governor is going to allow restaurants, bars and casinos to open. Our school system needs to be proactive in keeping our kids, our future, safe and NOT open the schools again until the Fall.	Willard Alternative High School Program	
4/24/2020 19:56:53	What happens if a student lives with an immune compromised family member and they are either advised by a medical provider that the student not resume in-class learning as a preventive measure and/or the parent chooses to keep the student at home for the same reason? Will remote learning support still be offered?L as an option? What will policies look like around parents declining to integrate their children back to school?  How will number of children in each classroom be managed? A blended in-person and remote learning continuation with different days in class for different students? Half days? What will protocol be when (not if) a child or a primary family member of a child tests positive for COVID-19? Close the school again? The classroom? Nothing?  Thank you for thinking this through for the health and safety and economic wellness of us all. It is no small feat and you are greatly respected for the work and your service.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/24/2020 20:26:39	We are Going to unnecessarily going to put our kids in harms way for 3.5 wks of school....	Hawthorne Elementary School, Big Sky High School	
4/24/2020 21:29:39	I'd prefer mcps to stay closed till fall 2020	Paxson Elementary School	
4/24/2020 22:12:25	My husband and I support the superintendent's recommendation for schools to remain closed for the remainder of the school year and to continue with remote learning. We support this in order to slowly expand the reopening of the community and to allow officials easier opportunity to monitor infection rates without overwhelming any systems and better protect more vulnerable populations. Thank you for your time.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/24/2020 22:34:50	I strongly prefer that our school remain in remote learning for the duration of the school year. Thank you for everything you do.	Paxson Elementary School	
4/25/2020 5:49:16	Kids are not clean. High Risk immediate family member. No way to social distance the lunchroom	Sentinel High School	
4/25/2020 8:25:34	It would be irresponsible to send the kids back so early. I work frontline, what if I'm asymptomatic, give it to my child, and they unknowingly give it to a friend who has a family member whose immunocompromised?? Finish the year online and start back up in the fall. If I can homeschool my kids (mind you I also have a baby), work full time, and do my own school on top of being a single parent there is no excuse as to why others can't do the same and continue to do so in order to keep our community safe.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/25/2020 9:30:38	My children are not your pandemic experiment. And they are not for you to gamble with. Do not put them in danger of being exposed to covid 19 by placing them in an environment where they are physically unable to apply social distance. This is not the time to put them in a position where they have no control. It's too soon to know what will happen as people begin to integrate and they need to be protected.	Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/25/2020 11:00:55	I had children at these schools in the past, but I would like to comment as a caring community member. I do not think that we are ready to open schools, any age school. The long incubation time for this virus, its virulence and the many cases of asymptomatic people are the reasons that we should not decrease physical distancing yet. It is not worth the risk for a few weeks of school, I think that the benefits do not out-weigh the risks.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School, Hellgate High School	
4/25/2020 14:57:46	Folks across the country will be heading to Montana this summer. We've got the beautiful outdoors and low Covid -19 infection Rate. The governor has mandated a 14 day quarantine period for non-work related folks entering into Montana. From what I have seen from my personal circle and in the public - individuals vary on how seriously they are responding to recommendations. In Missoula I'd estimate 1 in 10 are wearing masks in public, probably much less! I strongly urge Governor Bullock to mandate all employees and individuals over A certain age to wear a mask when engaging in any commercial or public enterprises. Restaurants could be the only exception for the public.	Big Sky High School	
4/25/2020 15:19:15	I am very concerned about potential school reopening on May 7th. I strongly believe that distance learning will be the way to go until the end of the school year. We need to give our schools time to come out with a plan of reopening and restructuring the school operation and it may take an entire summer, if not longer, to do so.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/26/2020 10:42:37	If the schools are to reopen how would they maintain social distancing? Is it really worth a potential uptick in cases for the 5 weeks of school that remain? I think that remaining closed is the smartest and safest choice for everyone. What about those students that are immunocompromised or live with those that are?	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/26/2020 11:48:34	I just wanted to echo that I agree with Dr. Watson's recommendation -- please do continue with online learning rather than reopening the schools. I have diabetes/celiac disease, so(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL) will need to stay home even if the schools are re-opened. Outside of my own situation, keeping the schools closed will help us avoid what could be a large rise in cases here in Missoula.  We are so impressed with the work you all have done to get classes online, and keep us parents in the loop. Thank you for all you are doing!	Lowell Elementary School	
4/26/2020 12:51:14	I agree with Supt. Dotson that Missoula schools should not open May 7. Until there is a 100% effective cure or a vaccine, opening our schools would be gambling with the lives of our children and school staff.	Paxson Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/26/2020 16:19:03	I will not be able to send my children back for the remainder of the school year. We love with my mother, the children's grandmother and she is hig risk. Thank you	Paxson Elementary School	

4/26/2020 17:40:25	<p>First of all, waiting until May 5th is highly unfair to me because I have been waiting for the answer for a while. Second of all, I am BEGGING YOU to open up the schools. I could fill this entire thing out with statistics and percentages but I won't force you to read that. All I'm saying is, only 5% of coronavirus cases are critical/life threatening. More people have died from the flu than from corona and we didn't close schools for that!!! I miss my teachers and friends so much, you do not understand. Besides, not every student has internet access to do online schooling and a lot of students just won't do it! If you want to educate your students, it would be more effective to open the schools back up. Honestly! Is this something we should be sacrificing some kids education for? Seriously? It's also easier for me to be in school learning rather than reading and watching stuff on a webpage. PLEASE OPEN THE SCHOOLS BACK UP! We need a break from our families too....😞</p> <p>Thanks for reading.</p>	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/26/2020 18:04:02	<p>My son, (Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL), will be unable to attend school because my husband is very high risk. Owen has been having trouble with the online learning system. He does all of the work and submits it, but then the weekly report shows that his work has not been submitted. It is very frustrating for all of us, as we know how much time and effort he is putting into completing his work. I am especially concerned because I know that he will likely need to continue remote learning if the decision is for students to resume learning in a public environment.</p> <p>(Name Redacted for privacy reasons FHL)</p>	C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/26/2020 22:33:32	<p>I am not comfortable, sending my boys back to school this year, so what happens, if I choose not to send them back ? I want to wait until the fall, My daughter-in-law is pregnant and I do not want the boys bringing anything home - I don't want to take chances, we are being careful and neither my husband nor I or the rest of my family needs to take the chance of getting sick, I honestly think it would be better to wait until next school year, when things can be better planned out and not rushed</p>	Sentinel High School	
4/27/2020 8:00:43	<p>I think the schools should remain closed through June.</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School, C.S. Porter Middle School	
4/27/2020 8:27:43	<p>My concern is that it would be extremely difficult to continue social distancing if kids were back in school.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Sentinel High School	
4/27/2020 8:49:11	<p>Good Morning, I don't feel comfortable sending my children back to school this year. Thank You.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/27/2020 9:39:27	<p>I am in support of MCPS opening the schools this spring with social distancing and other precautions. My 10th grade daughter feels she is not learning very much with the online platform at home. She spends a maximum of two hours a day, five days a week on schoolwork. Ten hours a week of education is not enough. I am concerned that school closures will become a regular occurrence, every time there is a Covid-19 spike (or something else), and these interruptions are not good for our kid's education. Missoula is not a hot spot for the coronavirus. We are not NYC, but we are doing the NYC thing as far as the lockdown goes. I agree that sheltering in place was a good idea for awhile, but it's time to get back to our lives, open businesses and schools and stop living in fear. Those who are too anxious or health compromised to venture back out to work or school can have the option to stay home and resume their education or jobs when they see fit. Let the rest of the community get back to their jobs and education.</p>	Hellgate High School	
4/27/2020 9:51:24	<p>The school board is going to be tasked with deciding when and how to re-open, and I don't envy them that decision. People have strong opinions on how this will impact public health and safety in the immediate future. This is concerning to me also, but I have equally serious concerns about the impact of continued closure on my children's education and on their emotional well-being, not to mention my own. And I have even greater concerns about how it will impact the most vulnerable children in the community—those living at or below the poverty line, those living in dangerous situations, and those with special education needs that extended homeschooling definitely can't accommodate. Right now, in terms of learning, my family is treading water, if that. And in these circumstances, I think that's a pretty big win. My goal is to stave off the backsliding that comes with extended absences from school.</p> <p>I also recognize that I'm one of the lucky ones. I have a spouse who is an essential worker, and I own a business and work from home, so I'm able to be a homeschooling parent without technically sacrificing too much in terms of income. But the reality is that my husband is working a lot of 12-hour days and I'm home with three kids, a brand new "school" structure, and extremely limited social outlets for any of us. My kids miss their friends. They miss their routine. They miss having a teacher who can explain math concepts to them in different ways instead of just saying the same thing louder and slower. I miss my friends. I miss my routine. And I miss having days where I can focus on work (and therefore earn an income) for more than fifteen minutes at a time. Because even though I work from home, very little work is actually getting done. After I spend my day trying to keep the kids at least a little bit on track with school (and trying to prevent them from killing each other), I don't have any energy or mental capacity left to work on my job.</p> <p>Then, once I'm able to look past my own self-pity, there are families in significantly worse situations. Parents who don't have jobs and now face uncertain housing and food situations. Parents whose choices are to forego having a job (and the food and housing security that comes with it) to be home with their children while there is no place for those children to go or to leave those same children at home alone while the parents work to ensure they can feed the family. Children who are not safe with their parents and who no longer have an escape in school. And the longer this goes on, the number of families in these situations will only increase.</p> <p>Yes, there is an immediate threat to public health and safety in terms of the virus itself, but there is a potentially catastrophic long-term threat that comes with plunging families into poverty and leaving kids in dangerous situations. Children who experience poverty and the tumult that often comes with it have a significantly increased risk of long-term mental health issues, chronic disease, and a lower life expectancy. Plus, there is the challenge of escaping the cycle of poverty. And the idea of exposing kids to abusive circumstances, especially when their abusers are under increased pressure (as we all are right now), is absolutely heartbreaking. Even getting kids back to school for a few weeks has the potential to provide some relief.</p> <p>As I said, I don't envy the school board this decision. I'm sure you have thought about all these things, too. This is hard, and there's not an ideal solution, but keeping things entirely locked down seems like it comes with a different kind of risk, one that we may only truly understand in months and years to come, and one that will take significant resources to correct, if it's possible to correct it at all.</p> <p>I'd like the school board to strongly consider re-opening, if not a full-scale re-open then at least partially. Let's get creative. Consider having classes in shifts—half the class comes in the morning and half in the afternoon. Consider outdoor classes (weather permitting). Consider extending the school year to the end of June (it's not like any of us are going anywhere on vacation). I'm happy to provide my kids (and other people's kids) with masks, gloves, a six-foot radius hula-hoop, or whatever other equipment might be useful to safely get them back to school.</p> <p>I understand that there is a public health risk. I know we have teachers and students who are in the high-risk groups for the virus, and I certainly don't want to jeopardize their health and lives. I think it is possible to find a balance between the immediate public health risk and the long-term consequences of keeping schools closed. I would love to see the school board seriously weigh both sides of these issues.</p> <p>Feel free to send an email response or not. I am providing my email below. It was just important for me to be able to voice my opinion and concerns.</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	

4/27/2020 10:22:52	As a parent, I know that my own kids want to go back to school but I'm worried about their health and safety if we come back in the spring. I support being out of the building for the rest of the year. As an administrator, I strongly believe that we have to get our students back in the building. In spite of personally following up with families the variety of home situations means that some students will fall behind faster and quicker and I can't approach equity unless I can provide in person support for students in some way. However I know we need time to plan to do that safely. It seems that there may be big changes in the way we will move students in our buildings - staggered schedules, reduced class sizes, changes to eating, gym, class changes, etc - and we need time to get guidance and plan for that. As an administrator I believe we need to take spring to plan for a new reality of schooling in the fall.	Meadow Hill Middle School, Big Sky High School	
4/27/2020 10:30:17	I'm worried about the level of exposure this adds to the community. Parents can opt to keep their children home, but staff would have to be there. The risk to them and their families is not worth it. Please one month of classes is not worth the risk. I am the parent of a staff member.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/27/2020 10:44:19	My concern to please closed until for their safety distance and social I care about my children	Lowell Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/27/2020 11:39:33	I appreciate the strong leadership and open ess for community input in making difficult decisions about re open schools this spring or not. Recently I heard about an decision by a small school district from out of state. They are ending remote learning a few weeks early this spring, then opening several weeks early for 2020-21 anticipating a possible school closure next school year. They are including a focus of developing curriculum that can be utilized in face or on line. They are also including a parent training component for parent implemented on line learning. Every options has its pros and cons but I thought it was an interesting option.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/27/2020 12:06:46	I would prefer school to resume it is a major hardship for our family to continue home school while we both work.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/27/2020 14:27:51	We have found remote learning to be extremely difficult for our family. I am a night nurse, and my husband is constantly working during the day from our basement, he hasn't had time to help. If our son isn't able to go back to school we are going to have to find a place for him to go, as this is getting really hard for our family.	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/27/2020 15:11:36	Hi, I'm concerned that reopening the school will cause more disruption for my child and potentially expose him/other children to the virus. I think it's unnecessary and unsafe to reopen the schools when summer is right around the corner. Why would the school District consider reopening when our children are finally getting used to their remote learning?	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/27/2020 15:48:28	I don't believe it is worth the risk of reopening schools for the few raining weeks. If they were to reopen I would not send my child as much as I'd like him to be back in school. Thanks for considering my feedback.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/27/2020 16:07:19	I am greatly concerned that if schools are opened this May, the risk to our community, children, and teachers greatly outweighs the benefit of going back to school for one month. Will the children be disappointed? Yes. Do they miss their teachers and friends? Yes. Is it unfair that some kids are missing milestones like graduation? Yes. Are those reasons to put everyone at risk? No. Please do the right thing, which isn't always the popular thing. We are all craving normalcy, but this is no reason to end the virtual learning early. It's unfortunate that the governor has put you all in this position, but that is where we are at right now. Please help us stay safe and do not return to in class learning. Thank you	Chief Charlo Elementary School	
4/27/2020 17:42:55	How will you keep children separated enough to honor recommended distancing if students return to school? Will masks be required for all if schools open? Opening MCPS for the 24 days of school remaining this year hardly seems worth the risk to the schools and the Missoula community. Though it has not been without challenges, we have all just begun adjusting to remote learning and it seems undoing all of that now would be another disruption for relatively little academic gain.	Rattlesnake Elementary School	
4/27/2020 17:57:58	If school dies not re-open this year, what is the plan for drivers ed classes? Will they resume and when?	Washington Middle School, Sentinel High School	
4/27/2020 18:00:50	Hello:  I am reaching out to share my concern about re-opening schools. I know there are a lot of angles and moving parts to consider when the board makes a decision, but I would personally not support schools re-opening anytime soon. Aside from the logistics of managing social distancing, hand washing, and other virus-related issues, I want to express my empathy for the teachers in this situation from a learning perspective. Teachers were asked to change to an online-based curriculum and had one-two weeks to figure that out. They have done a great job and have put in so much hard work. The kids are moving (albeit slower than they would in a normal school setting), but they are adjusting as best they can. If schools re-open, we would be asking teachers to do even more work -- create new curriculum for re-opening. This seems a bit outrageous. First they move online and now if we re-opened they'd move back to school. They would have to figure out where kids were at in their learning and then figure out if they are going to backtrack or keep going with concepts, all the while worrying about how to keep everyone safe and sanitized. I think the best thing for the sake of learning and teaching would be to give teachers the summer to assess and figure out where to start next year and which subjects/concepts need to be re-taught, etc. There's only so much stress a person can take and I think it would do more harm than good to send our teachers back to school. They are under taxing situations and I think sending them back would be even more detrimental. Next year when the situation will be at a new normal, I would feel better sending my kid back to school knowing teachers had a full summer break to unwind, collectively assess a plan on moving forward, and starting fresh.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/27/2020 18:53:50	Thank you for taking my feedback into consideration. As much as I'd love my three boys to be back in school with their teachers and friends, I think we need to keep kids home the rest of the year. My son has an autoimmune disease and my dad is high risk with a heart condition. I don't want to put either at risk for a few sanity-saving weeks of school.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Washington Middle School	
4/27/2020 20:29:11	I'm struggling to find the utility in bringing kids back to school given that there is only a month remaining in the academic year. With all of the heightened sanitization measures and curriculum adjustments it would probably make more sense for teachers to use that time to re-develop next year's curriculum to make up for whatever was missed this year.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	

4/27/2020 21:36:11	<p>I feel like at home school is too stressful for me. I've also talked to many other parents who feel the same. So I know I am not the only one. I am an essential employee along with my husband. The Google classrooms are not very well set up and I can't always find what I need to for each day. Which leads to lots of yelling and frustration. I have 3 kids. I am doing school for each of them all before I have to go to work. Which I have already had my schedule altered to accommodate being able to do school. I am a part time employee. My husband is full time and makes most of the money we need for bills. I'm sokover at home learning and I'm sick and tired of starting the day with crap attitudes and fighting my kids to just get their work done. This is stupid and I'm done doing it. It needs to be done.</p> <p>I think the best course of action would be to A, go back to school for 4 more weeks as it is over in June. Possibly look into doing a few hours a day at the school but for only a grade or two at a time. The teachers can be there to teach the students for 3 hours at a time for their subjects. The school can still provide sack lunches. But, instead of 500 students at once it's only 70-100. Or B, to stop school completely even at home learning, and do two months or more as necessary review next year. They all forget everything through summer anyways. And to be honest, I don't think the kids are really learning or retaining any at home learning. They only have about 1.5 hours of work to do. My vote is for option B. Just call it a year and we can try better next year.</p>	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/27/2020 21:42:41	I do not think students should be going back to school for the remainder of the year. I am concerned that there will not be a safe way to ensure proper distancing measures in order to keep the children safe. It would be safer to continue online learning courses and try to resume next year.	Hawthorne Elementary School	
4/27/2020 21:46:42	I am uncomfortable sending my children back to an in school setting this school year. If the schools open back up I will finish their school year through homeschooling. It is unsafe and irresponsible to open back up this soon.	Russell Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School	
4/28/2020 3:49:21	i am currently a student here and i think that allowing our school to reopen is a not a very good idea. most students will not obey the mask protocol. i am also a essential workers at a nursing home and this makes my chances of contracting covid much higher and or giving if i contract it. i think it is out best interests to wait until the fall of opening schools again.	Hellgate High School	
4/28/2020 7:18:22	My family does not see the value of returning to in-person instruction for only a few weeks at the end of this school year, when weighed against the potential risks inherent in congregating in large groups at school (especially when it appears that neither Missoula County nor the state has adequate COVID-19 testing or contact-tracing protocols in place to contain a potential outbreak). That said, I recognize my family's privilege in being able to keep our kids at home (and to have the tools to facilitate online learning) while continuing to work from home. Many families do not have this privilege, and for many kids, school is a refuge from a difficult home environment. If MCPS opts to continue online learning for the rest of this school year (which I believe is the right choice), then school officials need to ensure that they are meeting the needs of kids who do not have the privileges that mine do.	Lowell Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/28/2020 9:34:47	My child is uninterested in any of the online learning menu. It has been a struggle to keep him engaged with it and the hardship taking its toll is about not worth it. We continue to learn in many hands on and mental different ways. The online learning menu is not very engaging for my child and he thinks all of it is boring. I can not disagree with him. I do not see him continuing to want to try to turn in any assignments over the next month. I am also somewhat not looking forward to having to deal with the frustration and attitude that comes along with home learning. He is a bright student but also one that needs to be in a classroom setting to keep engaged. School needs to end earlier this year due to Covid-19 and not keep holding parents and students to the at home learning menus. We also do not have a great set up to access the remote learning which makes it that much more difficult. We have dealt with home learning for almost 2 months and school needs to be dismissed for the year.	Russell Elementary School	
4/28/2020 11:07:01	Please don't reopen the school & continue with online classes. We have high risk people at home. Please consider a late summer graduation and prom	Big Sky High School	
4/28/2020 15:51:16	I just wanted to let the Board know that I am currently sick and have underlying health conditions. It will not be possible for my children to go to school for this academic year. It will be best if rest of the school year can continue to be online as all of us are already doing it.. Thank you for your consideration.	Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Hellgate High School	
4/28/2020 20:30:17	Schools should reopen but on a modified schedule. Perhaps upperclassmen in the morning and lowerclassmen in the afternoon.	Seeley Swan High School	
4/28/2020 21:06:44	How will students continue to work remotely when their parents return to work and they have to attend other child care facilities?	Jeannette Rankin Elementary School	
4/29/2020 7:18:34	<p>Could school begin during the summer to address the learning loss from this year? Not only would it address learning loss, it would potentially give some "wiggle room" for the possibility of another shutdown, various days of deep cleaning in the schools, etc. In addition, beginning the next School year in June or July could be helpful if it is determined that 1/2 the kids can only go in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.. or however the staggering needs to happen.</p> <p>Lastly, it could allow many families to go back to work as well. Many of us have our elderly parents care for our kids in the summer- but many of us will not chance that with COVID. (Plus some daycares may not even open at all due to various circumstances).</p>	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	
4/29/2020 13:52:02	I just wanted the school board to know that I take the virus covid-19 very serious and if the school board does decide to bring the kids back to school for this spring I will not be sending mine back. To scary of circumstance for me to take a chance with my kids. Thank you.	C.S. Porter Middle School, Hellgate High School	