

WCAE Survey on the Re-Opening of Schools
for the 2020-2021 School Year:

The following information was collected in an anonymous survey sent out by WCAE via email and Facebook on July 6. The survey ran from July 6 to July 9, 2020. All Walker County Schools stakeholders were invited to respond to the survey. At the close of the survey, there were 859 respondents.

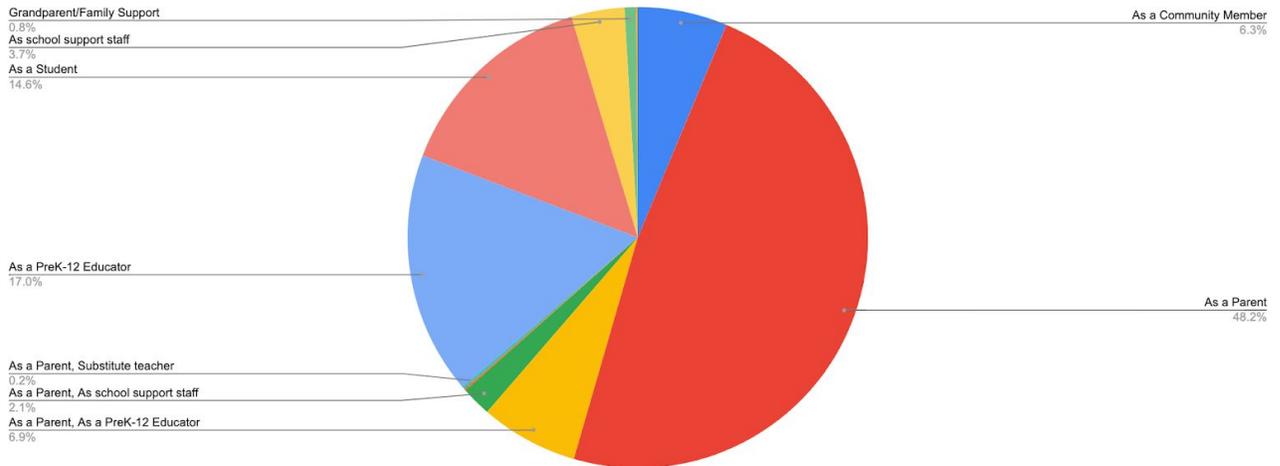
Information from the survey is displayed in two manners. Quantitative data is represented in graphs at the beginning of this document. Respondents were offered the opportunity to give feedback in order to voice their concerns, and/or to provide other information; these responses follow the graphs, and are separated into each demographic.

Demographics of some respondents were consolidated to form broad categories. (For instance, caregiver and grandparents were combined to form a new category of Grandparents & Family Support.) No changes were made to respondent's information, data, or feedback.

Demographics of Respondents:

The respondents were separated into the following categories, as indicated by the pie graph: Parents (48.2%), PreK-12 Educators (17%), Support Staff (3.7%), Parents & PreK-12 Educators (6.9%), Parents & Support Staff (2.1%), Substitute Teacher & Parent (.2%), Grandparents & Family Support (.8%), Students (14.6%), and Community Members (6.3%).

Responses to WCAE's COVID-19 Survey



Safety of returning to school in a traditional face to face setting:

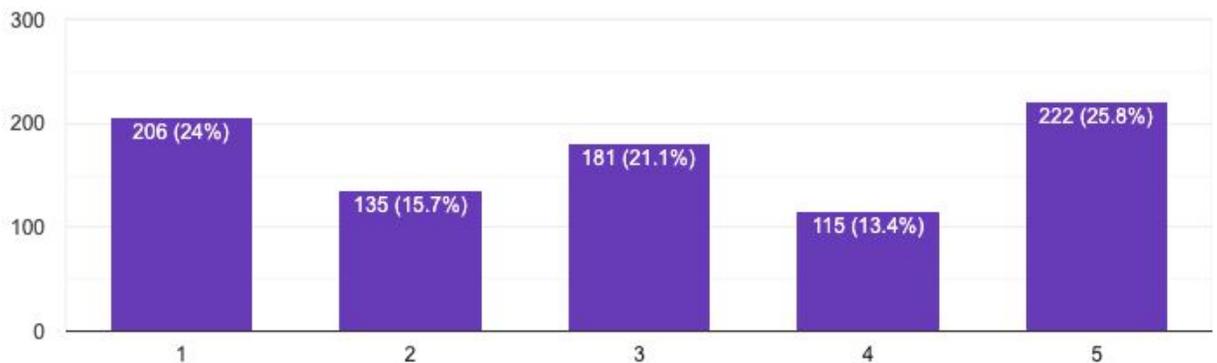
Of the respondents, 24% feel extremely uncomfortable returning to school, with nearly 40% feeling either somewhat or extremely uncomfortable. Fewer than 40% feel either somewhat or extremely comfortable returning to school.

Comfortability Level of ALL Respondents About Returning to School:

On a scale of 1-5, how comfortable are you with school beginning in person next month?

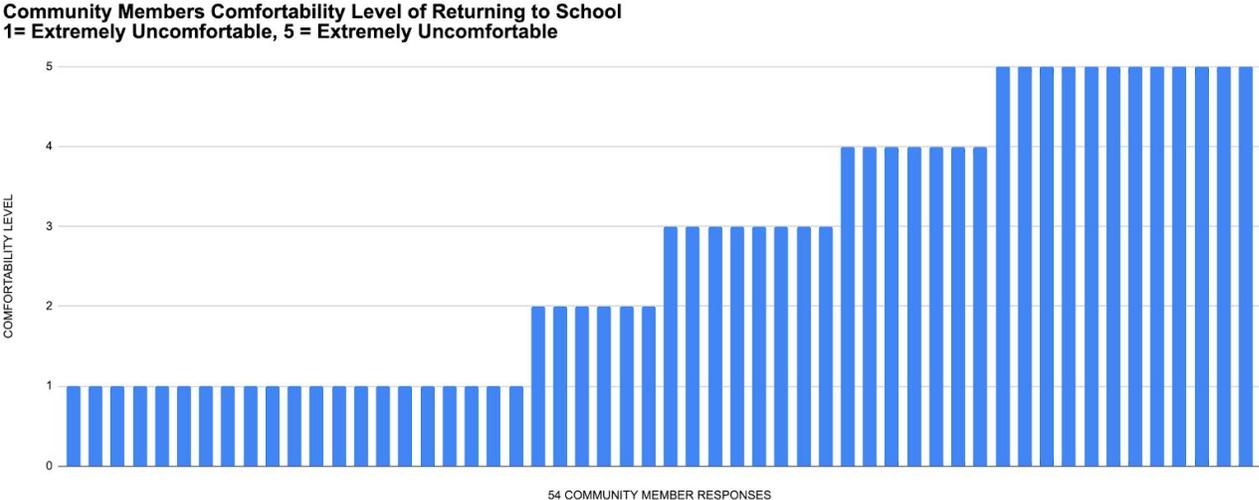


859 responses



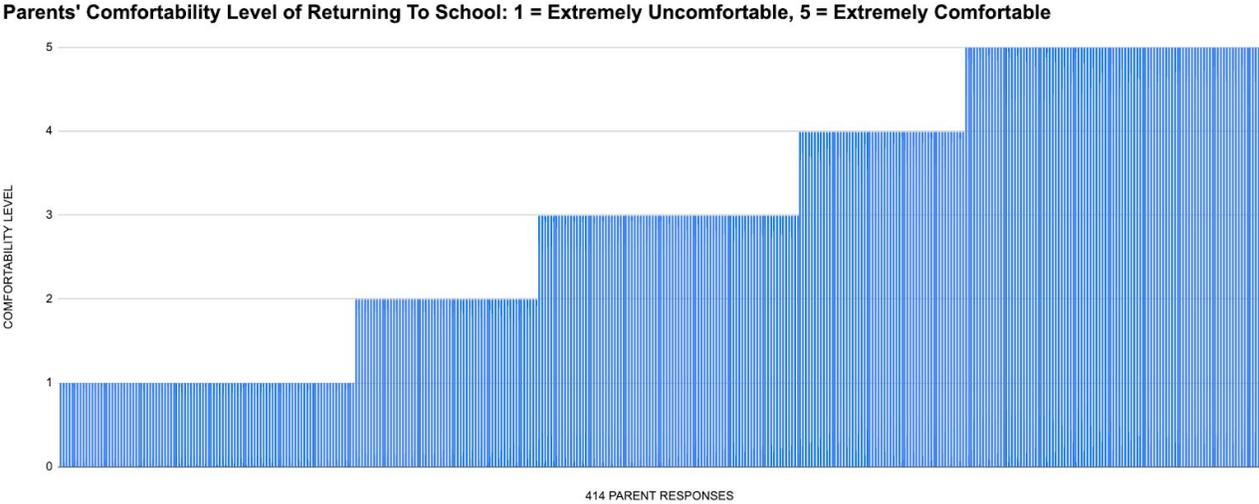
Respondents were segregated into different demographics to represent their comfortability levels returning to school in person. The responses between each group were very similar. They were instructed to rate their comfortability level returning to school with 1 = Extremely Uncomfortable Returning to School, and 5 = Extremely Comfortable Returning to School. Each blue line represents one respondent.

Comfortability Level of Community Members About Returning to School:
Each line represents one respondent, with 54 responses.



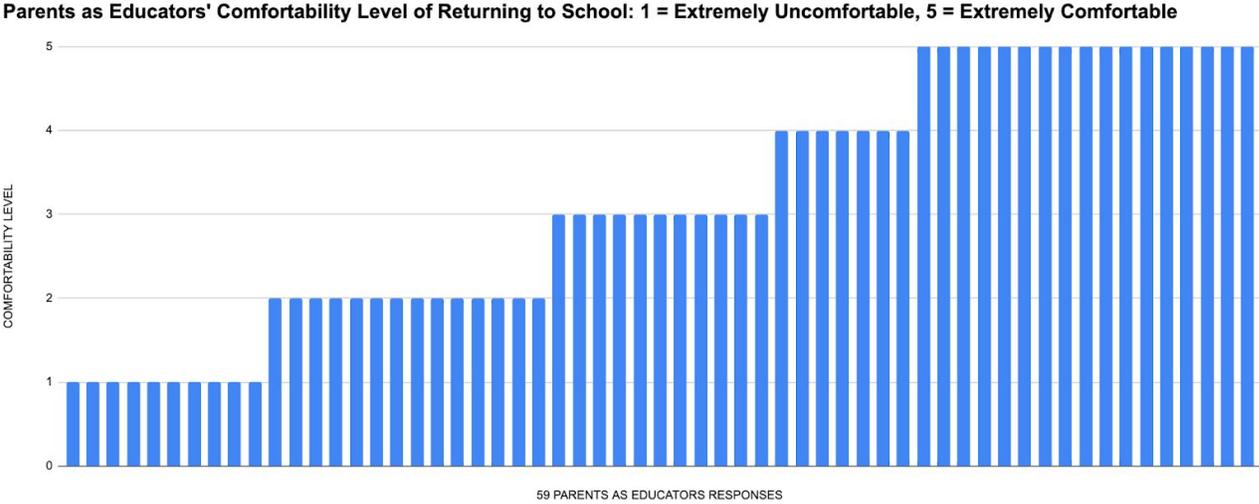
Comfortability Level of Parents About Returning to School:

Each line represents one respondent, with 413 responses.



Comfortability Level of Parents as Educators About Returning to School:

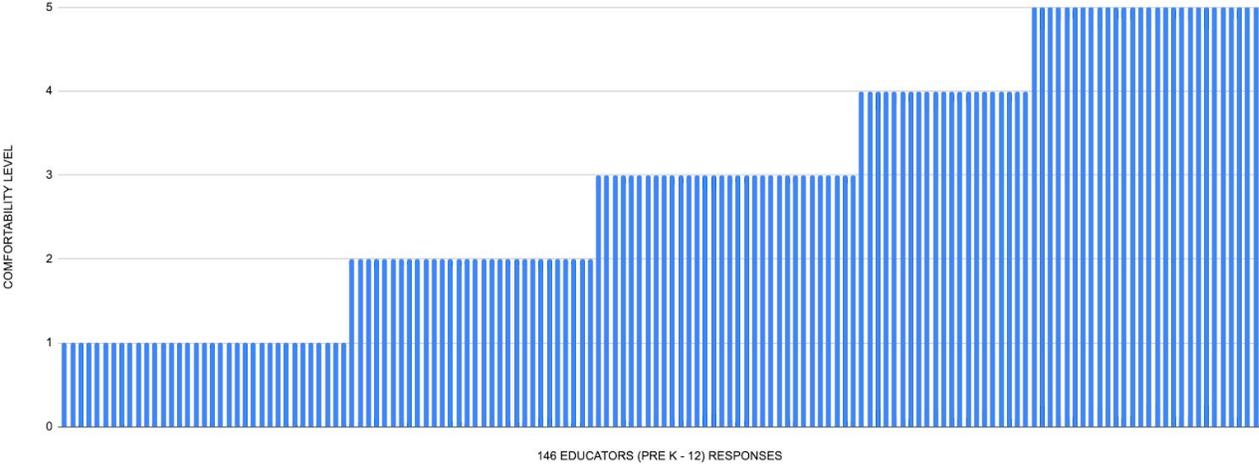
Each line represents one respondent, with 58 responses.



Comfortability Level of Educators About Returning to School:

Each line represents one respondent, with 145 responses.

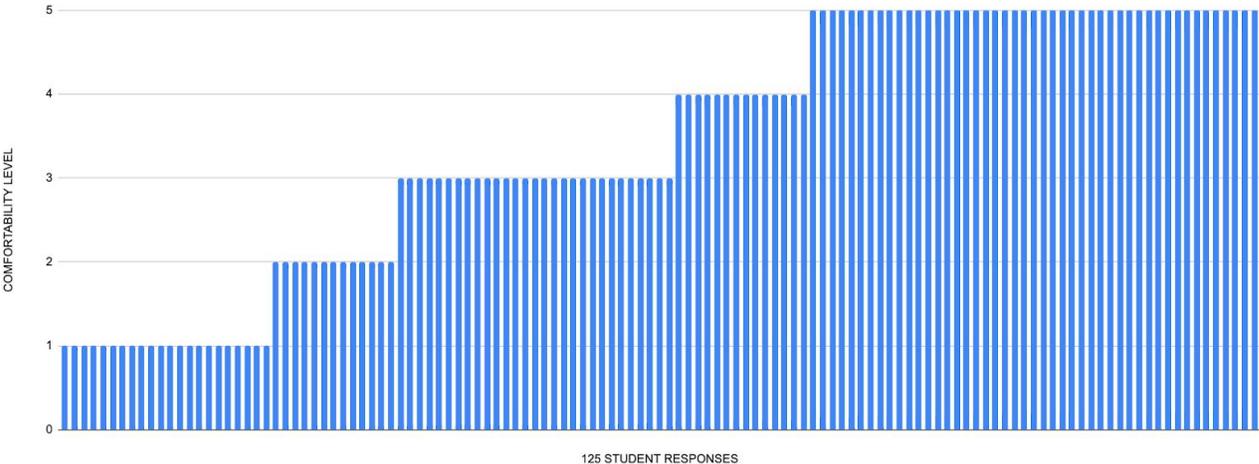
Educators' (Pre K - 12) Comfortability Level of Returning To School: 1 = Extremely Uncomfortable, 5 = Extremely Comfortable



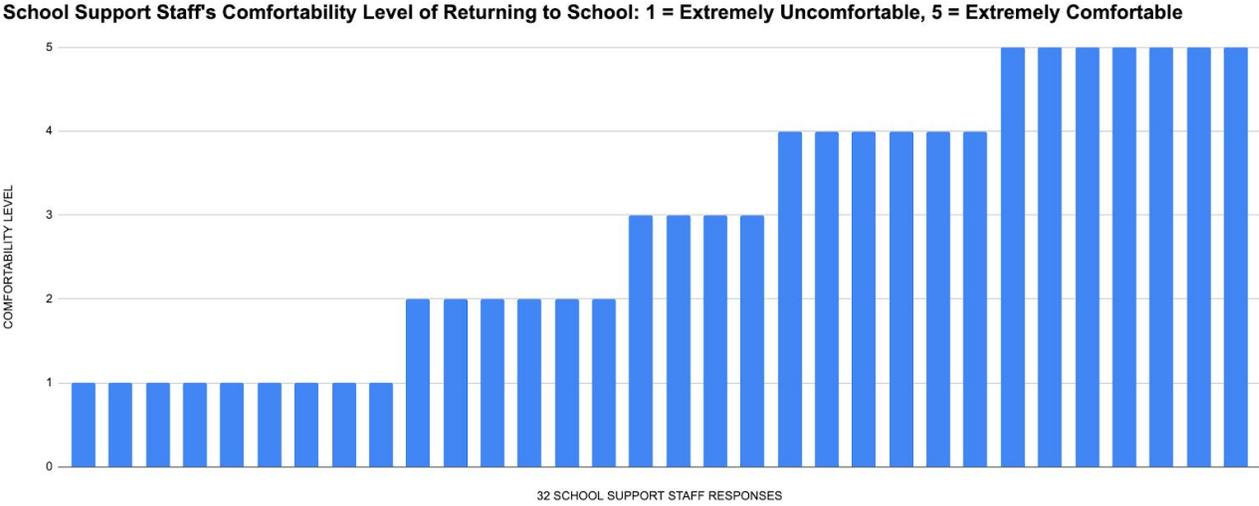
Comfortability Level of Students About Returning to School:

Each line represents one respondent, with 124 responses.

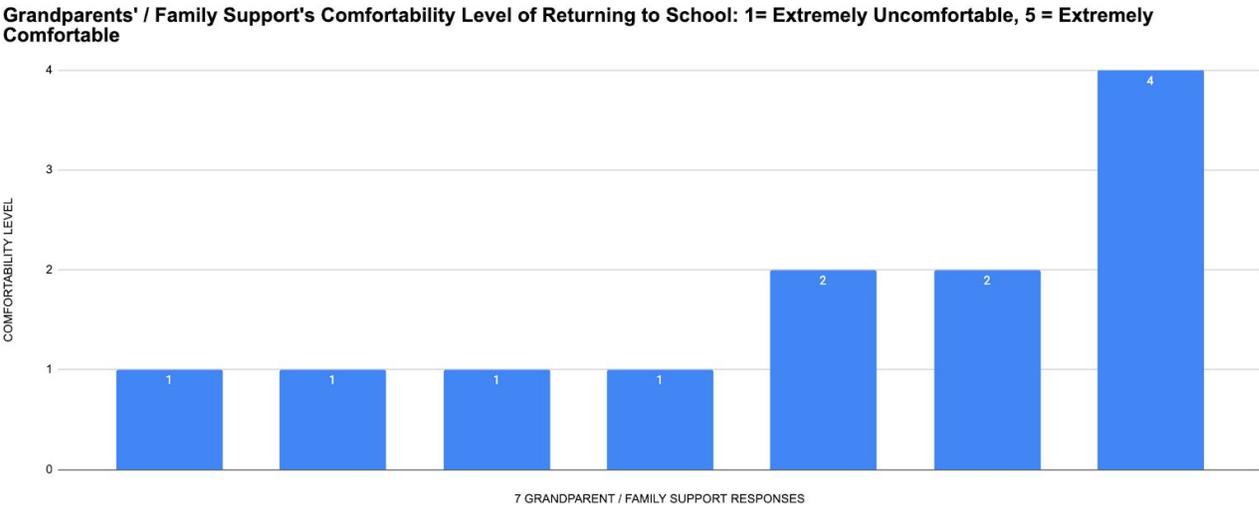
Students' Comfortability Level of Returning to School: 1 = Extremely Uncomfortable, 5 = Extremely Comfortable



Comfortability Level of School Support Staff About Returning to School:
 Each line represents one respondent, with 31 responses.



Comfortability Level of Grandparents About Returning to School:
 Each line represents one respondent, with 7 responses.

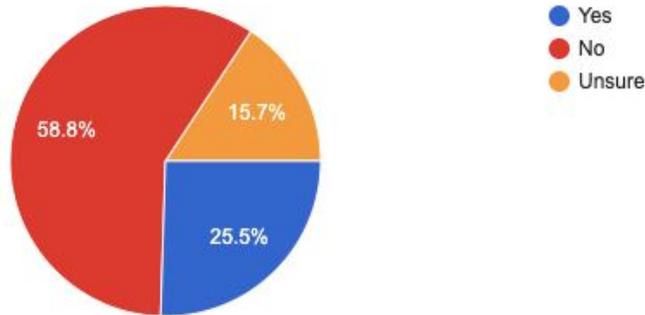


High Risk:

25.5% of respondents indicated they are in a high risk category; 58.8% are not in a high risk category; 15.7% are unsure whether they are in a high risk category.

Are you in a High-Risk Category for COVID-19 Virus?

859 responses



TOP CONCERNS OF RESPONDENTS:

Respondents were given the opportunity to voice their top 3 concerns returning to school in a face to face setting.

Community Member:

Teacher/staff health, student health, community health
Too many cases, can't keep younger kids separated, too many unknowns
Kids keeping their mask on . Hand sanitizer and keeping staff safe
Staff and students becoming infected students not capable of social distancing Relapse of progress
Not being able to implement proper protocol, increased numbers in COVID/spread, having to shut down again
Spread of the virus, not a good learning environment with all of the restrictions
Possibility of spread, in my opinion wearing a mask is not healthy for long periods, too many restrictions
Spread of disease, quality of education, focus of students

1. Risk of students and teachers getting sick 2. Spread of COVID to families
3. Difficulty Adopting Masks for Kids

Spreading the virus, kids returning to school and parents not working/being able to afford what's needed, kids getting adults sick

Covid-19

Children will be risking their lives. They will be risking family members lives.

home life contributing to community spread of coronavirus, well-being of educators in public schools, inadequate funding for proper precautions.

Safety of students, teachers, and staff, logistics of implementing restrictions necessary to protect everyone, procedures to address when a student/staff member test positive for COVID.

My only concern is the health and well being of our community, especially the children.

No vaccine for one of the most contagious viruses of my life, being able to adequately prevent the spread of COVID-19 while all students and staff interact with each other, and those who will not follow the rules and therefore will jeopardize everyone else.

Coronavirus, Coronavirus & Coronavirus

My spouse being affected, bringing it to me and the rest of my family

The spread of covid, Children getting sick, teachers getting sick.

Safety, structure, preparedness

School Wide Infection

Waste of School money

Early Cancellation

there is not room to socially distance in already overcrowded classrooms; the kids' immune systems already get taxed enough during a normal school year; how will transitional times (lunch, bathroom breaks, specials, recess etc) be able to happen?

Children with compromised immune system.

Addressing COVID-19 when the numbers go up.

Is opening back up actually a safe idea?

2nd wave hitting during flu season. Children incapable of practicing social distancing.

Lack of PPE, fatalities, no way to meet guidelines suggested by medical Professionals

1) health

2) a lack of consistency (in school 2 weeks, online for 3, back in school for a month, back online for 2 weeks)

Too much time spent trying to social distance no time for work

Spread of Covid, children missing out on valuable learning, and the new work load if it can't be normal.

Illness, Students with underlying health conditions, the safety of masks being worn

Mask, Eating in Room, and no social time outdoors.

Kids falling behind in learning Ability to social distance School staff health and safety
Parents sending their children to school sick. Children not getting a proper education at home.
schools should open with social distancing implemented whenever possible teachers provided with supplies, student emotional well being, and realistic expectations for staff members
Not working together as an entire community to understand differing opinions; childcare for children of parents who cannot work at home or if distance learning is combined with being campus; impact of social, emotional; and mental health of all stakeholders
None
None
*Disagree with no class change for middle and high schoolers.. *the students are being deterred from liking school with garbage stipulations *students need a sense of normalcy
1. Kids having to wear a mask 2. Children being in a very restrictive environment at school 3. Physical Communication limited, younger kids are missing out on the facial cues (smiles, frowns) of the masked school personnel.
Children having to wear masks. Coming to school sick
None
The addition to non routine things, the extra stress on kids of wearing mask and being socially distanced, the fear causing mental breakdowns in children
Over strict regulations or abnormal schedule
Further spread of covid, sick teachers, bringing home illnesses
1. Having hand sanitizers everywhere 2. The soap dispensers were never stocked so the possibility that hand sanitizer will stay stocked is slim 3. Kids won't keep a mask on all day

Parent:

<p>Covid-19 Social distancing Cleanliness</p>
<p>The risk of spread, lack of social distancing, harmful to students-teachers-all</p>
<p>COVID-19 is not under control the numbers keep going up, to many students in a building together</p>
<p>My only concern is my child being exposed to Covid19. She has underlying health conditions. Wearing a mask all day and the social distancing</p>
<p>I have a 5 year old. He can't social distance properly. He is a loving child and likes to hug on kids (to the point where we had to talk to him). Last year in Pre K he caught so many colds I am afraid it will be really easy for him to pick something up.</p>
<p>Numbers still too high. Dont want kids forced to wear masks. Dont want it to feel like a prison</p>
<p>The spread of the virus, children under social restrictions</p>
<p>Children aren't going to wear masks, it's unsafe, numbers are still climbing</p>
<p>1. My kids getting the virus 2. My kids bring the virus home or to there grandparents that are already compromised. 3. The CDC guidelines that were recommended to return to school. How do y'all plan on keeping mask on my 11 year old ADHD and my 8 year old. And staying in the same classroom all day...no recess no gym! My ADHD child is going to be expected to sit in the same seat all day long with only walking to the bathroom a couple of times a day. I am scared</p>
<p>Sickness, My child's fear, SICKNESS</p>
<p>Virus, abnormal atmosphere, inconvenience of possible on and off days</p>
<p>Social distancing, covid spreading from kid to kid, kids being afraid and so far we have sheltered them from all of this sickness. Opening the school is opening floodgates because we don't know which families have contracted.</p>
<p>Social distancing, buses, and kids wearing masks in class. Some children are claustrophobic or have anxiety and masks can exacerbate those.</p>
<p>COVID 19, the lack of seriousness about the virus and concerns of the spread.</p>
<p>My kid getting covid, me getting covid lots of other people getting covid</p>
<p>Spread of COVID and the economy shutting down again</p>
<p>Kids spreading the sickness at the school and on the bus</p>
<p>Covid spreading further</p>
<p>Children having to wear masks, corona virus, my children have asthma.</p>
<p>My kid getting sick also other children getting sick</p>
<p>Virus spread Lack of social activities Having children isolated</p>
<p>Catching covid-19</p>
<p>Teachers getting Kids getting sick Kids not being able to socialize at school because of the chance of getting sick</p>

The lack of concern from people in our county about wearing masks in public. Kids ability to spread to family. At risk kids who could die from the virus.
Teachers getting sick. Kids getting sick kids being stuck in one classroom
Kids are crowded into schools, it WILL spread. Faculty members who have family members at risk carrying things home to their families. The spread exploding as it is in Hamilton county currently.
My child getting the virus, bringing it home to at risk parents, the possibility of losing a child from opening of schools and the child getting sick
Requires mask my kids getting sick with covid they have strep all the time during school year and people sending kids to school sick
Covid, closeness together, having to wear mask
Covid-19, health risks to my children, and how the schools will practice social distancing with younger children
Spreading of virus Students having issues with masks if required Students not getting the normal school experience
Spreading the virus, older staff, at risk children
Safety for my children and staff, possible infection from others at school, and bringing it home to my parents.
Spread of Covid is my main answer
That my child will come home sick with COVID after keeping him from getting it this whole time..
Sickness, Racism all over social media fueling division,
Social distance Kids being sick Kids using good hygiene
I don't think they should open
COVID, the masks and the distance the kids will have to abide by
The safety of the kids against the covid 19 The concern for the kids that have asthma or breathing problems that have to wear mask
My son being bullied and covid-19
My baby is a teacher
Coronavirus, anxiety, masks all day
How are things going to stay socially distance, cleaning the bathroom monitoring the amount in bathroom, large groups of children in one area, will all staff be wearing masks? Will all adults entering be required to wear masks?
How would they social distance. Would they wear a mask the whole time they're in school. Are the teachers
My child getting sick, social distancing, and my child having to wear a mask eight hours a day.

Covid 19, The anxiety my kids will have over wearing mask, I don't think sports should be played while having to wear a mask.
Germs sickness
My child getting sick
My children being in close contact with other people. The cleanliness of the school Everyone not wearing PPE
Covid-19, not social distancing because they are kids and no cleaning supplies
Confined spaces, no masks, no treatment
Children adhering to rules to stay safe.
Potential of the spread of virus, safety of students and staff, and risk of grandparents having contact with virus through students
Kids don't wear mask at all times, no social distancing, no hand washing
Concerned about the precautions that the school system takes because of my children might feel like prisoners in a plastic cubicle, very concerned about the risk to all the children contracting COVID-19 and possibly helping in the spread of this virus, also concerned about exposure from other people considering I don't know where they have traveled or with whom they've been exposed to
The inability of the schools to actually follow CDC guidelines, knowing not all parents will keep kids home when sick, and all the communal areas and of a building and times of the day that spread germs (gym, science labs, playgrounds, cafeteria, restrooms, buses, arrival and dismissal with large groups of students). There are also kids who will not follow the directions provided by the teachers when using restrooms, coughing, etc. There is just too much room for error.
Safety, Comfort, Time
Bigger out breaks and the teacher will take it home to there families and then it will keep spreading
Spreading COVID more than it already is
Social distancing, kids wearing masks, and keeping schools sanitized
1. My children getting exposed and unconsciously exposing others to the virus. 2. My family being exposed to the virus through other means and unconsciously exposing classmates and teachers at school. 3. The ability to socialize at school will be severely inhibited, but I have a very social child and I worry that she would get in trouble for behaviors that were previously acceptable, like hugging her friends.
Compromised parents, teachers, grandparents and children being exposed
Kids and teachers being at risk for spreading covid and my daughter being a type 1 diabetic. Kids having absent marks counting against them and coming to school possible infected because they cant miss the school days. My major concern is that yall will require someone to wear a face mask, I myself have trouble breathing and go into panic attacks. No child should be forced to go to school like that.
Kids not wearing mask properly. Too many students in one room . Students coming to school sick .
August isn't The Fall. COVID, August isn't The Fall
Teacher Health, Family caregiver health, student health.

Virus, virus and virus!!
*The inability to protect students/staff from the spreading of the virus. *Overcrowded classes and communal areas that will prevent the ability to social distance. *Other parents sending their children to school while sick and masking their illnesses through medication, etc. *I have 2 children who are in the high-risk category and am more concerned for their health.
One kid exposing the entire school, going home and spreading it to ones with underlying conditions
Covid19. Others having the virus
Sports, social distancing massive covid spread
contact with others, cleanliness, becoming sick
Kids not being able to have a normal routine, too many guidelines for kids in Elementary School and the numbers keep rising so worried about it spreading.
Close prolonged contact, asymptomatic carriers, stressful conditions due to guidelines
dont want my child to have to wear a mask all day! dont see how its possible to keep children 6 feet apart! If they have to miss recess gym and other activities then I don't see a point in them going
How close student will be
Children hugging not washing their hands not wearing masks
Health and safety of children and possibilities of quickly spreading to grandparents and other at risk relatives.
COVID-19, racism issues
The virus, small children do not understand social distancing, putting teachers at risk unnecessarily
Social distancing, second wave of virus, safety of the staff and children
Social distancing will be too hard in one class all day. Spreading the covid, my 6 year health and safety
The spread of the virus,,masks,,and the ability for them to learn without all of the virus distractions
Still new covid increases, Kids wearing mask all day, and kids not feeling safe or having a fun learning environment
6 feet apart, shared common areas, instructed behind a mask
Safety of ALL
Covid, kids not wearing masks, social distancing
Its not safe. Child getting sick then bringing it home to babys getting grandparents sick ect. Wearing a mask all day , breathing in poison .
My child contracting the virus. My child contracting the virus and then brings it home . Too many people being in one confined space, not enough people cleaning restrooms, doors, desk after each use.
My child's health- I do not want her contracting this virus.

Kids bringing sickness back home (baby in home), don't want them to wear face mask, don't want them getting sick period.
I have a newborn at home and I do not want to catch COVID-19. I don't want any of my children to catch it. Social distancing will be extremely difficult to enforce.
Cleanliness, virus getting worked school close and we back to square on again, virus still spreading rapidly
Large crowds Unable to social distance Risking children and teachers getting sick Children having to wear masks all day
Covid19. I have a child who has a compromised immune system
Social distancing, masks, and sharing
Children bringing the virus back home as I am in highest risk category.
Being unable to enforce mask wearing on buses.
COVID virus's
Prevalence of illness, close proximity, feeling of having to attend sick
Larger number of students in a classroom and students being confined to the classroom.
Sick teachers/loss of teacher life Sick children Fast spread of virus
Spread of Covid, kids not being able to wear masks all day, how to keep them distanced.
Sanitation, closing after opening, 2 spike
my son is a high risk, I think it is to soon, Getting started and then having to stop due to virus infecting everyone
My kids catching covid bc my 2 youngest have lung issues.
My child getting sick and having to wear a mask all day I would just like them to stay at home for school
Virus spreading
1.have stage 4 metastatic breast cancer and am going through chemo, so my health is at risk 2. My children's' health 3. How do they social distance at school
1.Kids contracting Covid-19. 2.Large outbreaks in schools. 3. Grandparents being exposed.
Protecting my immunocompromised child. Kids coming who are sick. Not enough social distancing or cleaning measures.
To soon, virus is just getting to its peak in this area. Don't think kids (even older ones) will stay 6 ft from each other and will be hard for a child to wear a mask all day.
1.How our students are going to safely distance, learn and interact. 2. If we are to homeschool again, how will this impact my children, as I am not a teacher or prepared to homeschool. 3. How will I homeschool while working a full-time job.

Inability to maintain social distancing, possible lack of proper sanitation, and high levels of stress for everyone.
Viral infection, health problems w/ masks, social distancing and impact on learning
passing germs between kids & bringing it home to at-risk family members, after school care options,
Brining the virus home to grandparents, Inconsistency in the school day (the chaos of school being in person then at home back and forth without structure), lack of structure/a plan
Risk of infection, possibly some of the protocols, possible school closure at some point anyway
My child having asthma getting sick or bringing something home to me
1) One child has a low immune system 2) We will have a newborn living in our home 3) Elderly in our immediate family with heart conditions
Students being able to social distance, my child getting sick, what if they do get sick?
Ours kids getting sick. Giving it to someone who is high risk that lives in the home.
Exposure Exposure Exposure,
Schools closing a few weeks after school starts due to a case of covid. My child wearing a mask with asthma and trouble breathing without the mask.
My son has Asthma and I'm scared If he got the virus how he would do.
Covid 19, other kids, cleanliness
My kids not feeling comfortable at school, my child keeping on a mask all day, and what type of learning environment my child will be in.
Putting my kids at risk, family at risk, spreading
Social distancing Sanitation Educational Disruption due to Covid19
Social distancing, facility cleanliness, community spread
Other families not taking the same precautions as my family or vice versa and COVID19 spreading through the school
Sickness
1. Not ready to expose my child to the new reality of mask wearing for themselves 2. Opening and then having to close if needed, causing more uncertainty for my child's experience 3. Teachers not feeling they are well cared for. We are asking a lot of them but are we caring for them? (I am not a teacher nor do I know the answer)
COVID, not enough room to social distance, wearing masks
To many kids all in one place
1) lots of kids being couped up together potentially spreading COVID 19 to others in the schools or family members at home 2) schools being sent home constantly for cleaning of the schools once someone has been exposed 3) schools going back with restrictions that little kids don't understand, like eating in classrooms, not changing classes, etc

<p>Social Distancing</p> <p>Students not wearing a mask properly</p> <p>Students being sent to school sick</p>
<p>Class size, covid 19 stats, transmission</p>
<p>My daughter is 6, and she will by no means keep a face mask on her face.</p> <p>I have an infant child who just reach the 6 month milestone in which I would pray my daughter didn't bring catch anything at school and bring home to his weakened immune system.</p>
<p>Spreading virus, those not taking this serious.</p>
<p>Covid 19 is getting worse then it was before.</p>
<p>Only concern is potential exposure to Covid for my children, especially worried about my child with Asthma.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My child getting the virus and bringing it home to her younger siblings. 2. Her having to wear mask. It is EXTREMELY hot. Especially on the bus, those babies are in close contact on the bus and a mask is way to hot to be wearing. 3. With everything going on. Virus. Regulations with school opening. Wearing a mask (since thats a good possibility) I don't think they will be very concentrated on their work. They are wearing a mask. They cant be close to friends. You might as well say not recess because like I mentioned earlier its way to hot outside for a mask. They will be sad and depressed. They will begin to hate going and they won't be focused on their work.
<p>Its not safe for a child to wear a mask all day</p> <p>Risk of exposure</p> <p>Extenuating rules</p>
<p>Virus spread, most importantly bringing virus home. We have a staff family member and children at three different walker county schools (elementary, middle, & high school). We have a very high risk child at home and myself with heart problems.</p>
<p>Safety. Health. Anxiety</p>
<p>Bus (how do you plan to social distance), how do you plan to mandate masks for students who choose not to</p>
<p>Illness, support for 504 and IEP, resources</p>
<p>Not being able to properly educate the children while maintaining physical distance; keeping the children apart from each other; regulating who is and isnt allowed in the school (checking temps is nice, but every morning will take hours to get kids cleared)</p>
<p>Kids comfort and physiological concerns</p>
<p>Kids coming to school sick, they should have temp checks as soon as they get there, and The teachers being sick</p>
<p>Infection risk, upheaval due to outbreak, learning continuity if switching between home vs in person learning</p>
<p>My child getting sick, parents sending children to school when they are ill.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What will online school look like if that needs to happen again? 2. Sickness
<p>Kids having to social distance and wear masks. School opening only to have to shut down shortly after.</p>

Health of students and staff
Health of the elderly in students homes
Social distancing in school and the emotional impact on students. The pandemic and resulting quarantine has already taken its toll mentally on the kids. Strict guidelines in school limiting their normal activities and social interaction will make it that much harder

Spread of covid 19

Having the students wear a mask all day, it will be harder on the younger students.
Students not being able to maintain 6 ft apart.
Exposing students with weaker immune systems

Safety, restrictiveness on students in school environment, and continuity (don't want to have reactive back and forth changes throughout the year).

Community bus stops sound dangerous and how long will we be in school if someone gets sick is it worth opening back up

Germs, lack of resources to control germs, vulnerability of all

Spread to high risk family members

My child becoming sick, them not enjoying school like I did growing up, and having to keep a mask on the whole time. Just because I don't think they'll be able to considering the age.

Closing for mandatory 14 day quarantine every time a student tests positive for covid.
Wearing masks and they disruption they will cause in the classroom.
Students eating in their classroom.

- 1) Students required to wear masks
- 2) Required online learning, some kids don't have the support system needed for this

My children being exposed to the virus
My children bringing home the virus
How they will contain this

Fall is really close to flu and on top of that all the COVID

Kids coming to school sick.
The new wave of the coronavirus.
Germs.

My child's safety

Limited social interaction
Requiring masks
School sanitation

Stress on my child. Wearing a mask. Not able to enjoy anything

Teachers following rules/guidelines. Such as sanitation, cleaning etc.
My child falling behind in class or school.
Over all safety of my child!

1. Comfort of student and ability to concentrate with mask, 2, cleanliness and sharing of masks, 3. transmission of the virus
My daughter having to wear a mask, cleanliness of facility, risk of exposure to virus
Masks, handwashing, shared supplies
Social distancing, regaining lost education
Spread of the virus in children with suppressed immune systems; mental anguish of children worried about catching the virus; anxiety and mental stress children will be put under in having such different routines in their school day
Bringing virus home to high risk family members If required: Kids having to remain in same classroom all day is difficult for most students Physical activity (PE and recess) not being allowed would be hard on the kids
Social distancing, online issues of it is virtual, and other Covid based concerns
Mental health of students, student needs being met from home, if not moving forward, they are moving backwards
Masks mainly
Sickness, my kid not wanting to wear a mask, and last min closures
Inconsistent - Never knowing if they will be at school or not, possibility of spreading illness, requiring masks.
Safety Meeting grade standards
The risk of Covid being spread from kid to kid and taking it home How kids will wear mask and actually keep them on
Keeping safe distance, children or adults coming to school sick, My child getting sick
Covid, masks, school disinfecting
Hallways Lunchroom Crowded pep rallies etc.
Not enough social distance, kids wearing masks, and too many people all together
Unknown contact with the virus; bringing it home to our family; my child not being able to learn
Safety for my child is priority but wondering how much education he will actually receive in person bc teachers will have to keep a clean environment.
Masks, social distancing, and my child not being able to socialize and get what he needs. I work full time and do not have time to teach him at home. None at all.
How clean it will be and how well they could learn?
Child having to wear a mask Children not being able to interact Children not having normal school

Covid 19,

- anxiety among kids
- Getting to red won't take long at all
- If we end up in red, whats WC going to do about their digital learning plan? Our personal experience was that it was non-existent in the Spring. I can count on 1 hand how many Zoom meetings 3 teachers had with 2 of my kids.

My biggest concerns are If masks are mandatory for school to begin. My concerns are kids not keeping them on because they are just kids they won't keep on a mask, they can't focus on learning because they will be playing with them if mandatory.

Second for kids who have asthma, allergies, breathing problems such as my smallest child and kids who are disabled mentally or physically or in special education classes understanding why. These are all mask concerns. That seems to be what concerns me most. Our children need normal. If our schools can't open normally my child will be home schooled.

Proper sanitation, mask wearing, and ease of spreading disease throughout school due to strict attendance guidelines and parents not keeping their sick children home in fear of truancy court and/or other consequences

Sanitization.

Crowded classrooms, bathrooms, lunch rooms

Child contracting covid, uncomfortable school experience, lack of covid supervision

Sanitation, kids coming to school sick, can the children actually keep mask on if required

Resurge in sickness

Younger kids learning

If virus hits school

How a school day will run

Not having enough distance between students.

None of the students taking this virus seriously.

Large amount of students in classrooms, class change(hallways) and kids who are mean and will purposely spit on children (it does happen) in middle and high school

Exposure

Kids not able to attend due to infection

Closure of schools anyway if a big outbreak occurs

Wearing masks- I do not want my child to have to wear one all day, separation of children- I do not want our children separated and having to sit in between barriers, vaccine- I believe vaccines should NOT be mandatory and my child will NOT be receiving one.

My son wearing a mask. The kids not being able to socialize properly. And of course the COVID

Covid-19 in general, but especially in "cold & flu season" potential negative health effects of having to wear masks all day fear of uncertainty
Social distancing, children coming to school sick and spreading of the virus.
My son bringing home any virus, masks being required, not being able to homeschool three kids
Buses and Students being so close together.
I have a son with asthma who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons
Sickness Kids having to wear mask Working schedules
Wide spread covid 19, son with asthma, husband with diabetes
My child becoming infected Speaking of illness to high-risk family members My child or a loved one passing
COVID-19, Social Distancing, Proper Learning
COVID lung problems from masks
1. I feel that the virus will begin peaking again and the groups of kids will be at more of a risk. While I understand that things must return to some type of normalcy, I am still concerned. 2. Sanitation and Lunch: Will there be extra sanitations that go on during the day in restrooms etc? Will children be able to bring lunches to school? Will there be access to cafeteria lunches for those who cannot bring lunch from home? 3. Classroom vs Online: I am okay with my child doing both techniques if that is what it takes to help with the reduction of spreading, but I worry that the going back and forth (if that is what happens) will effect the learning of some children. I know my child does better with face to face so she can see it and then do it, but I also know she is capable of online if need be.
Are masks a requirement? How will my childs academics be affected?
Health of my kids, health of the teachers/faculty/staff, having to do school virtually and work full time
They will not be social distancing, it will be hard for students to wear mask
Sanitization
Social distancing, wearing masks, and learning
That it is to soon during the virus That it won't be normal for the kids That it will be a stressful environment with the rules and restrictions

Spike in COVID cases and danger to family members
Distance between students or clear guards needed. How does that work on bus rides?
My kids getting sick Not enough preparedness Being behind from last year
My kids getting sick
1. How are the small kids going to be expected to wear masks all day long? 2. Parents can (and probably will) send their children to school when their child is sick. They have done it in the past, they will do it again. 3. When I show any symptoms at my job, I have to be out for 3 to 14 days. How will the school handle any symptoms that the kids have? Will they send them home with fever only, or will any of the symptoms be cause for going home? When home, will they be distance learning?
Comfort of student, quality or education with the restrictions. Facemasks with hearing impaired students
Teacher/staff safety, student safety, academic quality
Crowded hallways and classrooms, seating arrangements in classrooms, contact with students
1. Enforcing social distancing and masks in the classroom 2. Reduced/no outside recess time 3. Students AND staff being exposed to covid and passing it to at risk family members unknowingly.
Kids not taking proper hygiene and not enough eyes watching them making sure their doing the things the safe way
Safety, Well-being and support
Masks
Covid spreading faster but also my child getting behind if it doesn't open
I don't feel we should enforce masks. What are sports going to look like this upcoming year? Teaching children good hygiene not just using hand sanitizer for everything actually washing hands as well just think in a school day you only use sanitizer and never wash your hands. Yes still use it but we need to be washing hands as well. Parents don't send your kids to school if they are Sick! I think if visually a child is sick they should be sent home.
That school will be a scary place for children to be with too many protocols (masks, no playground, no cafeteria, etc.)
Social distance, kids with fever, kids getting the amount of education they need
Wearing masks, confined to classrooms for lunch, recess, gym, etc.
My only concern is making the students wear masks.

How to virtually teach my child, child care if not in school, quality of education
Teachers focusing on teaching. Online learning face masks
Lack of stability-open/closing, missing out on sports/field trips, students that will not do distance learning and fall behind.
How this is all going to effect the kids down the road, my kids getting really sick and the teachers
I just want my kids to stay healthy but I also want them to have normalcy within all this chaos.
*Only going certain days instead of all 5. *Too many guidelines for the little ones. *How (if necessary) will be able to keep masks on the elementary kids.
My kids having to wear masks, social distancing my 5 year old, and my kids falling behind due to distance learning that happened in the spring.
1.) While the American Pediatric Association states that kids need to get back to school, it is my fear that the school will cave (“Under Peer Pressure”) and either decide to not open or close shortly there after. 2.) While the APA states children do not need face coverings, but adults may. It is my concern that wearing a mask while in Gym/“P.E.” , it May encumber air flow. 3.) don’t have a third
Are they going to make our children wear mask? Is the 6ft rule going to be inforced? (Which I don't think it's possible) How is the school going to handle common areas like the cafeteria, playground & hallways?
Sanitizing, health and having fun while learning
Children having to wear masks. I have a child with special needs who is dead set against wearing masks
How the mandates will affect the social and learning environment.
Quality/ consistency of education with a sporadic schedule.
My effectiveness as a homeschool teacher if distance learning is implemented. I dont want her to be behind.
Sanitation, hygiene, sharing supplies
Keeping masks on while in hallways. Six feet mandate. This scare taking up time from the kids learning.
Not going back. Kids need structure in a classroom. The mental health of the children..
That the children don’t receive proper education by being at home
Kids not washing their HANDS enough, kids coming to school sick, but our kids need their education
- requiring mask - part time school

-Stress on staff
Don't want kids wearing masks, don't want kids to have to stay in same room all day , and sick children coming to school and spreading virus
My biggest concern is that no matter what you choose to do it will be wrong.
I don't want my student to have to wear a mask all day while at school. If that is the case, I would rather do online work.
No masks! Needs to be normal! Normal!!
Not returning, mask and community spread
Students and teachers having enough time each day to properly wash hands and sanitize, balancing virtual learning (if necessary) while working full time, addressing my kids' learning loss
Being too close to one another, cleanliness, parents not picking up their sick children
School feeling like prison, activities being taken away & trying to get kids to social distance
Masks social distancing
Child being infected
Not going back to school/at home learning
The kids not getting the proper education they deserve.
Doing it correctly, Not opening at all, Parents not keeping children home when they are sick.
Covid, partial days
My only concerns are wearing a mask, i will not be allowing my kids to return if they have to and if they have to take a vaccine they will not return
Proper sanitation
Kids won't wear mask and after school care won't be available
High exposure to covid 19.
If not in person the on-line may become a issue due to both parents being full time workers.
Number of allowed sick days if child or family members becomes ill with covid 19.
Will My daughter be able to get the education she deserves. (1/1 with teacher if needed)
social interaction that all human beings need . Especially children .
Cleanliness of the school during the day and after cleanliness. (hire more cleaning staff)
None they could get virus out in public as easy as school.
None

None
Ridiculous rules and regulations for the kids to abide by, not enough access to handwashing and sanitation between classes, the kids health if the virus spreads through the school
None
Safety, Teacher availability and weak leadership
I DO NOT want my children to wear a mask. I am concerned that they will loose valuable time, both academically and socially, because people are living in fear and forcing others to do the same. I am concerned that my children are not getting the educational experience they need because of political games and biased media.
None whatsoever. Open them as normal !
I have none. My only concern is not opening.
Breaks, mask and children must be able to go outside
That mask will be required. That PE and recess will not be allowed. That there won't be school activities like grandparents day, carnivals, etc.
Schools need to be open. My kids need in Preson learning. My kids need to be in a school environment.
None
My kids forced to wear mask, not being able to be sociable, and be a limited to recess and PE
Fear mongering
Having to wear a mask, no PE, and no recess
Kids (especially seniors) not getting to enjoy their year.
That school will not be 5 days a week and I will have to quit my job because i cannot afford childcare!
1.That kids will have to wear masks (if that's the case, then my child will not go. 2.Kids will have to social distance 3. Social distances will interfere with their emotional health and interaction among peers
My child having to wear a mask all day.
Not opening at all. Digital learning will be very difficult for working parents.
My main concern is that the students go back to school. Their mental health, their social-emotional growth, and their education are at a huge disadvantage when they are home-schooled.
I do not have any
None
The kids on the bus not being distanced

No concerns
Children having to wear mask, and having to be taught at home themselves while parents work, paying tuition for kids who aren't being taught in school
None
No concerns for schools opening, my concern is if they don't open.
The children being treated as prisoners
1. My child falling behind. I am at work. My husband is at work. Who will watch them and make sure they're doing their assignments?
I have none
No concerns except if school don't start back in person children are going to be emotionally, mentally more abused
Masks being mandated Too much "social" distancing and not enough learning No extra curriculum activities
1. I am concerned that extreme measures are going to be taken and will inadvertently do more harm than good for both students and teachers. Our bodies need immune systems and to build those systems up. 2. Teachers are going to have to be so focused on enforcing rules that they won't have time to teach and they definitely do not get paid enough to deal with this. 3. If all students do not return to school with a set learning environment students are going to fall behind and regress in their education.
Don't want my child to be required to wear a mask, want sports to continue, want the day to feel as normal as possible for the students with PE and recess etc
None
Following any or all CDC guidance.
My Kids being stuck in the classroom all day (no recess etc..) My kids being forced to wear a mask All day. Inconsistent online learning
That it want.
1) Students missing too much school 2) Students not getting all the information they need.

We will do GA Connections Academy if

1. The kids are In the same classroom all day with no breaks or recess or time outside.
2. If students have to wear masks all day long

Our third concern is the inconsistent virtual learning we experienced in the spring. The school year basically ended in March. We will not be okay with the quality or education the kids received overall.

That things WON'T be normal. That my child WON'T get a normal classroom experience. That my child will be made to feel like she have done something wrong and be treated worse than a prisoner.

The schools closing again and children falling behind.

None, open it

None

None. We need to get back to normal.

1. The lack of in person contact/teaching causing the kids to fall behind educationally.
2. If schools do not resume in person, assisting 3 children in elementary school to ensure they do not fall behind educational wise.
3. The mental well being of children due to lack of social interaction.

No concerns with in person school.

1. I don't want my children to have to wear masks.
2. I want my children to get to play outside on the playground.
3. I don't want schools to open and close continuously throughout the year.

Aftercare, PE, and extracurricular activities Continuing as well

Education, cleanliness, and homework

Learning environment, freedom of choice, and extra-curricular activities

I'm concerned with having to wear mask, social distancing, not getting to get lunch in the lunchroom, or the kids playing on the playground. I believe that we all will be fine if we are smart. We need to do a good job of keeping our school clean, hand washing/germ-X, and not coming to school with any symptoms.

If a child is sick don't punish them for staying home.

That schools will not be fully in person. As a working parent, we literally cannot make it work if school isn't back to normal. Our children need school back.

Too much isolation

I don't want them to return if they can't return to some type of normalcy. I do not think they should have to be stuck in one room all day. I also think they need the interaction with their peers.

Having to wear mask, no recess, no cafeteria

Don't won't masks, Goofy shields between seats or anything other than back to normal

Having to do e-learning with my child (I work and have no way to do that) My child having to wear a mask all day (she has asthma.)

I don't have any except the damage that not starting school back face to face in the fall will do to kids and families.
Nothing
None!!!
My only concern is if my kids have to wear masks. I do not want my kids wearing mask.
Masks, 6 feet apart, not being able to be a kid
If it is online, that my child will not succeed well. Both parents work full time jobs and are unable to help immediately. She also learns better in a classroom setting.
The comfort and anxiety of the kids. The 3 day school plan, and the online learning vs. paperwork.
<p>My main concern is always my children's education. I would like to see schools open and stay open to ensure the best source of learning for them. They need their classroom, their teacher, their fellow classmates, their normal childhood and their freedom to be kids. I was very displeased with digital learning and will not be participating in that again. I will seek other education options if my children do not go back to school as regular. Another concern, my children's emotional well-being. My children are very social and need to be around people who will love on them and treat them as normal. I don't want my kids to be treated as dirty or diseased and isolated. They need to be loved by their school and shown that.</p> <p>Lastly, I am concerned about what I will have to do if the BOE decides on A and B day learning and or Friday as a digital learning day. I work 5 days a week and it is best if my children go to school during those times. I have no other option for them if they do not.</p>
Masks! I do not want my children wearing them in school
Parents sending their kids to school sick, schools not sending sick kids home, I do not want my kids wearing masks.
My only concern would be if schools don't open. This is not good for kids who already struggle in school. Also for the children who have full time jobs and aren't able to help them with school work after working 10 hours a day. I also don't believe this is good for children's mental health.
Being safe getting sick
None
That there will be too many restrictions on students.
<p>1. Mandatory Masking- having to try and make my already anxious, new-to-school 4 year old understand that he has to wear a mask on his face is going to be difficult. I really hope that isn't a requirement.</p> <p>2. My main concern is that these children return to school in the fall. Their mental health, social growth, and overall educational development has really suffered without the "daily" routines of school, structured learning, socializing with peers and the supportive outlets that aren't always available at home. They receive so much more from in-person learning than I am able to provide as a non-educator parent trying to home-school my child.</p> <p>3. After school programs and how they will be affected. Will they still be offered? Or will they no longer be available?</p>

Wearing masks, will the children be learning in a friendly loving environment or a restricted don't touch anything environment, the amount of restrictions in place that would make busses not able to run
Don't want my kids to have to wear masks all day and are the buses going to have to run earlier and make more trips to fit everyone?
Making kids wear masks all day
I dont have any
That schools may close down. They need to open up as usual and stay open.
None
None
None
1. Weakened lesson plans. 2. Seniors being deprived of college guidance. 3. Weakened healthy social interactions.
Bringing kids up to speed after the instructional time missed because of the early end to the school year.
My only concerns are if the schools don't open in the fall.
Pushing these crazy ideas on my child....parents losing their jobs due to having to stay at home....families loosing their home because they can't work....children not being able to socialize with other children.

Parent / Pre K - 12 Educator:

1. ALL teachers, staff and students NOT wearing appropriate protective masks. 2. Will I, as an educator, get paid when I am not at home because I or a family member has Covid 19? If someone at the school tests positive, will the school close? 3. Will I be teaching in a class room, full time and responsible for online teaching, learning, etc..., AND getting a 10 DAY payout? How us that ok???????????????
Parents being infected and sending kids to school infecting others, parents and other adults coming into schools infecting kids and school staff, teachers themselves
1. By being contained in a building/room where it is almost impossible to social distance, the chances of me contracting the virus and bringing it home to my high-risk husband are very high! 2. Based on the behavior of my colleagues and administrators, they do NOT take this pandemic seriously; therefore, safety precautions that would protect others, such as social distancing and wearing masks, will NOT be followed. 3. I know how difficult it is for children to maintain personal hygiene during the day. Even if we're constantly directing them to wash your hands, use a tissue, etc., students will still be spreading germs. They're children.
1.Health of everyone 2. Enforcement of masks and guidelines consistently 3. Lack of cleaning supplie, there is no lysol or wipes to be found.

Masks, social distancing, adequate PPE/cleaning measures
1. Exposing Kids to the virus (they potentially spread it to grandparents / caregivers who might be vulnerable with pre-existing conditions) 2. Exposing teachers to the virus. 3. People who are asymptomatic and spread virus without knowing they are spreading- all situations leading to extensive absences as well
Illness spreading Wearing masks all day Not wearing masks all day
Contracting virus, masks, spreading to elderly family members
How will immune-compromised staff or students be accommodated? If people have conditions on the CDC's list of higher risk factors are districts required to provide further accommodations? Will non-tenured teachers qualify for health accommodations? How will non-tenured teachers feel comfortable advocating for themselves without fear of removal?
The CDC now considers pregnancy a high-risk health concern. What options will staff who are pregnant have? Will they need to meet specific criteria? How will immune-compromised staff or students be accommodated? If people have conditions on the CDC's list of higher risk factors are districts required to provide further accommodations? Will accommodations be standardized from district to district? Will non-tenured teachers qualify for health accommodations? How will non-tenured teachers feel comfortable advocating for themselves without fear of removal? How will schools get substitutes during this time when there is already a shortage? Many subs are also in the high-risk category due to age.
Covid being brought into my home Covid being brought into our schools Kids in k-2 suffering most by online learning not being effective
How are students going to social distance? Will students need to wear masks (mine will be)? How is the janitorial staff going to keep common touch points clean throughout the day while still trying to perform their regular duties?
My daughter's, my students', and my own personal health (I am currently 32 weeks pregnant); our ability as a school to follow CDC guidelines
Masks, kids won't understand social distancing, kids personal hygiene
1. There will probably be many students there who will not take this whole thing seriously. A lot of people don't think this is as serious as it is, and they pass down those thoughts to their children. 2. I don't see how we can social distance in the classroom when we are already crowded. The facilities are not large enough to give the room needed for proper distancing. 3. middle schoolers are very social and concerned about their images. There will be many who will not want to wear masks or keep their distance from their friends.
The heightened risk of contracting/spreading the virus. Being able to effectively take precautions. Classroom productivity.
As a parent, my young children not understanding social distancing and the staff not being to monitor them. As a teacher, I am concerned with my students not following the rules or taking COVID seriously. Finally, I'm concerned that a effective plan will not be in place by the time school is scheduled to start.

1. Health and well-being of students and teachers.
2. Schools ability and willingness to follow CDC guidelines and not political rhetoric and community pressure (and the opinions of every community member whether it is based on science or personal need.)
3. Meeting the needs of students in a chaotic, unnecessarily early reopening with little guidance on expectations for teacher lesson plans and delivery options--since most of our attention has been on completing Google training as opposed to looking for unique ways to teach remotely.

Students wearing masks all day, social distancing of students especially those with significant disabilities in my self contained Pre-K classroom, availability of subs and what will happen if someone becomes exposed.

- 1) Transmission of the COVID-19 virus via asymptomatic carriers.
- 2) Teachers becoming sick and having to cancel school soon after we go back.
- 3) Inequitable opportunities of education for when we do have to leave school, because I do not think we will be at school for long.

- 1.) We are hearing about students, students, students, however, Very little is being addressed about teachers health. How will we ensure safety for our teachers/staff and their families?
- 2.) We already have a sub shortage, the majority of our subs are retired teachers, the most vulnerable group. How will we address this issue?
- 3.) I am concerned that the regulations required for social distancing will be nearly impossible in a school setting.

Sanitizing effectively
 Social distancing with or without mask
 Teacher and sub shortage when we will be out

Lack of following protocol for prevention of spread
 Students being carriers but not sick
 Teachers contracting because of age/raiks

It is going to be extremely difficult to have students practice social distancing, especially in the younger grades. The number of cases of COVID-19 are higher than they were when schools were closed in the spring. I'm afraid it will spread more rapidly with students being in close contact, as they do not always practice proper hygiene. I have a compromised immune system and it just scares me to be in contact with the unknown. I can only do so much to protect my child, my students and myself. It scares me, as a teacher, that if I have a student who contracts this virus during my care, am I going to be held liable?

lack of social distancing, lack of protection for teachers/immune compromised students/staff members, parents already send students to school when they know they are sick and I don't think that will change (give them motrin and send them on)

Not wearing masks, not maintaining distance, and parents sending in sick children

Getting on a schedule that works for working parents, what will we do if they can't go to school and will they be safe.

- 1) safety of students AND staff
- 2) class size too large
- 3) too much work put in teachers to do in person AND online simultaneously - especially with loss of pay

My family's health, unclear expectations, and behavior/emotions (outward and inward) of students who haven't been social in months

My children getting sick. Parents sending their child even if they have a fever. What if I get it do I use sick time?

That's two weeks out! At least.

- 1-Will my children be at risk in hallways, gyms, and other areas where social distancing is not possible?
- 2-The risk to myself and my family (not to mention colleagues) of being in close contact with about 100 students everyday.
- 3- I am concerned about trying to manage social distancing among middle school students while also trying to teach them.

1. Not being able to keep students a safe distance from each other.
2. What happens when 1 person tests positive? Do we close? Virtual?
3. The worry and stress of being asymptomatic and infected while infecting others in the meantime.

I feel like students need to wear masks, proper sanitation should be provided (cleaners and hand sanitizer), and spacing of individuals in classrooms.

My son having to wear a mask all day; teacher exposure; poor quality remote learning

1. Students having to wear masks
2. High risk teachers and staff members becoming infected as well as the possibility of students contracting covid at school and exposing high-risk family members
3. Staff members with children in the system having a hard time doing any type of alternating day/week schedule if that is what the school system decides to do

Safety, Doing lesson plans for both in class and virtual learning, twice the work with a significant pay cut

1) Sickness spreading 2) Kids with too many restrictions 3) Teachers trying to plan for the classroom and online learning.

Wearing masks, special education students who did not do well during distance learning, cleaning protocols & supplies

Mandatory masks: I don't think this is good for kids
Not having enough custodial help to
Keep school clean
Parents sending kids to school when in fact they are sick.

Monitoring sick children/families
Easing fears

Head lice pandemic, lack of childcare for working parents, lack of parents being able to help their children with daily school work

Being able to social distance, keeping things clean, increase in n covid cases when school starts back.

If masks will be required, cleaning protocols and safety measures being taken

If we do a virtual option, what accountability measures will be in place for families that choose that option.

What is the plan if an adult in a classroom is diagnosed with Covid-19.

Will our day be as close to normal as possible since that is in the best interest of the children. I don't want to be keeping the same students all day and I don't want my child stuck with the same teacher all day. I want my child and my students to be able to maintain attending elective classes and have as much in person time as possible. Virtual education stinks.

Want school as normal as possible--concerned that regulations will impose mandatory quarantines if exposed, missed academic instruction, and forfeiture of extracurriculars

Not starting, my kid using online classes and mandatory mask

I want students to be able to return full time, with outdoor play time and opportunities to interact with all their friends-nothing online

Will the district supply cleaning materials for the classroom?

Will the district send students home who have fevers?

Will the district provide Instructional Technology support that improves how online learning is conducted? Because it seemed to be all over the place from teacher to teacher and school to school.

That my children will not be able to have social connections/relationships, have to wear a mask all day, and lose out on recess/PE time possibly.

I don't have concerns with schools opening. My concerns are with schools NOT opening.

That we open with as much normalcy as possible .

That we are NOT required to wear masks.

That the children can focus on education and not Covid 19.

1. Will it stop as soon as someone test positive. 2. Will everyone be required to wear masks. 3. Do we have the staff to clean the school as it should.

Parent / School Support Staff:

Social distancing and kids get sick all the time with other viruses and kids wearing a mask for 8 hours a day.

Masks, safety, cleanliness.

-Myself and family are high risk.

-Not a mentally healthy environment for students

Too soon to go back as a vaccine and treatments have not been established

Too many students

My child being exposed

Catching it and bringing it home to my ill son

1. I wonder how well the school staff will be able to enforce social distancing with the students (especially high school where my daughter goes.) 2. I would like to know a more concrete plan for how everything is going to function with Covid-19 policies in place. 3. I'd like to know how the cafeteria will work, in particular since I work there.

Covid spreading through the school, wearing masks, and students struggling with social distancing

Kids required wearing masks, significant chance of COVID infection,
Not enough space for social distancing Cross contamination
How Mask requirements could be successful, class room size and the ability to social distance. Many of our students live with grandparents. I am also concerned about our students falling behind if we have distance learning only.
Sanitization of common manipulatives and spaces, no way to social distance in a classroom. Students changing classes
If we start I'm concerned we will be out of school at some point and will then have to do distance learning
Wearing a mask What my job will look like Safety of everyone
I am concerned that masks will be required, making it impossible for some SPED students to effectively communicate and violating ADA and IDEA
Students and staff being forced to wear masks, starting school and then it being ripped away and being forced to homeschool again, and ridiculous restrictions that will impede learning and socialization
Children being able to concentrate if the school is so strict they cannot move around. Children need some normalcy while focusing on cleanliness and proper hygiene as best that we can.
None
I would like to continue public schools for the well-being of our children, parents, and staff.

Parent / Substitute Teacher:

That there will be a rule saying all kids have to wear masks. I believe that they will be a problem, especially with the younger kids. I've been in classrooms where children couldn't keep their coats at their desks because they wouldn't leave it alone. Masks will be way worse. I truly think it will be harder for teachers to hold students focus and teach them effectively while telling 20-something students to stop licking, chewing on, flinging, moving, or putting the mask on top of their heads.
that we will have to wear mask. I don't believe we should wear them.

Educator (Pre K - 12):

Transmission of the virus, being to follow suggested guidelines within the confines of the classroom, being able to successfully deliver standards under the set restrictions
-No social distancing -not enough PPE - I have a compromised immune system

1. Protocols and class sizes. 2. Fear of having to sign waiver even though the district knows the dangers. 3. Will I have to use my sick leave if I get sick?

-the health & safety of our high risk stakeholders
-sanitation practices in the schools including everyone wearing masks
-lack of understanding what happens if we (teachers) test positive for Covid-19 or have a family member test positive, will we have to use sick time for our quarantine

1. Children don't social distance or cover their mouths when necessary. They drink water by putting their mouth on the fountain. They are kids. 2. Is anyone concerned with the affect of Covid on the adults? 3. Who's going to clean between every change of class every day?

Covid, covid and covid spreading rapidly throughout schools.

1. Parents will send kids sick to school. 2. My room is too small to social distance kids. 3. What happens if I get sick and I have to be out? 4. Will I be required to use my sick days if I am out for 14 days? 4. How are teachers going to be on the front lines with students without the proper daily PPE?

1. High risk family members at home that I could bring the virus home to
2. Not enough space to spread students out 6 ft in classrooms if you have 20+ students
3. Poor ventilation in the school buildings
4. Parents sending their children to school sick
5. Subs when teachers start getting sick.
6. Cleaning supplies for daily cleaning after each class
7. Will the county make students wear a mask?

my health and students' health; cover spreading in community; school sanitation measures

Spreading the virus through our community, student access to instruction, student safety

Spread of the virus, bringing illness home, prolonging the amount of time the virus's spread continues

exposure for older teachers

Getting COVID, being exposed to COVID and giving it to my family, my students getting COVID from other students

Health of students, health of teachers, health of support staff

Me bringing it home to my 78 year old mother in law who just beat breast cancer. My two nephews that are under 2. I will feel like I have to stay away from them to not endanger them.

*ease of germ spreading and inability to stop it

*lack of safety precautions taken

*sterile learning environment if following cdc guidelines (they should be taking precautions)

Having to close frequently if infection rates in school climb. Extensive absenteeism among staff and students who become infected or are required to quarantine. I am fearful for the high-risk people I am around and with whom I live.

Health of students and staff, unable to properly social distance in schools and classrooms

Children are asymptomatic carriers of the virus, high risk family members, ventilation, not making masks a requirement, Chattanooga (which is my school's neighboring city - and we have transient students) is a hot spot, how will days off when we are quarantined due to a family member coming in contact or ourselves be

calculated, how will we get enough substitutes, where will regulation cleaning products come from, what will we do to get our kids access they need for remote learning

1. No air flow in class rooms
2. No mandatory masks for adults and students
3. No plan if you've been exposed and have to use your sick days for quarantine
4. No testing for teachers and students
5. Being made to take a google certification test a little over a month before school opening when we do not get paid for those hours in the summer and added unnecessary stress on top of the unknown stress of opening.
6. Majority of subs are high risk. We can't get subs when not in a pandemic let alone a sub for 14 consecutive days.
7. Being told nothing about if there is internet and chromebooks for all students to have if go on distance learning...always waiting until the last minute to inform teachers.

Students and staff getting covid

Masks need to be mandatory, crowded school buses and classrooms with rising COVID cases, and clear procedures when someone gets the virus

Covid 19

1. How will immune-compromised staff or students be accommodated? If people have conditions on the CDC's list of higher risk factors are districts required to provide further accommodations?
2. Will non-tenured teachers qualify for health accommodations?
3. How will non-tenured teachers feel comfortable advocating for themselves without fear of removal?
4. How will schools get substitutes during this time when there is already a shortage? Many subs are also in the high-risk category due to age.
5. Will districts offer more money for substitutes since the risk of infection is high? Will districts cover health insurance costs if a substitute gets sick as a result of working?
6. If we contract the virus at work, will we be able to claim workman's compensation since it occurred in the workplace? This seems especially importan since it could take months to fully recover from the illness.
7. If a teacher or their family members gets Covid after returning to work but had requested to work remotely and was denied can the district be sued for liability?
8. If a teacher dies from COVID contracted while at school, does the state still pay their surviving spouse the MBOS Life Insurance payout?
9. Who will be held accountable if a second wave of COVID is caused by reopening schools?
10. How will educators be supported financially if they become permanently disabled by the virus contracted, possibly, at schools?
11. Will the state attendance laws be changed so students/families aren't compelled to come to school sick?
12. Are teachers going to be required to tested on a regular basis as a requirement for working?
13. Will staff need to sign a waiver to work?
14. Will students sign a waiver protecting staff in the event a student gets sick while in their class?
15. Will families need to sign waivers of disclosure if they've been exposed or tested? Do we violate privacy laws by asking?
16. Will teachers be required to sign waivers promising not to hold the district/school responsible if they get sick? If so and they refuse to sign it, will they lose their jobs?
17. What about staff bathrooms? Will someone be sanitizing them in between uses or will the staff members be required to do so?
18. What safety measures will be put in place for non-teaching staff such as school counselors? Our offices

are not large enough for social distancing and we often deal with students in crisis.

19. What proof will any of us have that the students returning to school are not currently living with someone who is positive for the virus, an asymptomatic carrier, or currently sick with it and concealing it from the school?

20. If a child is exposed to COVID at school due to the child taking their mask on and off during the day, is the teacher responsible for this? Would families be allowed to sue?

[I'll stop here b/c I know you only asked for top 3 concerns but it's impossible to narrow it down...]

(See

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n6XUconG3-gJZPfQe4O1hi_kHUK7NxyJqQWHsZWesp4/preview?pru=AAABcyRAjn0*b7wiJE_FXQdpDb15eBrzFg for more questions to be considered)

Parents will not keep their sick kids home, or come get them if they develop a fever at school.

It will be nearly impossible to social distance with the students.

If I will have to use up all of my sick leave to quarantine if I test positive.

1) The county/schools inability to operate under the state, county, and CDC guidelines for COVID prevention due to a lack of resources (e.g., appropriate size of facilities, masks, barriers, cleaning products, medical personnel).

2) The county's inability to disseminate information in a manner that is timely and easily understood. From March on, teachers were repeatedly sent emails from county leaders saying that details of a clear plan would be provided on set dates, yet those dates would pass without any information being given. For example, when the announcement was made during spring break that students would not return to school, the plan for the remainder of the school year was not released until 4:00pm on the Monday following the break, which is unacceptable. Plans that were made lacked clarity and had little regard for the major differences that exist in the schools within the county (i.e., high schools and elementary schools were to operate under the same exact guidelines).

1. Getting sick (do we have to use our sick days when we are working in an unsafe work environment?)

2. If a person tested positive, will everyone in school be quarantined for 14 days?

3. How will social distancing (masks) be regulated?

Spread of Corona Virus, no conversation or desire for conversation with those of us who will be on the front line of the virus in our classroom on how best to approach any re-opening, lack of understanding on the difference between online instruction and conferencing online by district administration and the board of education.

Inadequate resources; swift spread of disease; death

1. How will we be able to abide by proper safety protocol to protect students? How will we implement 6 foot distancing in the classroom without a possible alternating schedule to cut down on numbers for in-person learning?

2. The lack of proper PPE and sanitizing cleaners for buses and classrooms to keep students safe.

3. Many students are being raised by aging grandparents. I fear that students could bring the virus home to their family members who are likely far more susceptible. What will happen to our students then??

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. virus spreading fast 2. getting sick and dying 3. getting sick and dying
<p>My family's wellbeing. The extreme work load with having to plan in person and online lessons for student choice. The currently race separation spilling into the school.</p>
<p>Creation of infectious conditions that can not be eliminated, more people, including students, having Covid, absentee rate so high that classrooms can not be places where all students learn</p>
<p>My child getting COVID because I brought it home I might bring home COVID to my family/at risk family members I can't be responsible for 7 and 8 year olds social distancing. I feel like it will be impossible. How can I do small group? Interventions? My job?</p>
<p>Keeping students safe.</p>
<p>Some staff consider the virus to be a hoax. Being approached and rationalized with as to why my doctor gave me bad information when I was told to wear a mask. Having to be the mask police if we have a requirement for students to wear masks.</p>
<p>Caring for students well at a distance, logistics of how to do my job/meeting kids needs while being safe/ keeping them safe, keeping my mom who is older and has health complications safe and still being able to see/ help her.</p>
<p>No protections for teachers in the event they are sick, no protection for substitutes, are lack of substitutes, children refusing to wear masks parents refusing to send their child to school wearing a mask and having multiple discipline issues that I as a teacher am not legally allowed to enforce.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Safety of staff if we return in person, especially since staff has been given NO opportunity to provide input. If masks are required, will they only be for children over 12 years old, as Hamilton County is requiring? If so, does this mean that anyone who works with elementary students is seen as expendable? 2) If we do a hybrid model, will teachers be required to teach both virtually and in-person at the same time? 3) Teachers and other staff have NOT been given ANY opportunity for input. It feels that Walker County is always being reactive, rather than proactive. I fear that children and staff will be harmed before we react and make the right choices regarding smaller class sizes as in an A/B model or virtual learning.
<p>PPE requirements, inability to social distance and self-providing protocol adherence</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can social distancing be possible? As a teacher of young students, how can I teach, assess (I usually assess one on one) attend to emotional/social problems, etc. while social distancing? 2. After being in the classroom for 7 years, I know that viruses/illnesses spread rampantly through classrooms. It worries me that because I will be exposed to covid-19 then my entire family will also be exposed. 3. How/who will keep track of students/parents that test positive or need to be tested? Will we rely on self-reporting?
<p>Teacher safety, class size, ability to social distance and have time without kids for planning.</p>
<p>Masks and social distancing guidelines</p>
<p>Parents sending kids sick Sanitation of classrooms Large numbers of students in small spaces</p>
<p>1)Risks of mass exposure 2)Safety of personal health 3)No way to keep adequate social distancing</p>

1. Lack of social distancing (due to space or unwillingness) & the enclosed nature of schools (difficulty sanitizing properly)
2. Not screening students/staff/teachers
3. Masks (will they be required? Will they even help in a school setting)

Bringing covid home to a high risk family member , using sick time

Being an asymptomatic person when I go home, supervising students in an area who may have fever, classes half empty and teaching online as well

1) There is no viable or realistic way to socially distance in our building.

2) Suggested A/B schedules do little to nothing to protect the health or well-being of employees due to viral load exposure as supported by ongoing research by scholars such as Erin Bromage (<https://www.erinbromage.com/post/the-risks-know-them-avoid-them>). Even though students will face less exposure, faculty exposure doubles.

3) I fear an alarming percentage of students will not follow social distancing or hygiene guidelines in or outside of school. Whether it is elementary level students who hug and slobber on each other or teenagers pushing boundaries, it simply is not feasible. Let's be honest...adults, who should be role models during times such as these, aren't even following arrows in grocery stores, still believe it is a hoax, and are politicizing the wearing of masks.

Getting Covid, getting the kids to wear the masks and being able to keep up with the sanitation

Increased/Imminent Exposure

Safety can't be guaranteed

Masks for 8+ hours a day is absurd (for teachers and students equally)

The overarching concern is the increase in covid infections.

Spreading COVID. Open house mtg 50+people Being punished for having an opinion

social distancing will be impossible, kids coming to school sick, seems to be no true protocol

1. That WCS will not mandate that EVERYONE wears a mask at all times. WCS does not have the janitorial staff necessary to clean schools (this was true for my school before the pandemic). Given events that my school has hosted since the shutdown, my building-level admin do not take social distancing seriously and only pays lip service to the idea in actual practice. Will this be true during the regular school year too?

2. Walker County Schools will not hold students (and parents) accountable for schoolwork. Remote learning is not a good, long-term method for skill and content delivery. There must be firm deadlines, grades, and attendance requirements. In addition, how can grades be "valid" when upper level teachers can not proctor their unit tests. You can not expect teachers to email unit tests out to students with no ability to control replication. Good, valid unit tests take years to create and I doubt I would ever feel comfortable giving mine out via an unsecured online platform.

3. There has been no outreach to classroom teachers in the preparation for a return to school. We have been left out of the planning at every level and all of the knowledge of everyday classroom operations and concerns we might have are being ignored.

Spiking numbers of Covid, spreading it rapidly in the school setting, getting Covid and bringing it home to my 6

week old baby and 2 year old

protecting my health....number of students in class at one time...how to social distance child

Many students live with their grandparents and could spread the virus to them.
Teachers becoming sick; some teachers have autoimmune disease, other health issues, immediate family members with underlying health issues, etc.
Shortage of substitute teachers.

Germs!!!! I have to bring it home yo my family, we will just shut down any way

- Increase in virus cases especially since social distancing will be difficult or people may bring it from home
- Having to wear a mask - not able to communicate efficiently, hear students well plus I'm claustrophobic
- Carrying the virus back to my family

additional infections of students, faculty, staff, and their extended families; maintaining and managing proper PPE for students, faculty, and staff on a daily basis; social distancing in school setting

Covid,covid, and having to teach online as well as in person at the same time

it sounded as if there would be no mandate for wearing of masks in school. It was stated that students and teachers could have masks at school but it was not requirement. With the virus now having more positive testing and spiking as the summer goes on school building, it seems like it would be safer for all to have a mask on in the building. Some states and counties have gone to a mandate for wearing masks inside buildings. Since it seems over and over we are hearing that this has helped to reduce the spread.

Social Distancing in the classroom how are schools doing that with some of the size classrooms we have and the number of students. Some teachers use tables and some use desks. Of course a little easier to spread out desks but not seeming too easy if we have over the 15 in a room at a time.

How are schools monitoring virus. Are staff going to be a checking the temperature at the door as students come into the building or are teachers expected to keep up with temp checks. Are staff members expected to be tested prior to beginning the new school year? If a staff member or student is sick what procedures are in place for those people.

What about bus service? There is already a shortage of bus drivers in the county. Some routes had to be doubled up last year or the driver had to come back to a school and get another route either because a bus was down or a driver was out and there was no one to cover that route. What is going to be done about social distancing on the bus?

Distant learning does walker county have some people prepping the devices before fall and will the parents at the beginning of the start of the year have some form to sign to help with the distribution of devices for the need for distant learning.

1. Social distancing logistics. 2. Having to create 2 different curricula for on-campus and off-campus students.

1. Implementing safe opening procedures (masks, if required) distancing, etc.
2. Routine sickness that will follow the 5 months out of school. I call it the Back to School cold where we are re-acclimated to germs. It will be hard to distinguish between that and COVID.
3. My own children's health and safety, especially if I get sick. I'm a single parent and won't be able to send her to family if I become sick.

My wife and kids getting sick,

- 1. High-risk teachers exposed daily
- 2. Super spread
- 3. Impossible task of keeping children separated/not sharing materials

Kids being sent to school sick
 Having to do online school
 Technology

Lack of input from the community, parents lying about the health of their kids, funds for sanitation

Getting sick and giving it to my elderly mom.
 Kids getting sick.
 Kids needing to move and get out of the room.

Safety, expectations, technology access

Safety for teachers and students
 Spread
 Mental wellness for teachers and students

Social Distancing is not possible with class sizes of 30+.
 A large majority of our students are raised by grandparents and spread of the virus via school attendance could be catastrophic.
 Masks are not feasible all day for students and/or teachers.

Public areas, online assessment and accountability of young students

- 1. Spread of COVID-19
- 2. Teaching students online
- 3. Having buy in from the students

- 1) the restrictions recommended by CDC
- 2) cleanliness
- 3) unrealistic expectations of what a new school year should entail after the last six months

What happens if a teacher tests positive? How are teachers to deal with students in the classroom and those who aren't comfortable returning to school but would still like to be a part of the school? What happens if a child tests positive?

Social distancing, masks, cleaning

social distancing elementary students, the fact that we are still seeing rising positive cases and that a recurrence is very possible, cleaning supplies have always been short and can't imagine it being any better.

Difficulty/inability to social distance, that there will be no mask requirement for students (to clarify, I believe everyone in the building should be required to wear masks, I'm concerned about parents coming in to meet with school personnel

High risk population (students, staff and teachers)

-Not enough precautions being enforced (such as mandating masks) to ensure that students and staff do not freely pass along COVID-19.

-There not being a clear on grading policies and online education.

-From the beginning of the school year, needing to set clear expectation for students regarding online education that will be enforced.

Managing students wearing masks and keeping their distance.

Project based learning where students learn better in group settings, but also need to keep distance.

Small group work with SPED.

Providing appropriate accommodations for students with IEPs and 504s.

The ability to social distance, running busses, and disinfecting the school building.

Capacity relationship to teachers vs. students?

What happens when a teacher gets sick or a student in the class?

Will sick days count against the teacher or will the days absence be under workmans comp/ due to this being a work injury (health) due to being forced into small areas with potentially sick children?

Increased protocol for sanitizing, lack of resources, getting sick from COVID

- 1. Not having guidelines (wearing a mask, social distancing...)in place to ensure recommendations are followed by everyone including teachers, administrators, cafeteria.
- 2. Not having clear attendance expectations weather online or at school.
- 3. Not having access to supplies to keep area germ free.

- 1) students having to stay apart
- 2) teachers having to implement wearing mask
- 3) teachers getting the virus and not having substitutes available

- 1. Class size- I would feel more comfortable with having smaller classes sizes ten or twelve students at most for that day.
- 2. Safety/ cleaning- Im not sure how we would check if students are safe to come into the classrooms. Temperature checks would make me feel better. Sometimes, parents send students that don't feel good to see how they do. Also, how often would cleaning occur and would we be penalized for taking class time for washing hands, and cleaning frequently touched items.
- 3. Virtual learning- I don't think my students benefited from virtual learning for the entire week. Parents didn't have access to technology. If they did, they would have to use it for work. I think virtual in moderation could be helpful but not to teach content especially for younger students.

Properly sanitizing all materials and work spaces, transportation issues (many of our bus driver are retired and older and are considered high risk, and social distancing while in classrooms, hallways, etc.

- 1. Cleaning and sanitizing and upping the expectations of custodial staff to keep things clean
- 2. Checking temperatures at the school
- 3. Providing actual PPE and not cloth masks

1- Safety of students and staff; 2- Provisions for vulnerable staff; 3- Logistics and the effect on learning

Students infecting teachers and staff, larger class sizes due to budget cuts, lack of resources to follow distancing protocols

Spread of the virus, Having the students wear masks, Worried we will have to have a hybrid model.

- 1. Concerned that many students will not participate in online components if the decision is made to do so. K & 1st grade students have a difficult time due to inexperience with technology use.
- 2. Parents sending sick (but medicated) students to school. Will schools be strict about allowing sick students to remain in the building?
- 3. Dismissal, cafeteria, and other routines where large numbers of students are together is a concern. Can students be called directly from classrooms to load 1 or 2 buses at a time to avoid exposure to so many students at one time? Same with car riders.

Having to close again
 Teachers becoming sick
 Not having enough cleaning supplies/support

Social distancing student safety and instruction

Difficulties of social distancing due to class sizes, parents wanting to "homeschool" like they did from March to May, students not wearing masks.

- 1. Not having a plan in place if teachers are exposed and need to quarantine. (Using all of my yearly allotted days)
- 2. Risk of exposure and spreading to my elderly family members.
- 3. Students coming to school with symptoms.

Kids coming to school sick.

Health of students & teachers; distance learning; emotional well- being of all

Kids coming to school sick, getting sick, not being able to find a substitute and being a burden to my team.

Ensuring the safety of all staff and students; will masks be required?; how will things be handled in the event there is exposure to COVID-19 within the school

Enough space for distancing, availability is subs if teachers get sick, unclear/confusion about rules and procedures

Students spreading corona to older adults
 Keep students apart
 Enforce wearing face masks

Not concerned

Having enough supplies to clean appropriately.
 Custodians cleaning more often throughout the day.

Schools having to close again after starting, student participation/engagement if distance learning is assigned, and the difficulty and time utilized enforcing guidelines with younger students.

- 1. Teachers having to provide distance learning to those students who do not return along with face-to-face teaching to the students who do return.
- 2. Adequate sanitizing of the building.
- 3. Being exposed to the many

adults who frequent the school building with their children.z
No "real" online training, lack of clear expectations so that I could be planning, and a pay cut.
1) my long-term health (COVID sometimes has long term side effects); 2) all the unknowns of what will be done if someone in my class tests positive, what if I have to use some of my own sick days due to exposure to positive students, what if subs are scarce and I end up out a bunch = STRESS; 3) too much transition between home and school and trying to manage all of the different types of grading and lesson plans for students in different home environments plus managing paperwork - we need more time, but I don't know of any plan for us to get more time.
students, teachers, sanitizing learning resources
Face masks being required Lack of certainty for school continuing in the buildings
Having to teach online again How it is all going to work How to plan for this upcoming school year
Social distancing, class sizes, bringing the virus home to my at risk parents, contracting the virus
That we won't open (there will never be a "right" time) That I will be expected to teach face to face and online and prepare lessons for those who don't have Internet That my kids are already going to be behind from the distance learning provided last year
Online student motivation Students/parents who are at risk Students who need to be "at school" who are not ask risk
Safety of students and teachers, social distancing when feasible, and sanitation.
Safety of students and teachers, social distancing when feasible, and sanitation .
Water Fountain
Students will not get proper instruction over the internet, teachers will be losing jobs which will adversely affect students, and students will get farther and farther behind.
No concerns. I want all students to be able to socialize again.
None
1. That it will not open and remote learning will have to be used. 2. That parents will complain that we aren't doing enough to keep kids safe. 3. That every time someone has a cough, sneeze, or fever there will be panic.
Will we be provided with sanitizing supplies?(hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes/spray) Technology/Internet reliability.
None
Testing, attendance, and liability
How to social distance the kids, if they will have to wear masks or not, and how I will balance online kids and in school kids if that happens.

1. All students returning
2. Students having supplies needed
3. If we do virtual learning: Will the all the students have devices/or internet to complete work. And will they do the work.

The safety of teachers and students is most important; however, I feel that can be done with students going back to school on a normal routine daily. Students wearing masks would be a total distraction. Next, many students do not complete online assignments. It is hard to hold students accountable when they are not at school on a regular basis. Our students need to be in the classroom. Many of them don't have help at home. Finally, cleaning and sanitizing in classrooms and buildings needs to be done thoroughly on a daily basis.

My concern is school not opening.

Overreacting to media scares.

That students and teachers will have to wear face masks. I cannot teach students to read and teach them phonics skills if my mouth is covered and my voice is muffled by a mask. I don't want to have to keep students socially distanced. I want it to be a traditional school setting. Students that do not come back to school should have to sign up for home school or use the free internet program the state offers.

Safety of the elderly at some of the children's homes

1. Distribution of a safety plan including specific do's and don'ts.
2. How will we mandate social distancing?
3. Will PPE'S be given to staff and students by the system?
4. How will the Fall of 2020 school opening look?
5. What will we do if the numbers are too high to have face-to-face school?
6. How will students be tested academically?
7. HOW WILL WE HANDLE THE CRISIS IF SOMEONE DEVELOPS THE VIRUS AND WE ARE IN SCHOOL FACE-TO-FACE?
8. Will school be virtual in the fall, then attempt face to face in 2021?

The ineffectiveness of online learning at this age group, so many students without internet access, and students not being held accountable for not doing work.

We will not go back to school. I will not have a job. There will be panic over a cough, sneeze, or sniffle.

Students:

Getting sick

Getting sick, getting others sick, missing even more school

- Students of parents who believe it's a hoax spreading it by refusing to use a mask
- Students In band and any other extracurricular activities being at a greater risk due to need of not wearing a mask to participate
- Wearing a mask all day, I already wear one for 5-8 hours a day at work and it's causing acne, bruising on my nose bridge and behind my ears due to the constant pressure.

The spread of the virus, having to get back out for the virus, everyone being more distant

getting sick, corona worsening, how the guidelines will actually be maintained, and the stress that will come with the guidelines.

Idk
it's going to be a main place to catch covid and at least one person will be bound to catch it and then we would have to close school again. Some people don't have insurance or the money to go to the doctor.
as a student i know for a fact that other self minded students won't follow the guidelines. there's many unclean people, i've witnessed. and we touch everything like pencils, books, plus we share the cafeteria.
Getting sick, problems with mask, not being able to social distance
the rona
-giving it to my grandparents and not knowing I have it -put my own life at risk with a heart condition
The spreading Of germs. Being around such a large group of people and the over all safety
Packed lunch rooms, school assemblies, sporting events.
1.) spread of virus 2.) someone not knowing they have it and giving it to me 3.) bringing it home to family and friends
Sickness
being sick. being sick. being sick.
Idk
getting corona, wearing a mask, germs
Uncooperative students that will not obey sanitation procedures or wearing masks, Potentially being exposed to COVID-19, and the potential of unknowingly spreading the virus to my family members.
Non usage of face mask No social distancing during class change Virus spreading throughout the school
1) how we are going to "social distance" with so many students 2) how every student will get the proper education, because some students require visual learning to comprehend what they're learning 3) how high the risk of getting covid-19 is in school
Too many ppl , not wearing mask, n no way we can stay 6 ft apart
1. Having to wear a mask during school hours. 2. Catching the virus. 3. Bringing the virus back home to family members.
Safety,preparations,and sickness
That it'll be so hectic for seniors and we won't even get even just a little taste of what senior year is supposed to be like.
Getting sick .. Getting sick and giving it to my family..

Might have to wear a mask at school.
The 2nd wave just started, you can't really social distance, student who need one on one help can't get it online.
Too easy to contract the virus with so many people, absences involving coronavirus, and risking family members when coming home.
Next wave of coronavirus cases with the upcoming cold weather. The amount of resources needed to keep schools adequately cleaned. And finding some way to test each students temperature to ensure they are not at risk of having the virus.
Exposure to any sickness at all, staying in one classroom all day, and just over all cleanliness.
Limited activities, health care concerns, and not being able to have a good school year
To many people in one classroom
Mask People coming in sick Mask
Students wearing a mask,my diabetes and not being able to socialize with friends
Being mandated to wear mask
Getting virus Going home around family possibly being exposed Spreading rapidly
The school being sanitized really good.
People not wearing masks. Classrooms being too tight. Not being covid 19 safe
people getting sick and spreading it around to other staff and students at school.
Spread of the virus within the school and spreading it to my nanny
students wearing masks is difficult, social distancing, and sports
Being around everyone and taking a chance on getting my family sick
My main concern is that we won't get taught everything we need to know.
People won't stay 6 feet, temps probably won't be taken as walking in building, people share everything
That covid numbers will spread faster, kids won't listen to the protocol, and I could get sick
1. the second wave of covid 2. high risk students 3. not enough precautionary measures
Covid-19, What will happen if someone in the building has it, and all the precedures.
the virus spreads more, sports getting canceled, kids at school not taking it seriously
I don't really have any

-how are they planning on keeping everyone 6 feet away when people haven't see one another in almost 4 months
-how do they plan on fitting everyone in one classroom 6 feet apart when they could hardly fit what we had in the class before hand.
-how are they going to have enough teachers to teach everything.
the amount of kids there, how high the numbers will still be, over all of the contact
Touching
Keeping distance from one another. Keeping everything clean such as desks, bathrooms, cafeteria, etc. The wear of masks.
health, immaturity, non cooperation
easily getting Covid-19, having to wear mask for 8 hours everyday, and how sports will play out.
The vurys is my main concern.
1. People not actually social distancing , washing hands, sanitizing, and wearing masks 2. I'm not sure about LaFayette but at ridgeland we are crowded switching class to class we would definitely get something because you have to maneuver ur way around people to make it to class. 3. Social distancing in our class rooms wouldn't work. Most of our class rooms would only hold a max of 5 students if we did Social distancing.
what will be done about preventing the spread of Covid-19 , gloves , masks , social distancing ? and if so , will clubs and sports operate as usual ? will school hours be adjusted in any way ?
, using other students stuff if not properly sanitized, not enough supples for proper sanitary daily
getting sick , people don't know what to do,
proper social distancing during school, operations of lunches where students will be unable to wear masks, and operations of extracurricular activities and sports.
None
Having to wear a mask. Not being able to communicate with other people.
I really hope school opens in August because I feel like it'll ruin the school year if we do it any later
Not being able to be social, having to be isolated and separated, and if everyone will have to wear masks or if there's going to be plastic walls around desks.
crazy rules we're going to have to follow, lack of extracurriculars, lack of time to actually be able to sanitize/wash hands in between classes
I don't have cancer
Not being able to sit next to my friends during lunch/class, somehow getting covid
The stress that will be put on the students and teachers, extracurricular activities, and being able to learn the way I learn.
None. We need to just go back.

Not being able to go back

that it wont.

The only concern that I have is that I want my senior year to be as normal as possible. I don't want to miss out on having a normal year.

If I have a job, hope we dont wear mask, and bass team

No concerns

Having to wear a mask

Being social distancing

Not having fun

1) Nothing will be normal 2) so many new rules 3) ridiculous schedules because of sanitation

If I'm gonna have a senior year or not!

Having to wear a mask, not being able to see friends, not being able to play sports

No concerns

No concerns

N/A

1 What is going to be put in place to prevent cov-19

2 Everyone being able to go on the same days

3 What will happen with sports

If we go back are we gonna be able to do all our high school events that we're all excited for.

Are we gonna be normal as possible

The staying in one class, isn't gonna be the best situation because students already get tired of sitting in one class for the amount we already had.

none

I'm concerned that we are going to go back to school and just going to have shut them down again. Shutting down schools means students would miss out on a lot of learning (online learning is difficult for some) and their high school experience and college readiness. "Getting students ready for life", this helps students learn that life isn't easy and things are going to be thrown at us but we have to go back to normal and we have to keep fighting and going. It's going to be my senior year and speaking as Class President, I believe my classmates and I are ready to go back to school and enjoy our last year together. We all need to be safe. We need to take precautions and if we have to delay the starting school date it needs to be done and not last minute to give the community a heads up. I respect whatever the school board decides and I know it's for the safety of the community and students.

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Having to wear masks at school, the rotation, have multiple panic attacks because I'm wearing a mask.

I don't have any.

I honestly have 0 concerns .
Nothing
How choir is going to work if we have masks, how lunchtime will work if we have to wear masks, and how we will socially distance in such small classrooms
To me if we started school in the fall it would make my learning harder.
I just want to go back to school and have a good senior year.
I don't want to have to stay in one class, eat lunch in a classroom, etc. I'm in highschool, not jail.
Don't really have any concerns
Ability to learn , the process , and my senior events
riding the bus, not having a show to do and that's it
Wearing a mask Catching COVID 19 People not doing what their supposed to do
us having to wear mask and not being able to breathe
My only concern is missing out on my senior year.
Students and staff not wearing a mask. Teachers not posting assignments for students who are online. Will football get canceled just like all the other sports?
Really don't care when we go back
safety of others
having to go back in different waves, people acting weird, and changes towards classroom functions
none
None
Don't have any
There are still cases of covid, a large amount of people might not come to school, and will everyone have to retake their classes from last year?
Mandatory masks, separate seating, and limited hours
That we lol have to go online and I'll fail
I don't have any.
No concerns.

School Support Staff:

Getting sick bc of virus, no way to socially distance in school, people making fun of me for whering a mask
Spreading of COVID, more time spent on precautions during the day instead of learning.
1) that we won't be able to social distance due to space; 2) that even though we have the student/staff/et al follow rules (i.e. masks, etc), we can't know if that is happening outside the school environment as well; 3) people who are asymptomatic and carrying the virus (no fever, cough, outward signs at all)

I have a husband who has cancer and I have diabetes. I just today went to sports tryouts for a student and almost had an anxiety attack with all the closeness, no masks, no distancing, everyone yelling, talking, passing balls. VERY uncomfortable

Myself and members of my family are high risk, and I do not believe it will be a mentally healthy environment for our students.

Large class sizes and no possible way to social distance or reduce class size, already short a custodial staff so how will cleaning happen, I am concerned first about the safety of our kids but also staff that have young children at home or are caring for elderly parents. The practice from administration is that this is not serious. I have been in isolation for months. It is hard for me to feel safe coming back to work when I do not feel the administration is taking this seriously. As an educator, I fully believe that the best learning environment for our kids is in the school and the classroom; however, I want us all to be safe and alive. I have worked in Walker County for over 20 years since out of college and I adore the kids and families of Walker County. I don't pretend to know the answer but I want a definitive plan of how we can return and all be safe during this time. And I want the concerns to be taken seriously.

Inability to ensure mask wearing and social distancing. As well as the quickness with which colds and stomach bugs spread through schools. A life threatening virus seems far too risky.

1. High risk employees/students 2. Unclear expectations about how things will go (I like to prepare!) 3. Being someone who has worked hard to quarantine safely/limit my contact with people then go to work with people who have been lackadaisical and put me in harms way

Spread of COVID-19, the school will not require mask (masks needs to be required), concerned for our high risk students, teachers, parents

Small children don't understand

COVID 19 wearing masks

Getting the virus, social distances, sick students

Proper distancing, keeping schools disinfected

The amount of people that students are in contact with outside of school that could increase cases
The amount of common areas students contact
Special need students with sensory issues that could increase their risk of being infected

- 1. The parents sending children to school sick not realizing the seriousness of the virus
- 2. Flu season and the virus on top of the flu season. It will exploded
- 3. Me taking the virus home to my family members

The k-2 students washing hands and touching everything less. Job security, students with disabilities struggling through video learning

How will teachers be accommodated when they are out? Will they need to use sick days? What about staffing?

What precautions will be taken to help prevent further spreading the virus?

Will one teacher be responsible for doing digital classes in addition to in-person classes OR will there be

designated teachers for each one?
Making small children keep masks on all day, Can teachers focus on teaching instead of keeping kids apart, Class rooms are not large enough to keep kids seperated 6 feet apart especially in middle and high school
Staff and students coming to school stick
Having to wear a mask, teaching online, not getting to know my kids as well as I need to due to online learning.
Just finding the right amount of balance between being cautious ,while not being fearful, expectations may be too high to actually complete.That the kids will get started get in a routine then have to stop again. .
Social distancing. Having students wear mask. Transportation
People not following the rules.
The children are always the main concern. Their academics, social interaction, and nutrition are my top three concerns. I think all are important for a child's education and the school/classroom environment is the best place to receive these. I think children need to be back in school/ classroom.
Overregulation and overreacting to Covid 19
A new wave of the virus,
1. Parents will send sick children to school 2. Parents will not check out their sick child 3. Parents will be too afraid to send their children to school and will not provide proper education for their children
1. Proper education 2. Children exposed to bad home environment without an outlet 3. Proper nutrition for similar children in #2
None
Normalcy for students

Grandparents / Family Support:

That children will get sick...that children will bring the Virus home to family..they kids will be miserable in mask everyday!
Covid 19, grandparents elderly, grandchildren with breathing problems
That the kids are to young to comply with what is asked of them, children having to wear and the fact that they don't need to be terrorized anymore
Infections, over exposure
Not sure how the teachers and students will be able to stay safe and still be able to adequately teach and concentrate and learn.
Kids getting sick with the spread of germs How are you going to keep everyone 6 feet apart at all times? It's just too soon
Cleanliness, sanitary conditions, that children will not be properly educated at home.

Substitute Teacher:

- 1: Appropriate time being allotted to build the new habits in the children.
- 2: Inconsistency among teachers and staff in implementing the agreed upon protocols.
- 3: Lack of cohesion within the schools creating an environment where the personal and political views of staff and educators creates division in the student body.

OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED:

Respondents were given the opportunity to voice any other concerns, or provide any other information they desired.

Community Member:

My prayers are with all staff and students as they continue education
Online face-to-face teaching would be much better
As a recent graduate of LaFayette High School (Class of 2018), I firmly believe that opening Walker County Schools is a bad idea in the fall. I believe the school system should instead aim its funding at providing students with nutritional support (similar to what previously happened with bus routes- which was amazing work). This way students are still able to have a support system (for those with bad home lives) from the teachers and volunteers that are able to help and a daily secure food intake (for food insecure households). However, I feel that the risk of sending our students back to class this soon is too high. The disease can spread to quickly, and although it is less harmful to the younger generations, it still puts many students and teachers at risk. Which in turn puts families at risk, friends at risk, and so on. Furthermore, students that did attend in-person learning would likely be distracted. The quality of education could not be what The students deserve (but by no fault of the teachers). Students have a hard enough time paying attention on a normal school day, but with masks, social distancing, etc in place it will make it twice as hard. In addition, many students will be too worried about family members who have COVID 19, getting COVID 19 themselves, or other health concerns. I understand online learning is not easy for children. This summer I have worked with children all summer providing them with online virtual day camp opportunities. I have seen first hand how tired they are of virtual learning and virtual communication. I have seen the difficulties special needs students have, however I simply cannot imagine things would be better in person. Students with special needs would still face difficulties, students would still face distractions (while different than online learning distractions, still a great deal as previously mentioned), and teachers would be more focused on keeping youth healthy than teaching them. While I understand that nether situation is a winning situation and no matter what happens some students will suffer, I truly believe that if Walker County waits until January to reopen and focuses on supporting its students and community members until then, that students will be grateful and the second half of the school year will go much better and provide a better education and atmosphere for students, teachers, and community members.
No.
it is quite clear that many families do not take the threat of infection seriously and it is irresponsible to put others in danger.

The responsibility of the school system to the children of Walker County is first and foremost their safety. EVERYTHING else takes a backseat to that.

Not a good idea

I am currently in treatment for cancer and my wife is diabetic. Going back seems very dangerous for our family and others like us. No considerations seems to have been taken for the staff

In regards to schools trying to open I firmly believe that it should be done online with schools providing equipment to students that don't have it. We are still in a pandemic with the numbers rising each day. Children and young adults in these schools will be in tight classes even with social distancing in practice. It's just not safe for them to reopen with students and teachers back in the classrooms. Doing it online is a much safer alternative for the time being until the CDC has figured this virus out. I know this is a difficult situation for everyone involved but I am hopeful the right choice will be made , thank you to whoever took time to read this.

No

If you reopen consider an alt schedule to reduce # of students together in the same classroom.

Please make the best decision to keep all the kids safe and let the community know if there's anything we can do to help.

Make sure the children are safe.

Do the right thing.

Thank you for your concerns!

No

If school doesn't start back how are children that need special teaching going to get that ? Most parents I know are not able to teach children like that.

Many kids already have neurosensory issues such as; ADHD, ADD, Anxiety, Asthma, Developmental delays and learning disabilities, the next school year will no doubt be one of the hardest on kids, teachers and parents. These kids are already in a Perfect Storm with their nerve systems and with the addition of possible masks with itchy strings attached causing for more irritation , the change in routines and all the fear instilled, this will cause for more overloaded kids. If strict rules are followed I imagine 2020/21 school year is only going to cost more with less learning being done. There is no reason to close schools or change how kids go to school when the data does not warrant doing so. I think people should step up and carry on with life without fear.

There is a 98% survival rating as of now with COVID cases. With this, being able to start school back should be essential. Students DO NOT learn over computer, zoom calls, etc. they need a personal connection with teachers and other classmates to be able to succeed in their academic works. So I personally believe that opening school back in August is the best idea in terms of a academic standpoint and not taking away anyone's school year like it was taken from the C/O 2020

Parent:

I would rather do online learning

Distance Learning is not ideal, but it's the safest option.

Since he is to go to Kindergarten I wish he could do something at home until they start getting a vaccine available for kids. Or at least until they have some plan in place for the smaller children.

My kids need school I am terrified to send them back but at the same time I work in Healthcare and failed miserably at distance learning at the end of this year and don't know how I would do it and honestly don't want to do it but I will do what I need to do to protect my family!

Please do digital until after Labor Day to see how things go.

Just that I am afraid of it spreading at the schools even with precautions in place. Some are asymptomatic and never know they have COVID until they pass it to others.

I'm a terminally ill parent who stays sick and easily to catch anything. If school reopens my sin will remain home.

no

Having school while cases are on the rise is a really bad idea. We should have an option to stay at home.

Two of my three kids are high risk they are special needs also and would not tolerate a mask on their face. They have been at home this whole time.

I have several family members who are compromised. This makes me VERY uncomfortable to be in person while watching other states start to explode in their numbers. Georgia had 18 new deaths and over a thousand new cases yesterday.

I wish y'all would do e learning this year

I have 2 children in school. One will be a senior and the other will be in 2nd grade. How do u stop 2nd graders from hugging friends. My youngest son has occasional breathing issues.

No

I feel like it should be at the parents discretion if they want to send their children back or do e-learning. It shouldn't be forced one way or the other. I also feel that Walker County Schools should let the parents know what our options are with enough time for us to make any necessary arrangements.

I feel the parents should have a choice whether to send their kids or not. Mine goes to night school and I am high risk and feel comfortable sending her.

I would prefer online learning with my child to put him at less risk

I just don't think its safe for kids to go back to school.

School shouldn't start back

I think they should be homeschooled or be able to do online schooling until the covid 19 is over

My son is special needs and I feel like he has done excellent while I have been teaching him! His stress level has been a lot lower due to not having to go to school physically due to bring bullied! Also the masks make it so he can't breathe when we go out! I prefer to keep him at home!

How will CDC guidelines be followed?

It seems like it's putting a lot of stress on the teachers and the faculty

I am leaning more toward homeschooling my child for her and my families safety.

Regardless of when school opens back up my children will be doing virtual learning. I hope the school system can help help with a smooth transition.

Please consider teachers during this time as well as students. Please value life over economics and child development. There are no meds or vaccines at this time, but Lord willing there will be.

I feel that Walker county schools should provide information about their options for returning to school so parents have adequate time to look into other options if face to face is the only option.

I feel more comfortable with my children doing stay at home learning

I feel the idea of schools being back open for business is a great concept. However, we have major companies and business with large number of employees that are working under remote and/or very strict guidelines. These are places that are comprised of adults, who have the ability to follow such protocols. Asking children to try and comply, while in a room with 20 plus students, to rigorous precautionary measures to ensure everyone's safety will be impossible.

Members of my family are high-risk.

Both my kids are in special ed. My concern is high!

I think that there is no way to maintain classrooms under 10 at this time (even with split classes I doubt there is a way to stay below that number in all rooms), therefore I prefer digital learning.

Seems feasible to start year with distance learning, then revisit at first of year after holidays.

My daughter will be a senior and is a type 1 diabetic I'm afraid yall cant guarantee her safety. She is a bus rider and launch student and going to 2 schools seems like it would put her more at risk.

August isn't The Fall

Very concerned about the overall politicization of this pandemic. I hope our school leaders ignore politicians and general ignorance and trust public health officials that are using actual data to make recommendations.

Could kids have a choice in doing home school till the virus is gone and no worries

Kids cannot stay 6-ft apart in these times. My child will not go back she has underlying conditions herself I can't put her and others at risk.

there are also a lot of children that are high risk, including mine who suffers from a heart defect which compromises his immune system

I dont think school should go back right now, i just dont feel comfortable with it at all.

One of of my three children is high risk

we should have a choice to send them or continue online learning

School busses are to crowded how will I get my child to and from school if I have no car and the bus is overflowing with germs

Most students want to learn online..just to be safe..I would love to keep my kids home just so they are safe and everyone else also is safe.

Going back to school is a terriable idea.! Its not safe for anyone . Covid- 19 is spreading with everything going on now , im not okay with putting my child at risk point blank period. ..

Rather homeschool this year.

I really hope that teachers actually teach with the distance learning option. I'm fine with my children learning from home, but I work and I am not equipped to teach their subjects.

We have grandparents and other Family members with me and heart conditions. I want to keep Th me safe also

I think we should continue distance learning

I have a child with Asthma and it would not be good for her to catch this. I worry about our children having to wear mask and how are they going to keep them apart .These are children and they want to hug each other,Play together.Im not only worried about our children but everyone else children

Will there be a better structure for online learning?

No

I would like to know a plan. Maybe a hybrid plan would be the best option to see how that goes and if needed go back to online, or start going back again.

Please do online classes

My son is severely asthmatic. In a normal school year, he is sick often, 4-6 times per school year (Flu, Strep, Mono, etc.) If we can't stop the spread of these illnesses in a normal year, how can we stop the spread of Covid?

I believe educating the children and parents very specifically on COVID-19 and prevention habits is a necessity.

Child is in the high risk category due to heart condition. Child would need to wear a mask but also allowed breaks to breath fresh air due to heart.

Wish they would give it a little more time to see if they come up with a vaccine.

I would really love to see zooms and online class options for the fall.

My elem school child needs atleast 1-2 days with a teacher so hes being held accountable for the work he's supposed to do. My high school child did fine. Just struggled with the younger child

I would like for my children to have senior year and 8th grade year but I also want them to be safe.
None
I would like the county to consider a modified weekly calendar where students could attend two days and be home three. This would enable classes to social distance.
No
Praying for all who are carrying this burden.
Please consider all options before potentially exposing children & adults to this deadly virus that no one knows enough about to keep anyone safe
There has to be a way for students to be able to return to school safely. I don't feel online learning is going to teach them what they need. Especially kids who aren't motivated to do the work in the first place.
Online Learning for kids I believe would be more beneficial for us
No
We as parents ask is that you give enough time with your decision for us to make plans. Lets not last minute decision this. Its been ongoing for months. School is planned to start back in a month. Start getting a decision or a plan together so we can start a plan.
no
Pushing start date out closer to Labor Day maybe as we see some increase in cases right now in walker and surrounding areas. I worry mostly of the upcoming flu season this fall/winter. We know personally a few people that's tested positive for COVID In our area or who is being tested With concerns from coming in contact with others with it. Several from our church as it has started opening in phases with controlled people groups have gotten it or come in contact with those who have it.
Will virtual classrooms be an option

children going back to school in an environment where germs and children's immunity are not used to it will increase chances of the children passing it onto parents, siblings and grandparents

What is the alternative of chose to stay home

We would prefer online learning as an option

It would be great if the school system offered on-line learning to those who aren't comfortable with schools starting back.

I believe that restrictive mandates to the environment (forcing kids stay six feet apart, no PE or recess, no cafeteria, restricting them into a single classroom all day) and a back and forth, shutdown and open up, send them home and bring them back, based on reactionary policies type approach would be detrimental to the learning environment.

The teachers need to set up a designated time to be on take roll as usual if we all have to home school. A paper packet is not enough nor is a zoom once or twice a week. I am not a teacher

Thank y'all for all yalls hard work on this ♥♥

I believe getting the children back to school, under safe and appropriate guidelines, is the right thing to do. Also, I strongly believe children should *NOT* wear masks unless there is an underlying condition with the one student. There are so many health risks for children wearing masks especially for 6-8 hours a day. Please do not mandate teachers to wear masks children, my child in particular, would be nervous, scared and may not even pay attention to teacher (because of being distracted by the mask).

I feel it would be difficult for students to successfully wear the mask all day and understand instruction with the teacher wearing one. Maybe delaying the start of school another month to allow the virus to subside a little (hopefully) would help. Take some days out of the 5+ weeks off they have. Extend the school day when and if things settle down by just a few minutes to make up time or switch some months to home school, which aren't easy for anyone. Some parents have to work.

No

There will be difficulty no matter the decision on some families. Safety and success of our students is priority.

I know this is a hard decision. Thank you for doing your best.

No

Autistic son would not Do well wearing mask all day.

I am unsure of online learning as well. It's hard for everyone. I hope everyone is safe

Immunocompromised and diabetic

If there are stipulations regarding covid such as masks, social distancing etc I will pull my child for this years schooling. It's not fair to the parents who don't have time to school their children and work full time. I WILL NOT home school my pre schooler. Not happening.

None

If she had to do a guideline with mask n all she won't attend

Let the kids come back to regular school. They all need it for social interaction.

no

Extra focus on sanitizing and teaching healthy habits to kids as far as washing hands, etc to stay clean and germ free should be a huge focus if school starts back in school. As well as extra extra cleaning and sanitizing through the schools by janitors and staff several times a day.

My child has an extremely rough time with respiratory illnesses due to having pneumonia at a young age and scarring on his lungs. He currently has asthma only worsened by exposure to germs during the school year

months. He tends to stay sick with respiratory issues during a normal school year without threat of a pandemic and my fear is that he will for sure contract this virus at school due to attendance guidelines and fear from parents causing them to send their sick children to school to avoid retaliation from school system and truancy court.

I think physical school should be part time and part time online. I really have mixed feelings about everything. The kids wont wear masks 7 and 8 hour days. Adults have a hard time doing it.. so why should we expect children to do extended wearing? They are going to pull them down from their nose.

Our children need to feel safe, yet still be children. If need be, provide a daily screening i.e.taking temps at the door of classroom, weekly assessment of health per paper.

No

I know our leaders will make the best decision for our students, but it is no doubt a very stressful and scary time for all.

Masks would be a comforting practice.

No

I would like to thank the school system for taking the time to ask the opinions of the parents regarding this situation. Hopefully we can all pull together as a community and make sure these kids can have a somewhat normal school year

No

My daughter has asthma. I'm concerned for her health but also want her to return to some normalcy.

My disabled mother who is on hospice and has a low immune system lives with me. I'm worried my kids might bring something home to her.

Both of my daughters are high risk. One has asthma and the other has a heart condition.

I have a junior, a sophomore, and a kindergartener coming up, I am ok with the 2 older ones homeschooling, but how do you homeschool a Kindergartener? And she won't want to wear a mask because she has glasses and once her glasses fog up, or she gets hot she will want to take it off or pull it down. My older 2 understand that their health is the reason for the mask, and they can stand being uncomfortable long enough to get used to them. Im not sure that my 5 year old will keep hers on long enough to get used to it, and it will be more of a distraction for the kids and teachers than anything.

2 HOH children in school and worried how this will affect them with the use of their school provided FM systems, dependence of lip reading with use of facemasks. Quality of breathing for all children. Stuck in one room all day would be too much for children and no assemblies and field trips seems like school would be a prison instead of a fun exciting place to learn

It's not just the students we need to be concerned with ... it's their families also. My husband has major breathing issues and is a very high risk for COVID. My daughter could very easily bring home the virus without it affecting her physically.

Another concern is the process or planned protocol for when someone in the school tests positive for covid- be it a student or a staff member. Would you quarantine classrooms of students at a time?

This decision will greatly affect working parents who have to make childcare plans.

If we distance learn I will need a laptop of some sort. I have one at home but two kids having to take turns with it was not practical.

No

Working parents cannot work and be a teacher. I am afraid I will have to quit my job to provide a decent education for my daughter. If we go virtual, will our taxes go down since they are not attending school?

No

I feel like they should check the kids temperatures and if they have a fever send them home.

School opening is necessary for the development of our children, both educationally and socially. This "virus" has encumbered and hindered the children's progress and not opening or continuing to try an "online" learning experience could further that encumbrance. Let's continue to use science as a way forward and rely on groups like the "American Pediatric Association" and take politician's advice with a grain of salt.

N/A

No

I feel like with the kids doing e learning a lot of kids are falling behind

Need night school and day school

No

No

My mother lives with us and she's 75 years old with cops. And had lung cancer

Praying that God will give the decision makers wisdom for what is best for the county!

Considering home school if masks are required and kids don't get to change classes and do fun things

Open schools!!

Not at this time

no

No

I feel like the kids should go back to school as it is the best learning environment for them. Not all parents have the time and means to teach their kids at home.

I feel school should go on. The children are young and not at high risk.

If school were to close again at any time during the school year, will the schools be prepared and better equipped for a consistent education for children at home such as online classes??

I am not comfortable with the idea of any of my children having to wear a mask all day while at school. Due to both health risk and the un-comfortably of wearing one for long hours

We are exposed every day!

We need to go back.

Children need structure and routine, they need school and the day in day out schedules they're used to! Not all parents are able to do the online schoolwork with their kids. I am a single mom with 4 kids in all 3 schools. My oldest knows it hurts her future if she doesn't do her work and will regulate herself but was still very overwhelmed trying to do honors academy lessons online. I work to support them by myself and work long hours to do it most days. I don't have time at the end of the day to work being a teacher into my schedule on top of everything else it takes to take care of my kids.

n/a
No
I feel that we have immune systems that God created to keep us healthy. Our kids need to be at school to let their bodies naturally function. Being hidden away is not healthy.
I think it's absolutely ridiculous to "close schools" because of a virus that is no worse then the FLU, which we do not take any kind of precaution for. So why do all of the extra for a virus not as bad? Does not make any sense . Open the school and operate as normal.
The kids do not need to miss more school. Most parents are still working and can't be full time teachers too. Also, the children need the social aspect. My children are small (pre-k and elementary) so they need this time with other kids and need to learn how to behave in a classroom.
.. Follow what Hamilton Co. is doing! Make it optional, let the kids go back!
We want normal!
we want in person school!
No
I would be ok with staggering days
If we can gather at Walmart and ball fields...we can go to school!
School needs to start back. 100%!!!
As a nurse practitioner, I am seeing first hand the emotional turmoil this virus has taken on people. Overall, the cases that I see are mild (Some with no symptoms at all) and science has shown us that children are rarely affected. Kids need to be kids. But, if there are parents that are concerned, then their child should be allowed to do virtual learning and let everyone else go back to normal. Bottom line, focus on a healthy immune system by cutting sugar, decreasing stress and getting plenty of rest.
My kids miss school and they need the hands on learning.
N/A
No reason not to open school . Only going to cause children to fail.
My child who is an A student struggled with home based learning and the limited support she received at the end of last year .

Children need social interaction. Canceling school has been extremely rough on my girls.

I think temperature check should be made in the mornings at arrival, and parents should be strongly encouraged to keep sick children home.

No

Please start school back in person as normal without restrictions

Believe in Jesus not in fear

My child will be attending school as long as the doors are open. Many kids look forward to the school year for hot food, friends and even a family type environment.

It's is my constitutional right to decide weather or not I send my children to school regardless of the circumstances. Not having school would put so many parents in a predicament and most would face the decision of working or homeschooling. We shouldn't be made to choose between making a living or educating our children. Covid 19 is not any different than the flu. Our children attend school with all the other viruses that go around each year and spread through the school so why should this be treated any different? Our kids need routines and friends. Our kids need school.

My children will not return to any school with provided CDC guidelines. It is unfortunate, as they both love to be social and make new friends. I, however, do not agree with making children wear a face mask or asking them not to share. I realize this MAY be for their safety, but there is no solid evidence proving anything at this time. It is all speculation. I believe returning to school under these conditions would be traumatizing for some students.

I think it is in the best interest of our kids to have school in as safe and normal way possible.

Let the kids go back to school.

I feel that school should open up, 5 days a week with full days and NORMALCY. Let our kids have a normal class size, eat in the cafeteria, have recess and PE just as it has always been.

The kids need to get back to school and yes it might be inconvenient for the admins and teachers but we all have to learn to live with Covid

No

It is not beneficial for the students to continue to stay home and fall further behind educationally. I also feel that certain precautions asking children to do in person school and stay 6 feet apart if wear mask is not logical and will be mentally detrimental to the students.

My severe Special Needs student desperately needs his Special Education classroom. He has more than just academic goals. I cannot as a parent meet his social and behavioral needs/goals.

I support the reopening of school. I believe that we all need it back. The kids primarily.

No.

Don't give in to fear.

No

Send kids back; they need their routine back. Working parents HAVE to work to provide for their children. If school doesn't go back to normal you're putting parents in a position where they will not be able to work and therefore will not be able to provide. My 7 year has cried bc he misses school, his friends, his teacher, etc. This is so hard for them.

Let kids lives be as normal as possible

No

Time to get back to normal

Not starting back to school face to face in the fall will be financially devastating to many families in walker county!

No

My daughter will be a Senior this year and I really want her to have a normal year! My son receives special ed services and I work a full time job, I have serious concerns about his education!!! I need school to start!!

no

OPEN THE CLASSROOMS

I think no matter what we should send our kids back with no masks. Especially for younger children they are learning how to read facial features and nonverbal cues in peoples faces so masks hinder this. The virus is here to stay and being scared and acting like it's going to kill us all is ridiculous!

No

No

To get a proper education I think students should be in the classroom.

My son has learning disabilities and needs to be in school. He has been retained and needs the teachers!

I want the students to have no restrictions and continue with school as normal as possible.

I really want to see schools open. We have put so much on hold. The online learning isn't effective and I want my children to learn. I feel like I can already see a decline in abilities from being out of school for such a long period, I can't imagine what it would be if they can't return.

I would say that if they cant go to school then the whole school year needs to be cancelled. I am a single working mom and schooling at home and completing my daily duties and teaching is just too much with two kids.

Things need to get back to normal. Media is feeding everyone with fear.

No

Life is full of daily risks. Let's get back to normal.

I think that that should not carry bookbags to and from school

I have 3 children, the youngest will be starting school officially this year and she loves the interaction she has with school, the teachers, the other children, and the new things she gets to experience. If schools are pushed back, or altered to be online, are we settings these children up to quite, or fear everything that could be harmful? Personally if there are doctors pushing for schools to open here, they are in other countries, then I don't think we have good reason to keep them closed.

No

This is madness. I understand it's a real thing, but we have had worse. We need to get our children back to normal.

Parent / Pre K - 12 Educator:

My husband is high risk, not me.

I am concerned about my elementary school child's exposure at school and on the bus.

Not receiving any information is stressful. Being told not to be anxious, when I and my child will be in a high exposure situation, daily, is ridiculous.

Not being asked by the "decision makers" about my thoughts, concerns, questions makes me fell unvalued as an educator in our system.

Waiting on a vaccine to open in-person school is the most prudent decision any leader should make! This is a deadly virus, and we should be given a choice to teach virtually or in-person if the decision is made to re-open. Re—opening too soon and forcing us to be there would be the same as sending us on a suicide mission. This virus kills with no rhyme or reason...young, old, healthy, unhealthy. It is NOT worth the risk for a few months or even weeks of “instruction.”

I have never before felt like teachers didn't matter until now at the state and federal level. Teacher's lives can be sacrificed bc parents don't have childcare.

Would like to start fully virtual until COVID risk has decreased.

No way to really social distance. Classrooms are overcrowded as it is

I know there is no good answer to this dilemma. I am grateful that you are taking steps to get community input and to keep our families as safe as possible.

As a teacher, I am very pro hybrid schedule with much smaller class sizes on a sort of flipped instructional model. As the parent of a high school student, I am still pro hybrid. I'm not so sure how I'd feel if my children were younger.

Teachers need intense training for on line teaching the beginning of August and continue digital until we know it is safe and numbers really fall.

If a staff member is immune compromised and not comfortable returning in August and chooses to take FMLA, is the 12 month waiting period still in effect if that staff member later becomes ill/pregnant/has a sick family member within that 12 month period? Will small children and babies be viewed as high risk and their parents considered for remote learning or accommodations? How will parents that have taken FLMA this year for pregnancy be compensated for time off due to Covid?

If we contract the virus at work, will we be able to claim workman's compensation since it occurred in the workplace? This seems especially important since it could take months to fully recover from the illness.

If a teacher or their family members gets Covid after returning to work but had requested to work remotely and was denied can the district be sued for liability?

What do teachers do about childcare for their school-aged children if they are expected to be in school full time but the students are on a hybrid plan? If students are only in school some days and forced into some kind of childcare other days, we are increasing the risk/exposure that these students return to school with after being in alternative childcare settings with students from other schools/communities.

To whom will staff members have to disclose medical conditions that qualify them as high-risk? Will their information be kept confidential? What about disclosing the health concerns of family members who are high risk?

If a staff member is immune compromised and not comfortable returning in September and chooses to take FMLA, is the 12 month waiting period still in effect if that staff member later becomes ill/pregnant/has a sick family member within that 12 month period?

Although I do want the normal routine back severely, I do not think that it will be a good time to go back in August. I feel like we need to push the date to after Labor Day at least, to see if the cases begin to go down. Also, I believe that the most important grade levels should be k-2 because these students have the most difficulty learning online.

Nothing at this time

I know decisions will be made based on the most recent information possible, but it will be helpful for both

parents and students to know as much in advance that plan for next school year.

I honestly do not see how we can reopen and assure teacher and staff safety. I am very nervous about going back and trying to keep kids safe because I know many will not follow the rules set and as teachers, we would have to add one more thing to police over...that kids follow the guidelines.

No.

I would like to see our county move the start date until after Labor Day to give teachers, students, and parents more time to prepare for the unprecedented back-to-school starting procedures, and it would also give a truer picture of what our COVID numbers are following summer vacation/out of town travel, etc.

Although I'm not high risk, I have a baby who is due to having RSV this year. I am concerned about the effects the virus would have on her.

I do not think the teachers of RHS communicated well to the parents of their students at the end of last semester. I believe the google classroom feature of adding guardians to their students' accounts should be enabled and used often.

Don't forget about the teachers/staff. Even though I am not in a high-risk category, one of my children is. We have families that depend on us, we don't want to bring this virus home.

Some children already come to school sick or with fevers. Who will be there to reinforce keeping them home? Who covers the classrooms when teachers have to be out for two weeks? Are we taking our own sick days when having to be out with Covid? Doing twice the work every day while having both online and in person lessons.

I know the decision making process of what to do during this time is very difficult. My prayers are with all the people involved in this process. I would not know what to do. There are so many unknowns. You are appreciated.

As a teacher, I am concerned about the inability to truly social distance in the classroom (too many students in a classroom with not enough square footage to put 6 feet between desks/persons). As a parent, I am not excited about my children wearing masks in the classroom/school but I am happy for them to wear masks if it will protect their teachers/immune compromised classmates/support staff in our school. Though teaching in a mask wouldn't be ideal, I'm happy to do it to support and show care for others and their health/protection. I think I would like a clear plan of what will happen when there is a positive case diagnosed at school OR in the home of a student/staff member. How will that be handled? Also, I'm concerned by other counties that seem to be saying that they will offer both an in-person option and a distance option for students. If I'm teaching students in my classroom (and having to remind to socially distance and wear their masks, etc.) I can't imagine also trying to manage a Google Classroom of students who have opted to stay at home though school is open. If both the state and the county determine that returning to school is a good option, then I don't see a way for classroom teachers to do both in person and distance.

I would prefer to go back to school, I just hope there are strict guidelines in place.

Thank you for your continued work to do what is best for teachers and students.

Walker County needs a more detailed plan. They also need to elaborate on the steps they are taking to keep faculty/staff health and safety a priority along with students

Meeting in person causes anxiety bc of a potential outbreak, being unprepared for the emotional side of the quarantine and racial tension, beginning with remote learning just sounds like a nightmare for elementary aged children, and knowing we maybe required to do both from the beginning is very overwhelming as a teacher and parent

I don't think one plan can meet the needs of a kindergarten student and the needs of a senior. We should have plans based on early elementary (K-2) elementary (3-5) middle school (6-8) beginning high (9-10) and upper high (11-12). Their needs, expectations, and motivations are all different so it seems their learning plans should be different.

The kids need to return for their mental health. But as a parent with a child that has asthma it is very scary. P

I would not want to be in your shoes trying to make a viable decision for our county. I don't particularly like any of the options - in person, virtual or hybrid, but our students need an education as well as socialization. I will continue to pray for our decision-makers.

Myself and my child are not in a high risk category but we live with two people who are high risk.

No

I want school to be normal but I know it can't be at first. I want parents to be involved and keep up with their child's education. In a perfect world!

We need to get back to school. Kids and teachers need the normalcy but this is our future. These kids needs their education. Best of luck with making the decision.

None

Digital learning can never truly replace the value of in-person instruction and socialization of students.

There are things more dangerous to children than COVID. Children need to be in school full time to learn and grow.

I am a puzzled about the furlough days. With a 14 percent cut, teacher were suppose to get 11 furlough days. With the new 10 percent cut, teacher are getting 10 furlough days. The math doesn't add up.

I do not believe an alternating A/B schedule with partial in-person and partial digital learning is good for anyone.

Parent / School Support Staff:

My only reasoning for being concerned is it's way worse now then March ever was and we plan to go back? That's crazy to me. I don't want to have to quit my job that I love at stone creek but if we go back and it's still real bad then I'll have to to homeschool my 4 kids until it's gotten better.

Pleased keep the students remote until a vaccine is created or a treatment is developed. It is irresponsible to have kids go in school busses, classrooms and bring it home to parents and community.

It's seems to me, I hear a lot of parents and employees having real concerns and questions and not knowing is quite stressful. Finding something out, some news as to what the start of school will be like would be super helpful. Thank you for all you do.

You are in my thoughts and prayers as these difficult decisions are made. The economy and our safety are equally important.

My child has asthma and will be in Kindergarten. I worry about my child participating in centers(touching manipulatives) and changing classes for activity. My child is okay to wear a mask, but not for 7 hours straight. I do want my child to go to school for peer interaction, I just don't know what it will look like!

If we continue to hide the when will our God given immune system be able to work. It's simply getting weaker. The virus isn't going to go away, our bodies must be able to fight it. Many health professionals and peditricians are recommending that school must go own.

I think that walker county staff and board members are doing an amazing job!

Several children and parents depend on the interaction and support our school system has to offer. We understand the risk of exposure, however many in our community are depending on school to be continued. Staff and custodians should be given more resources and equipment to help throughout the school year with cleaning.

Parent / Substitute Teacher:

School should function as normal... for students and teachers

Educator (Pre K - 12):

I don't have the answers, but if we are to avoid certain situations on our own, how can we hold school under th

Virtual learning will be the safer choice, so plans should be made to get all materials to students ASAP.

I would like to know that the teachers and staff are being considered and not just the students. I know students are low risk, but teachers/staff may not be.

I don't think it's wise to be face to face at school. I know parents are yelling they need to go back to work. However, teachers need to be highly considered in this decision.

I have sheltered in place since March because my spouse, mother-in-law, and dad are all high risk. So I am VERY concerned going back into a classroom where masks for students and social distancing will not happen unless we are on some type of hybrid schedule. I have discussed the possibility of having to resign from my teaching position due to my spouse being high risk with my administrator already.

No

Continuity of a system would be better than having to start and stop and change gears multiple times during a semester based on the safety and numbers of COVID cases in the community. Distance learning would provide a stable medium for this!

I live with a high-risk category person and assist a high-risk category person weekly.

Teachers can't be expected to teach both online and in person without additional planning/preparation time

provided during the school day. We'll do our best for our students, but it's unreasonable to expect teachers to do twice the work in a workday.

Empty response boxes

I am a non-tenured WCS employee who is terrified to return to in-person school in one month.

I am not high risk but I have family members that I take care of who are high risk. I do not feel like we are prepared to go back right now. We need more information and training.

The current plan released by the county is not at all reassuring as it indicates that safety guidelines will be followed "when feasible". Feasibility should not determine whether myself, my family, and my students are kept healthy and safe each day. If we can't afford to keep everyone safe in the school buildings then we don't need to be in them.

I do not feel safe going back to work in a month.

I'm glad to see this survey. The Superintendent refuses to engage with the practitioners on this issue, but then turns around and tells the board of education that he hears no concerns from teachers. The board believes him to the detriment of what is safe for students and employees.

I'm scared

Empty response box

I say we push the start date back to at least after labor day to see if the infection rates drop because they are rising right now.

We have a pay cut. Higher expectations. Additional jobs like taking temperatures. Not enough resources but are expected to pull cleaning and sanitizing duty. Changes in positions throughout the school that need to be adjusted to and an expected drop that requires additional interventions to more students with less support.

The pandemic situation is worsening, in spite of limited protocols. If millions of children return to situations where air is recycled, sick children and adults are infectious before they are symptomatic and staff/facilities are limited in cleaning effectiveness, we are putting every family with a child in danger. A danger that may eventually be a huge liability.

Empty response box

1. Parents of students that are medically fragile and or have cognitive disabilities are very concerned about their children going back early. 2. Teaching students with cognitive delays in a "Virtual" setting is difficult if not impossible. Interaction with a student online would most likely be done with a parent, instructing them on home schooling. Outcomes could not be observed and data would not be accurate.

Empty response box

Empty response box

Empty response box

Please remember the adults that work in the buildings alongside the children, and ensure their safety.

Requiring us to work without PPE means our sick days won't be deleted. You can't haven't both ways. On the

cheap on the front end without required PPE means it will be expensive on the back end. Paying for safety up front will save lives, long term health care costs and sick days for everyone. Forcing us to pay to work is unethical. Transparency of cares funds use should be mandatory.

I don't think there is a perfect or right answer for everyone. As a teacher, I am afraid for my family if we return to school in person. It's not just me who will be on the "frontlines," but also my family.

I have been very careful because the most important people to me are very high risk. Looking on social media, many of our families and staff members aren't. I am terrified I will bring this home. Our board members seem to be infinitely more concerned about convenience of parents(voters) than the safety of all. There are too many unknowns to be risking life or the possibility of lifetime health issues

not at this time

I could see a hybrid model being a good compromise with less students in the building at a time and social distancing.

I do not see how Pre-k or k can be taught online or be able to follow onsite procedures

N/a

Due to ongoing surges in cases, especially in the Southeast, it is my belief that online learning is the safest and most responsible way to begin the 20-21 school year. This will allow for us to establish routines and instruction, with the hope of transitioning into a face-to-face format once safe and realistic to do so.

It would be nice to see an actual classroom teacher from each level (elementary, middle, high) be part of the conversations and decision making-process for reopening school!!!! Crazy idea evidently.

Thx for working for the teachers.

Thanks for asking for my thoughts!

Please consider an alternate plan than a regular face to face setting. Whether that be small grouping on A and B days with an online Friday or something. This will not stop until we all band together to slow the spread. Thank you for all that you have done during all of this.

Please take into consideration the health and well-being of the adults who work in the schools.

Can't teach with mask on.

I live with three people that are classified as high - risk

Thank you for asking for input, hearing concerns and carefully considering how to best support us all! I cannot imagine how difficult this decision will be.

I want desperately to be back in the classroom full time, and I want desperately to keep our students/faculty/staff safe and healthy. It's an impossible situation. I'm praying for each of you as you weigh all the information to make the best decision for our county. You are appreciated.

No.

Students need interaction with their peers what ever it may look like.

As a teacher of first grade, a virtual school year sends panic through me, more than the risk of sickness.

Like most people I am just so uncertain of what the best option would be for our students and our community at large.

My students with IEPs need so much more than what I'm afraid I'll be able to offer. They NEED me close to them. Sometimes, they need hand over hand guidance. Sometimes they just need a hug to help with frustration. These students (ALL students) are going to need all of the emotional support we can give them.

Who is representing the teachers when planning to return? Admins don't have to be in full contact with potential sick children. Who is representing the teacher side of the "task force" to keep us all safe.

No

I can't think of any at the moment

No

I am a daily caregiver to elderly parents who are vulnerable to the virus.

N/A

I do not support students having to wear mask. I think wearing mask should be optional for both teachers and staff

Please make sure that there is enough CDC approved cleaning supplies in each classroom and that it is supplied continuously throughout the year.

As an educator, I prefer (volunteer) to be in-person in the classroom if/when school reopens.

No, not at this time.

We do not need the academic coaches. They are no help and a waste of money.

I'm concerned about not being in school and the learning that my students will lose. However, I'd like the protection of adults (who are at higher risk) to be a top priority too.

I have asthma and I am a teacher, but I am ready to go back to teaching in person.

I want to be back in the classroom. Online learning IS NOT the same. Additionally, I cannot be expected to teach face to face, teach online, and make lessons for students who don't have internet. Last year less than 10% of my students completed the minimal tasks I assigned. I cannot imagine testing and reassessing and such under the expectation of teaching them all the content. This is my first year in my 20+ years that I dread any news of school starting because I fear it will be online which I don't want to do. I chose teaching for the

RELATIONSHIPS you build which will be near impossible via a computer.
I am ready to get back to teaching.
I do not believe that educator should be required to wear face mask. It will make it difficult for some students to understand what is being said.
None
I would like to return to school. I am willing to risk the chance of getting the virus and then fighting it off to take care of kids who need to be in school for social, emotional, food security reasons or working with those who will be in child care anyway if we are closed because both parents have to work or a single mom has to work. I myself also HAVE to work and need my job.
No
I truly think middle and high school can handle a crazy schedule if needed, but elementary kids desperately need consistency and the social interaction in their development. I worry that putting kindergartens online will only hurt.
Alternating schedules and online instruction do not work well for our students or parents based on experience in the Spring. Students need face-to-face instruction with normal schedules and activities.
No
Let's go to school.
Students need to get back to a normal schedule. I believe that if school starts back as normal, the community will support and be grateful.
The media has blown this out of proportion. It's our responsibility to know the facts. The facts about Covid 19 are not anywhere close to how it's being portrayed by the media.
If we don't reopen, I would like to work with the local churches to support children who do not have access to online school. I feel like our high need children need personal support
I felt the time out of school from March to May was totally useless. Teachers were held accountable but students were not.

Students:

Do it on internet
Going back to school isn't worth risking thousands of children's life's over.
I'm afraid to go back so early because of the virus spreading through the school
i don't think reopening schools would be a great idea at the moment honestly. better safe than sorry.
Nope
no
Yes there are kids with lung diseases and other sicknesses and would be at higher risk
please don't open up until second semester, i would LOVE to learn physically but i don't want to risk getting sick or my family.
do NOT make us go back nobody at ridgeland knows personal space.
One kid could expose us all. A lot of kids have an underlying health problem!!!!
No other that it's not safe to open them back up when there hasn't even been a cure yet
i think it would be safer to do online until the case numbers drop down
I don't want to get sick
Nah
No
The reopening of schools is impractical and dangerous at this time. School should remain online until the country has full confidence in the slowing or eradication of the virus. To depend on a teacher to make sure that young children keep a mask on and keep their distance at all times while also educating them and keeping order is completely impractical.
At my school (Ridgeland), I know some families and friends of mine that have been in contact with people with the virus, and although they may not have been tested for it yet, they are still carrying the germ. I personally prefer visual and in school learning, but I'm realizing this virus is spreading faster than we realize. It is also unrealistic to think students will keep a mask on for 7 hours, especially if they have certain health problems, such as asthma for example. I also know many of my peers' parents would not allow them to attend school even if it does open in the fall. I hope whatever happens, whether we go back to school or continue online learning, is for the best.
There's no need to go bck to school. Nothing will b the same. No one is gonna wanna wear mask for 8 hours. It's pointless.

No

I miss school, but i feel as if no ones taking covid serious at this time and if we go back to school, it's just gonna get worse.

No.

No

Me being personally vulnerable to this. I suffer from severe asthma and chronic bronchitis. I feel as if I am in danger of getting the virus and I can speak for many other students like me.

It's my senior year and I'm pretty sure that all the other seniors are looking forward to having a good year

No

No

No.

I don't think students should have to wear mask in school if the students have to wear mask they shouldn't go at all.

no

No

no

How do we know it is going to be safe enough to keep coming back. The virus will probably get worse during winter and how are we going to go with that?

Nope

good luck

most of our work is online, so if we could do one semester online and then come back to finish the school year the next semester it would be a valid option as well as being able to provide online classes all year for students who need or would feel safer with having that option as well. i feel like the school board needs to be concerned and flexible for the students and parents needs and wants this school year with all the unknown possibilities of covid-19.

N/a

I think we should structure our return like catoosa. Upperclassmen go 2 days and underclassman go 2 days, the weekdays we aren't there we can do online learning.

Many students depend on school to give them a break from any home issues. Please take that in as consideration as we move forward

how is it going to be the first day of school

No, i would just like for everything to be normal again.

No

I think if the case numbers continue to rise we should keep doing school online, or one day at school and the next day online at home and alternate

i'm going to be a junior this year and i'd really love to have a normal year with marching band and winter guard and football games and being able to see all of my friends and it just be perfectly fine but it seems like an unrealistic goal. i'm in AP and honors classes and this year i'll also be in dual enrollment classes too. when we did online classes it was INCREDIBLY hard to manage such a large work load and that was after our english class stopped having as much work so we could focus on AP tests. junior year is suppose to be the hardest year of high school and if the school board and school system keep all testing in place and we have to prepare for them online or through only having class twice a week, lots of kids aren't going to be able to handle it. some people just can't work that way. not to mention public schools aren't the cleanest places even when they try their best to keep it in tip-top shape it just doesn't stay that way.

I have no other information except I just wanna be back

I personally would like to say that most people learn better in person, rather than online. I know the health risks, but by (if we have to) having kids learn on line, will not teach them things properly.

Please hurry I miss school

No

Would love to be back to normal

No

No

No

I will not wear a mask

None

No, I just hope we get to have our high school moments back.

open school and sports

I would like to go to school and not feel uncomfortable.

Not at this time.

No ,Let's try to make this a normal school year .:)

Start School back normal

No

No

No

I really want to go back

no

I'm ready for school! Let's go back in person!

Nope
no
I personally don't feel like i learn as well doing online schooling and i feel like i wouldn't try as hard if i didn't have someone pushing me towards success. I also feel like if we were going back separate days of the week i wouldn't do as well because there's no consistency in our schedule.
i swear if you make me wear a mask i'm dropping out of school xoxo
No
If the walker county schools make us wear mask then kids will just play with them
No.
Let us start school
no
none

School Support Staff:

Please DO NOT rush to open schools if it is not going to be safe and we just shut back down shortly afterwards potentially spread the virus in the community. Take out fall break or shorten other breaks and push the opening back to September if it is safe then. If not, then go to online instruction until this bug gets under control. Students are already testing positive in the high schools. Life is so valuable to gamble with the unknowns of the virus.
As a paraprofessional with asthma I find myself filled with fear instead of excitement about the upcoming first day of school.
I am concerned because I am not only in a high-risk category myself, I also take care of my elderly parents.
My daughter just tested positive for COVID and she was asymptomatic, caught it from a co-worker and now their restaurant has shut down once again. This was passed just between about 20 employees. I cannot even IMAGINE an entire school of children. I am terrified for my at-risk family.
I just want to make sure the students and staff are safe. I feel like we are in the dark and have no idea what to expect.
Please require masks for staff, students, and visitors
No

I am 62 yr old female in good health Parents need to take more responsibility for their sick children
No
No
I think the at home or school options are great plans! I'm thankful for all the thought and stress already put into these huge concerns.. Prayers for a great safe learning school year.
I am hopeful, excited, and ready to go back to work in the classroom at school for as much of a traditional school year that we can have.
Open schools as usual and normal
No
Updated news indicates the coronavirus is spreading but the mortality is declining. In addition, there are greater risks to students than coronavirus when this is stratified in a risk vs benefit category.
No

Grandparents / Family Support:

I can't even believe that you are...the country is even considering opening schools in the middle of a pandemic where the case numbers are still climbing across the U.S.! Very Dangerous!!
No
No
I am torn with thinking school should start be cause it is good for students to have a routine but at the same time, with Covid-19 cases on the rise there is a real chance for the students and teachers to be exposed and/or spread the virus to each other and family members. You can be really careful while at home, but when they go to school it is totally out of the parents control.
Let the children do online learning
All parents etc are not educated enough to properly oversee a child's education of today.

Substitute Teacher:

I think children are far more capable of learning new behaviors and habits than they are given credit for.