

Hello,

My name is Samantha Miller and I've got three children in PPS. They are all struggling with online education. My youngest, Felix, is 6. He's a first grader who is barely literate. I work full time at a hospital and have since the beginning of the pandemic. My wife works full time from our basement. We both do our best to help him but it's not enough.

Our middle child, Mateo, is 10. He's a 4th grader and desperately misses his teacher and peers. He wrestles with depression related to social isolation. A chance to return, even if part time, would be huge for his mental health.

Our oldest, Eliana, is 14. She spends the day by herself, online. She will start HS in the fall and doesn't feel ready since the quantity of online education she's received pales in comparison to what she'd normally have done.

There are myriad studies proving the safety of schools with the correct measures in place. Now that teachers have the option of being vaccinated we should have the opportunity to chose to go back. Please prioritize this as our children are suffering and are a negligible risk to their teachers.

Sincerely,

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