

Parent Survey Comments

More stringent guidelines for kids. Fir example, must log on at certain time, have virtual class almost daily and school on Fridays!!
Nothing
Concerns about younger students not willing to wear masks. But they are not old enough to stay home by themselves
My older child feels that virtual school does not hold them accountable and puts no effort into his work. When school restarts I hope they are being graded and they feel this work is not an option
Virtual learning will be very hard for working parents.
I feel in person instruction and socialization with peers are key for a successful academic year.
If school will be completely virtual in the fall I will look for other options so he can attend in person. I feel as though he is already behind in learning due to your handling of education for the 4th quarter and am disappointed in your approach. Please do better.
If possible, I think it would be hugely beneficial to at least be in physical school once per week.
We all know you are doing the best you can, and we appreciate it
Thank you for all the time and effort you are putting into this brainstorming.
NA
school needs to be long enough for students to learn all required
N/a
N/A
Thank you for all your precautions in keeping us safe.
Good decisions for everyone
Just want to make sure my child gets the best education he can get
Scheduled vacations in August
This time is unprecedented. Children will be ok as long as they are safe. Learning can resume when the time is right. Thank you for all you do.
My children will not be attending school unless everyone has been vaccinated.
Kids mental health is important snd tis shutdowns has been detrimental they need to get back to life or the virus will be the least of our worries
Nothing at this time
Schools need to open and go back to normal. The old normal not Wolf's NEW normal.
Thank you!
I don't see how bringing the children to school in the fall would be safe for both the students and the staff. They should have to do virtual homeschooling until their is a vaccine available. I work with adults who are immune compromised and can't afford to take it to them, as is my fiance.
I think children's safety should come first but I also think you need to greatly consider the mental health of these chick that have been quarantined for months. Virtual learning is not something they want to do.

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Maybe we can consider starting in August and having break from thanksgiving until January like I've heard some colleges are planning to do just Incase we get another wave in the fall.

Students with IEP and in autistic support classrooms are not learning and getting what they need doing virtual learning. All the support and therapies they get at school are very important to them being successful and a video chat is not the same. If you have half days or every other day for students you really should consider how this will not work for kids with IEPs.

N/A

The teachers needs and stress levels need to be accounted for.

We do not want online schooling

My son doesn't do good with the virtual learning. He needs a teacher in person to learn.

Staying consistent and enforcing the rules once they are established.

Nothing at this time.

I strongly believe we need to do everything possible to support return to school for children's mental health

My son has a very hard time sitting on a computer and typing everything. It usually ends in tears. He is only in second grade. I also have a very hard time teaching him while working a full time job and helping his sibling. If he has to do virtual school next year we will either be switching to a private school that will offer face to face learning which my son desperately needs or homeschooling.

I would prefer to have my children do virtual/online learning from home.

As we hopefully head back to school in the fall I think it is very necessary to stress the importance of supporting our children's immune system through healthy eating/supplements, exercise, and rest.

Children's safety is #1. I've seen teachers ride to the occasion and I have no doubt they will make next year successful however it looks

Nothing I can think of.

Na

N/A

These kids miss school so much. They miss the structure it gave them. They miss there classroom, friends, field trips, books, etc.

Follow cdc guidelines

I just want all students and staff to be safe

Daily temp check before school and after school before going home.

How students will not bring virus home.

I truly hope that data and science drive the decision to open schools. If going back to school means masks, social distancing and being afraid of getting close to anyone in school, I'm not sure it's worth it. My children are already terrified. Im afraid that sending them to school with heavy restrictions will be more scarring than continuing to home school as we've been doing for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Home schooling will allow them to focus on their learning and not have to worry about getting sick.

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I'm having a hard time, homeschooling 5 different grades.

I have seen more than one school that uses online learning as a zoom each time they learn a lesson. Not saying once a week check in, or once a week zoom call, or teachers have to work a full day while they are also home.

However I know for a fact, if we had to continue to learn from home, my fears of them not learning from me.

There is no answer or solution that will satisfy everyone but something that needs to be considered is what percentage of QCS D parents work full-time, commute and will either be working from home still or back to the office. Right now my husband and I both work full-time and if we were to go back to our offices come September, we would need before school care such as Lifespan offered at QE. I'm not sure how that would work and how procedures would be followed.

My son has a low immune system. He has asthma. I won't want him to go to school if the virus is still around.

If virtual is a must I would like live classes with teachers so my children are able to be taught by the actual teacher, not by random videos and or myself.

I honestly don't feel it will matter what I say as it will come down to the powers that be making the decision. I absolutely fear for my children's education if it is virtual. My daughter already expressed how difficult it was to learn her math online and therefore did not continue to do it this year. As my daughter is a senior this year and my son a freshman it is very scary to think about education not being done at school. I fear my daughter will be behind when entering college if virtual education. I understand the safety aspects but when 2% of cases are in their age group it's hard to not want them back in school.

How would tech be handled for incoming 9th graders? I assume it cannot be offered.

Keep up the great work, you will never please everyone!

I think virtual is the way to go until after the holidays

Please keep in mind when planning any virtual learning, that some students who are amazing honor roll kids in school...struggle to focus in an all virtual situation. We are learning this first hand at home right now.

Is there a possibility to combine live and virtual learning? If that is an option, I feel there is a better chance parents would keep their children home is there is an illness or to stagger the about of children in the classroom at the same time. If ill students can still attend their class virtually, some risk will be reduced. A zoom camera in each classroom is another cost, but may be worth it.

NA

Please inform of decisions as far in advance as possible. Please continue to update regularly.

As a working parent with more than 1 child trying to work around a virtual school day and do a job is extremely challenging. I do not know how an employer will be able to accommodate someone who has children now forced to be homeschooled.

School should open.

Prefer virtual- If virtual I feel it needs to be a virtual classroom with both teachers and students on at the same time and all work needs to be graded and children accountable- NOT optional

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Virtual learning is not the answer. It absolutely does not take the place of a classroom. These kids, my kids, need to go to school, to be with their peers, learn from their teachers, and have social personal connections with others. Being home day after day, away from others, is dangerous and unhealthy.

What about working parents??

Nothing

School can't be optional next year. Disastrous for my sophomore daughter. There must be grading. There must be accountability. I think a 3 in school/2 remote, 2/3 following week schedule may be needed. Trust you folks to do what is best but grading has to be required and can't be optional.

Thank you for your hard work.

If masks will be required, will the school supply this to the students? My children have stayed home since school closed and I do not have child size masks for them. Secondly, I expect the school will supply the additional cleaning/sanitizing products and hand sanitizers for the students since supplies have been high demand and hard to find- i don't expect many parents will get their hands on these items to send to school

This year has been horrible with online. How it's done right now is not working. All the other school districts are doing way more in bucks county than Quakertown is doing. Very very disappointed with our school district.

Healthy and safe environment. Hope the kids can be back in the classroom

My child does not fair well with on-line learning. She struggles with the concept of it alone. For my child, it would not be as productive as a classroom and teacher. Resulting in a detrimental outcome for one of her high school years; and she is an A-B student.

Food for thought. I am unable to be home during school hours with her, witch makes the situation even worse!

Prefer to have the kids back in school as long as it is safe to do so.

The earlier the better on the decision making and plans for preparation

Need more specific details in schoolwork if home schooled, example number of pages to be completed etc especially for younger age kids. And simplify processes for older kids so not as hard to access work and where to find assignments

Common sense hygiene and sanitation procedures should be in place. Schools need to open if safe to do so, but no masks required for kids. Masks should be optional. Kids need as much normalcy as possible, while still being safe. Sports need to continue as normal, with common sense procedures in place. School should not feel like a prison when they go back. Parents should have enough common sense to keep their kids home when sick, especially during this time.

The children must return to school and the district must stop making excuses and start TEACHING our children.

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My only concern is for my kindergartener, starting school like this may be hard

I think the kids need some sort of normalcy. They need to go back. Nothing will protect them from everything.

Keep in constant contact with parents/students before school starts

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Constant contact with parents through email or a phone call
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Very support of all QCSD is doing during this pandemic.
I'm a single parent who works in healthcare. I'm already concerned about my child not learning anything by doing online schooling it will most definitely be detrimental if he isn't back in the classroom. Also if it's not full day or half day.. what happens to the before and after school program???
I believe my kid does better with a teacher then on a computer
Teachers be in the same page and work out a schedule. Also, 1 have 4 children within the district so when they communicate, I need to know which child it is for. A structured schedule for my kids in middle school and elementary. Currently, there is one teacher in the 6 th grade center that is extremely overzealous with emails. It's confusing how he keeps changing things around. I would rather a schedule given in the beginning of the week. With 4, the constant changing is difficult.
None
The rotating schedule with three kids and my husband and I working would be quite challenging.
I think that these kids need to return to as much normalization as possible. They need recess and regular lunch and to be in a learning environment that will serve their educational and social needs.
Na
Please don't discount the importance of the related arts classes if we need to be in a virtual setting.
If school is online, what happens to my daughter's tech program? She currently goes to tech for cosmetology.
Sanitizing then school
My children are not online learners. I am concerned about how far behind they are falling. I am a single parent who works full time. My ability to help is extremely limited.
I think virtual learning should be offered for students even if kids do return to school
I want my kids safe but I dont want them in Full PPE wear on a daily basis if sent to the buildings
I want my child to come back to a normal school, but also understand that there might be a new normal. I also think as a young child asking them to wear masks all day might be difficult.
Follow cdc guidelines
The schools have poor ventilation and lack of temperature control. Worried about germs being spread through the vents
I know everyone is doing their best!

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I don't think it's possible to fully adhere to social distancing in the school setting. I am highly considering homeschooling because I also feel that the online curriculum has lacked depth since my children have been doing distance learning. I have a child in kindergarten, one in 1st grade, a 4th grader, a 5th grader, and a 7th grader. They are usually finished their daily work within an hour and a half. And it's EXTREMELY difficult to keep up with all the Google meets they have. I'm so thankful that the teachers have been so diligent and worked so hard, however, I feel that what is required is very dry and a lot of busy work.

I feel for the new school year, It may be safer for students and staff if online schooling was continued.

Very supportive of all QCS is doing during pandemic

I have no questions at this time

Safety is the only option. Period.

If your having it in the school we'll be there.

None

I am a teacher as well so it is hard to decide right now.

An as early as possible decision for planning

n/a

My son is at high risk of contracting the virus with being immune compromised. I would like absolute discretion on my part whether to send him to school and not have to worrying whether I'll be fined for truancy

Be communicative as possible

Na

how this effect kids with iep's and how would the child get the one on one that they need

I will have two high school students in the fall. It's extremely important to me that school attendance is mandatory and assignments are graded. I want my children to have educational experiences that are equivalent to in-classroom experiences if school is virtual. My preference is for school to be open in the fall if it is determined that it can be done safely. As the parent of a rising senior, I am concerned about how a virtual learning environment will impact her planning for the future and the college application process.

My high school student did very little work when you went virtual. I really hope school is not virtual in the fall as I believe she will do the same thing. I hope school is libe, in person.

Working parents

I think limiting class size with a rotating schedule and although specials are important they should be on hold until the size of classes can return to normal.

I do feel that in person socialization is a huge part of our children's development. I feel our kids need this

I am a teacher in another district. Education is extremely important, but nothing should be more important than the health and safety of students and staff. While virtual instruction is not ideal, we will all survive it. We may not all survive a return to school.

n/a

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Protocols can be set in place but you can't guarantee they will be followed by all. As we know, many people/families have their own opinion/beliefs about the virus. Some people take it very seriously, others do not. For us, I am a mother of 3 and have more than one underlying medical issue that increases risk if the virus were to be passed to me by my children going to school and not knowing if protocols are being followed properly by all - not just in the school setting but outside. You never know what a child/person could be carrying until symptoms show and at that point, it could be too late. While I am still unsure about virtual learning, and think it may not be the easiest thing, it may be the safest thing and safety of all children, staff and families is my largest concern. I would rather adjust to new things than risk my children, myself or anyone for that matter contracting the virus.

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All assignments and homework be centralized using the same platform for all grades making it more user friendly and easier to navigate for students and parents. At this time feel like things are all over the place and not very easy to navigate

Would love teachers to be able to teach class online just like at school. This way the kids can learn just like at school.

My child has health issues that will make it difficult to wear a mask all day. And doesn't like wearing one to begin with. Is already anxious about getting the virus. Being in a school building may not be the best option for him. And it may just add to his anxiety

Hope that Fall sports/marching band will be allowed. The kids need these activities for their health and well being!!

Thank you for all you're doing! If online learning continues, I would like to see more accountability for the students and synchronous learning.

I will support whatever you decide but will feel more comfortable with my children at home. I am fully prepared to help the teachers with online schooling.

The children's health is #1.

I understand the need for concern, but many children are struggling with the online format. Many children are just not able to learn at home and need a school environment to thrive. Children also need social interaction with each other. I feel this system is failing the children and am very concerned about how far behind the children will become if online continues to be the main way they learn. Besides the fact that parents need to return to work for the economy to recover, but if we are also supposed to be home teaching our children how is that all supposed to work.

Safety is number one

n/a

A suggestion to help with motivating children to continue to socialize and emotionally connect.

Is it going to be safe enough for students to go and would students have to wear gloves and mask's?

My students will be a junior and senior and these are important years for learning and getting accepted into college. The distance learning of today where some instruction and an assignment is sent out and their work is sent back can not be how we would continue in the Fall. We need A real interactive learning classroom where they log in and participate, especially for their heavily AP and honors level classes they carry. Their current honors algebra ii that is being taught by Kahn academy videos and assignments with no feedback from the teacher is a joke and appalling and not a learning environment. This can't continue and actually prepare students for SATs and college.

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We have to be health conscious but we also have to teach the kids academically, but also teach them responsibility and hold them accountable for assignments and grades, but also really teach them instead of just checking the box today we have distance learning available. When your high achievers who want to learn are reporting to their parents that the current approach is ineffective and hard to self-motivate , this means it is not working. They are doing the work out of respect for their teachers, but aren't getting much out of it. They want to be back in school.

End the current distance learning early and admit the time is better spent with teachers preparing to be live online and other learning tools to be more effective if we start the year virtual, rather than continuing to lob assignments into canvas to check the box.

To make sure that both students and staff have as much support as needed.

Our daughter really misses school and we do hope there can be some kind of in-person instruction, but we have also been taking this seriously and do not want to do anything to compromise anyone's health. We are concerned about bussing and also about gaps in her education. It is a tricky situation and we trust the district to make the right decision. Thank you!

Na

n/a

There's no way to have 24 kids together in a class and not have them on top of each other. To have to wear a mask all day would bother me, never-mind a child. While the children might not be at a higher risk, they could potentially pass it along to the adults in their life. I know this has to be figured out, I just don't know how to be comfortable with any of it. I'd rather an am/pm session split with virtual. Full on "normal" school, just doesn't seem possible now. My kid is a bus rider, and that just can't happen with a full bus load!

n/a

I would like every effort to made to get the kids back in school in as normal a way as possible.

I cannot provide the level of teaching at home that my kids require. Online courses are ok but there is currently no way of determining if they are doing ok in these courses. I also do not have the ability to teach my children at home the way a teacher does. I'm concerned with having my children complete the required courses and actually learning what is needed. Getting kids to do things at home is harder and I struggle with getting my son in particular to complete the online schooling. I would prefer in class learning with the professionals but do not want to risk my kids lives to do so. If we must go to online in the fall I recommend regular classes and schedules held as if in class not this I can complete when I want to.

Nothing

Return to school as normal, DO NOT cancel sports and DO NOT RUIN MY CHILD'S SENIOR YEAR!

Na

Nothing. Great survey.

Take in to consideration that parents will be working out of the home and relying on their kids to take the initiative to do there work while we aren't there.

Safety and quality learning and emotional support are my number 1 priorities

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I would like to have the option to continue the virtual learning from home, if needed, until it is completely safe to return to school.

I am a parent of twin elementary school boys and I have a health condition that puts me at higher risk of bad complications from COVID-19. I'm worried about them bringing it home to me and then something bad happening to me as I'm their primary caregiver. It's a difficult situation for me as a parent because I want my kids to have some normalcy back but I'm also not wanting to be hospitalized or worse because they unknowingly brought this home to me.

N/a

We've decided that our kids will do virtual learning with QCSD if offered, else with another school. No live school for us in either event.

I think the children's educations will be detrimentally affected if they do not return to the physical classroom at least to begin the year and meet teachers. Also it would be useful to mandate antibody testing (like vaccines) to understand the current extent of exposure in the school age population.

Good, quality education is important to us, so whichever way the school is available in the fall, please make it challenging, with faculties being available to help, and be sensitive to the adjustments kids are making during this tough times.

I am only comfortable sending my children back to school if things are reopened in the community and they believe it is safe for our kids to be back in school. I am lucky to be able to homeschool my children without any issues like childcare or access to internet/technology. While I realize this may not be accessible to everyone unfortunately, I can absolutely do it if it means keeping them safer. I know everyone right now is concerned about what is right for the children, faculty and families and QE is trying their best. We really do appreciate it. Also I am unsure about the children having to wear masks. While I believe this is a good idea in general to keep the community safe, I wear a mask to my job as I work in healthcare and I do not think children ages 5-11 in elementary school would be able to handle it. In an ideal world it would be great if it worked, but I do not think it is realistic and I think it will be constricting for their breathing and be a constant distraction and pain to them to have to wear one for hours a day. I think children would be taking them off or messing with them because they are uncomfortable. Also I have no idea how you can maintain social distancing with about 300 kids in a school! I know these are all things you are trying to figure out. I guess my concern too is if things are that bad that these things need to occur in order to come back to school, then is it worth even risking opening the school for children/families/faculty to be at risk? I guess we are all just praying that things will get better and back to normal. We all miss the teachers and our children being able to interact with other children!

We cannot expect these kids to wear masks all day. If those are the requirements, I understand but then they should not be required to attend physical school.

It is very important that students have interaction with other classmates. Hands washing needs to be not only allowed but encouraged throughout the school day. Online school was rough especially when both parents work and are not home to assist students when needed.

The current system is not working. Without grades and synchronous meeting times, there has been very little motivation academically for my children. Also, the importance of socialization through school cannot be overlooked when making these decisions.

Follow CDC guidelines and PDE recommendations for school re opening

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Children want their normalcy back. Doing things like forcing children to wear masks or taking their recess away would be not be in their best interest.

I do appreciate your willingness to reach out for parental opinions.

Nothing at this time

Worried about how much my kids education would suffer if it has to online only. My kids aren't doing well with it.

I would hope if we go to different times of arrival/dismissal or different days of learning, that it would be the same for the whole year, not one day arrive this time another day arrive that time. And the same for the alternate days that they be the same for each student throughout the year.

And if we do go to virtual learning that it be more structured like a school day.

And if gym is provided how can we have children wear masks for those types of activities.

Thank you!

I believe the school administration has sugar-coated what some teachers have done since school ended. Relying on outside videos and brief 2-3-minute videos aren't a sufficient form of education for children going forward. I have friends in multiple other school districts where teachers and students were required to do far more than anyone in Quakertown. I expect far more teacher-student interaction, including live teaching, no matter where students are next year. If students can't attend a teacher's live session, sessions could easily be taped and posted for later viewing.

Working parents.

Disciplinary action on the children that refuse to commit to the necessary safety standards. (Wearing masks, washing hands, using sanitizer, social distancing, etc)

What are the considerations for kids with asthma / allergies or migraines that the masks make difficult breathing? My concern for 2 of my 3 kids If the masks are required

My daughter is ready to get back to school and be part of the school community with sports, after school club activities, and socializing with friends.

How to you control what kids/adults come in and out of high school if you can't see their faces? Understand health risk but security has always been a major concern.

At the secondary level, it is difficult to support my children in subjects that I haven't done since high school and classes that are sometimes out of my area of expertise. Motivation for teens with asynchronous, optional, and/or upgraded work is extremely challenging. Isolation for this age group is also concerning from a mental health standpoint. I worry about high school students not getting opportunities to explore career and post-secondary paths as much in the online learning environment. Having said all of that, I realize health and safety considerations for students, but in particular for staff, may necessitate some level of virtual instruction.

It's most important that the students and faculty are all safe and healthy. This situation isn't fun for any of us. And it's unfortunate for the students. The most important thing should be everyone health. My child misses school, his friend and his teacher. It's hard to explain what I really happening to a 7yr old. I know he is safe at home. While school is important, HEALTH COMES FIRST. I for one have alot of concerns about my child being expected to wear a mask all day and be stuck in one room. How are children suppose to LOVE school if it will feel more like a prison. I think it will cause more emotional stress VS them staying home.

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Low class size important
Kids should still have recess
Some "live" school better than all virtual

I think every student's situation will be different. I think the students should be required to attend classes either virtually but hopefully at the school building.

If schools do go live in the fall, please give parents the option to send their child/children or continue online learning. I support parents sending their children back to school, but personally I would still like the option to teach my children from home under the same curriculum as the students who are attending live classes.

Just want to make sure the children are safe while not being scared in school. Want to make sure they are still enjoying themselves and friends

It's very hard to answer this at this point, but I realize you want to gauge where people are at right now. At this point, we are very much in the "stay home, stay safe" camp. If school is online in the fall, we'll handle it.

If online learning is required, is there a way to partner with a cyber school environment that already has the online learning and TEACHING aspect figured out. The biggest concern we have had this spring is the lack of consistency between teachers/classes at the middle school level. No teachers worked it the same way, and submitting of assignments was difficult. Often times my son would complete the work but forget to submit it, or the teacher wouldn't get it and he would have to redo the work. When I asked my son, who loves Strayer and his friends, if the fall brought online school again would he want that or a cyber school, he actually said he would prefer cyber school. He chose this because he said he would learn more. Don't get me wrong, the teachers did a great job transitioning quickly to an unknown territory, but the teaching aspect wasn't there.

Transportation/child care will be a huge issue if younger children and older siblings are on different daily schedules

None

Please figure this out as soon as possible and be consistent with surrounding school districts.

Since Covid 19 has been proven to not be harmful to children, they should not be subjected to extreme measures because there are a few people choosing to live in fear. I think you should open up as normal with increased hand washing and sanitizing procedures. You should also offer an online option for people who choose to live in fear. These measures that are being talked about are not practical and not fiscally reasonable or responsible.

Our family is in the belief things need to get back to normal not a new normal either. I understand some different protocols will take place. Kids need to be back with their friends in a learning environment, but my children will not attend if a mask is required it. I think it's most important to think about the kids and having things back to the way they were for them

A hybrid plan, mixing virtual and live classes, seems like the best way to go for now.

Taking a temperature seems to be a false sense of security. While having a Temp can be an indication of an illness, we know you can have Covid and not have a temp.

Sanitizing then school

I think there needs to be mandatory structure to make online school effective. Not necessary an 8-hour day, but maybe a required "classroom" learning a 2-3 times a week with other support.

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Safety of all is top priority. However, in a majority of cases both parents work. This is an important factor to be kept in mind when making decisions that will involve parental support an transportation

Having the teacher online dace to face to teach the class.

I would hope that a final decision not be made prematurely about the 20/21 school year. Students MUST RETURN in the Fall. AND students MUST BE ALLOWED to enjoy lunch and social situations TOGETHER with their peers. Mental health and socializing MUST BE a TOP priority.

Do whats right, not what you think everyone wants to hear. Keep our children safe!

We are both educators as well and our availability to help our son if he is at home with virtual education will vary depending on what our schools also decide to do in the fall.

Do not say it is optional

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None

Nothing at this time

First, thank you for everything you have done and continue to do. I know this is not easy but you guys (administration, teachers, aide's) are doing an amazing job!

One of my kids has Asthma. Her doctor told me due to her lung issues, if she were to get this virus, she would surely die. She has not left my house other than to go to the doctors for her Asthma flare ups. To me, her life is more important than going into a physical school building and therefore I intend to keep her home regardless. My other daughter has Anxiety which then triggers Migraines. When she wears a mask for more than a couple of minutes, it causes her to have a hard time breathing. Sometimes it leads to a panic attack which often triggers a Migraine. I'm not sure what to do about her if school were to open. More than likely, I'd keep her home too just so she doesn't pick up anything and bring it home to her sister. I don't know how she'd make it through the day wearing a mask.

These answers are subject to change based on the status of the pandemic.

Middle school student has not been very involved once he heard it is optional. He does better with short assignments versus open ended research/projects.

None

One of the largest concerns that I have is my child's asthma and allergies may put him at a greater risk of COVID 19 and how will the school ensure his safety and not carry that illness home to someone in the home that is on an immune suppression medication. Additionally, school schedules are anxiety provoking. There is no one home to watch my child and no available childcare if he has half days or alternate days of schooling, as I am a single parent and an educator. I think this needs to be taken into consideration for not only students, but also parents and faculty/staff.

We just want our children to get the same fantastic education they are used to in the safest environment possible. We trust the district wholeheartedly to make the best decisions for all of the students.

Access to sanitizer and hand washing would be preferable but structured in class learning and peer socializing necessary.

If there is virtual school kids will need to have Google meets for each class, similar to how they would be if they were in school. It has been extremely difficult trying to keep up with what the kids need to do and

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the kids not knowing what is needed. I work full-time and have three kids and it has been extremely difficult to manage.

I am starting to notice with not just my child but other children in the neighborhoods that they are losing the "human" interaction skills and if the children have to stay out of seeing their friends or teachers for another year this is going to be not just a home issue for the parents to reteach but also a huge issue for the teachers because they would have not just one or two children to deal with but about 25 or more.

Structure for the children

None

I think the students need to get back into a classroom setting and normalcy for their own sake.

As a teacher in another district, I wish districts will coordinate so that we have the ability to be home with our kids if they are in a virtual distance learning situation.

We think that a virtual approach would be best for our child given the current situation but understand if a hybrid approach is necessary. We understand parents needs to be at work so an option could be those children report to school and others can attend the class live virtually. This would help with limiting the number of students in the school/classroom. When speaking with my child the most important thing was being able to speak and interact with his teacher and fellow students virtually.

We think that virtual learning will work best for our kids but understand that some families may need to have their kids in school because of work situations. Could there be a hybrid approach where some students are in school and others are attending virtual and listening to the same teacher. This would help minimize the amount of students in the building and allow for students that can, to participate virtually and stay safe at home.

Just want all the staff and students to be safe and rush the kids back into the classrooms. Everyone needs to be safe.

The kids need social interaction and actual teaching. They need to be held accountable for their work (my high school student has been told multiple times it doesn't count so he fights with me daily about doing it). If online classes do happen, the need to be structured in a way that allows screen-free time. Additionally, If online school is the choice of Qtown, we may seek schooling from a private institution that offers full classes.

My husband and I both work full time out of the house, and cannot be the support my children need to online learning. My children have regressed doing online learning and it almost seems pointless for them to even do the "assignments" which are basically online reading/simple activities that barely support learning and thriving. I'm not even sure I feel comfortable with my children moving into the next grade level.

Different daily schedules for multiple children in 3 different schools will be a transportation nightmare for our family considering both parents work outside the home.

I would like to see an online option

Just follow the state guidelines and do your best there is risk everyday my child leaves the house it's part of life

My children struggle with online, they feel like they have to learn on their own. Struggle to understand some things.

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Safety is undoubtedly the number one priority/ However, the fact that many households have both parents/caregivers work outside the home has to be kept in mind when making decisions regarding transportation and parentla support.

How will the classrooms be cleaned after each class in the high school

Nothing at this time

I think they for sure need to still be able to get outside and have recess!! I just can't see that anyone would expect kids especially the younger ones to sit in one classroom all day long and never be able to leave and get some form of a break!! I'm all for the safety protocols but they just have to be realistic for our children!!

My child misses the school environment but I agree safety of everyone should Be top Priority. Everyone has been so wonderful with the virtual learning this year , I have no doubt it would Be a great experience again if necessary for the 2020/2021 school year.

Please get these children back with their peers and their teachers. This can not go on any longer!

If we are still red and it's unsafe to return to the classroom, I accept that, safety first. I just don't want my children penalized as we are working full time and cannot see to their attending meets and live sessions. We can complete worksheets with them in the evening. I'd hate to see them held responsible for anything we are teaching incorrectly, there would need to large a curve. If we are not red and parents and grandparents are expected to be back to work. If stores and dine in restaurants are open- you may need to look at it more as what are the adults bringing home to their children and not as what their children are bringing home to them.

NA

Just keeping parents in the loop as much as possible

Need virtual teaching not just homework assignments. If not in school facility need virtual classroom for lessons not just chat. The virtual would be just like teacher in their classroom.

Enough time to plan (make arrangements) for any decision made by the district

Just keeping parents in the loop as much as possible

Good luck, I just want my children safe but educated. Honestly having the "option" to do class work wasn't successful in our house. Both of my kids normally strive at school but neither put their best into online school bc they knew it was only optional.

We have an immunocompromised provider in our home.

I am very concerned about the social impact it would have on my child if school continued online in the fall.

Returning to the building too soon will put everyone at risk and could cause more deaths. Returning will cause a lot of anxieties because we are so used to keeping distant from one another. If we return and have so many safety guidelines, it will cause more anxiety. We can not fill our schools with too many chemicals that kill the virus, because that can be harmful to students, especially ones with current health issues.

I think the social interaction between students and teachers is very important and it helps children's desire to want to learn and participate. They also need recess and time to relax and play with their friends. Limiting lunch to classrooms is something I could understand but not taking away recess. Also, trying to stagger how many kids are in class in one day I could also understand. However, Wearing face masks all

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day sounds terrible and is a reason I would considering homeschooling. Frequent hand washing (not just hand sanitizer) and regular cleaning of surfaces and emphasizing not touching their faces and covering their coughs and sneezes is where I think the emphasis should be. My kids have fantastic teachers and I am sure the staff will do the best they can to educate my children whether live or virtual!

My daughter has extreme anxiety with live Google Meet/Zoom meetings. Virtual learning in these settings has been detrimental to her learning. She has consistently been in ELA honors and Math Compacted classes, but learning in an all virtual environment for her is EXTREMELY detrimental to keeping up with her school work. Both my husband and I are blessed to work full time and I have been playing her math teacher at night to help keep her caught up. It's exhausting and stressful for us all. Her teacher is willing to help, but the thought of a virtual meeting sets off my daughter's anxiety. We started her with a therapist and had 2 sessions late Feb/early March, but that stopped with COVID. There is no relief right now and just anxiety and stress for her. I understand that many parents are reluctant to send their children to school now. However, there are also children like my own that will not do well in a virtual learning environment for any length of time.

The set up now for child learning is ineffective. The children in the elementary level (mine are 1 and 2 grade right now) need more guidance that as a full time working parent cant provide everyday. If virtual school has to be an option a better system needs to be made where teachers are actually teaching not just pushing out assignments for the children that they dont understand.

Different daily schedules for multiple children in 3 different schools will be a transportation nightmare for our family considering both parents work outside the home. Safety protocols must be followed as a parent in the home is immunocompromised.

Safety is undoubtedly the number one priority/ However, please keep in mind that many households have both parents/caregivers work outside the home when making decisions regarding transportation and parental support.

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My main concern is for the health and safety of students and staff,.

I don't want my kids inhaling poison cleaning materials all day

err on the side of caution

Some people other than the teachers and other administrative personnel rely on the schools being open so that they can provide financially for their families. I do believe that if the district is prepared everything will be o.k.

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It is extremely difficult to get teenagers to complete assignments when they know it is optional and not graded.

Working from home and making sure my 3 kids are completing their work is challenging

Nothing else at this moment.

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We feel that the parents who take safety precautions seriously should be kept informed of your survey results to make an informed decision on how to move forward.

NA

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My biggest concern is the health and safety of my children. One of my kids has asthma and he already had some damage to his heart.

I dont know what "fogging" the school entails, I would be somewhat concerned as to what is being used.

Nothing at this time. I appreciate you taking the time to get parent perspective and developing and communicating various scenarios in a timely manner.

NA

Since there is no way of knowing how things will be at the start of school, an online option for schooling would be very helpful and important.

n/a

I would like to see the option to have all class work given at the beginning of the week. Kids can complete it on their terms and when able to due to parents work schedules.

My child would love to go back to school but wearing a mask all day is unhealthy and unsafe. I don't think any of the children should be forced to wear one. Make it parents choice.

If there is mandatory protocol to keep our students & teachers safe then actual enforcement of these rules is a must. Rules without consequences are not rules! As I type this several neighbors on my street (2 of them ARE teachers) during this holiday weekend are defying the lock down orders & having non social distancing parties & lining my street with their guests cars. Have you taken a stroll around Quakertown lately? It's a joke! For over a week I have seen locals in stores wearing masks under their noses & around their necks as they squeeze past each other to snatch the last roll of toilet paper available. Predictably the children of these "role models" will only be doing the same selfish things in the new school year, ignoring protocols & putting others at risk. So good luck with all this planning & decision making.

We have been looking into cyber school for a couple of years. And with all of this going on along with other reasons we have decided to take the plunge and go for it. If you are going to offer virtual I am hoping that you are able to offer options that cyber offers. Maybe adding extra stuff for your virtual kids that could be beneficial. Right now your cyber doesn't offer very much. If you were able to accomplish that I would put my daughter back into Quakertown virtually. That also might be a benefit by lowering your children in the building but still keeping them in the district. Although my daughter and I are excited about cyber, I have my hesitations because we have been in Quakertown her whole life. I cant even imagine the decisions you all have to make this year. Good luck and best wishes.

Nothing

My kids are respectful and attentive to other adults, like towards their teachers. But for me, I can barely get them to brush their teeth, let alone teach them anything academically. Please don't make me their teacher.

We need to get back to normal.

My son will be entering 9th grade next year. Freshman year is challenging as it is. What will be put into place to help these students adapt to high school when the time comes to start in-person school? (In the absence of school orientations/tours at the end of this year.)

I really feel that if at all possible, it would be ideal to have the whole curriculum online simultaneously with in person (if in person happens). Situations change and hot spots move so i think that amount of flexibility would help everyone. Especially in the case of another outbreak.

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I don't feel we should change our children learning environment. IF a there as to be in line school the teacher and kids should all be on at the same time. Instructions on assignments should be more clear. The chrome books are not easy to navigate

N/A

CDC and community spread

If possible I would like to have a virtual option for students and ensure that both AP and Dual enrollment classes are still an option in this environment.

Trade school learning

My child will be a senior and just curious if online/ virtual goes on what will happen with making sure they have credits taken care of moving forward

I'm worried for like children like my son with IEPs

We would like school to resume as normal in the Fall with safety protocols in place (with the exception of children wearing masks all day). We both work outside the home and it would be difficult to find care and help homeschooling.

With both of us parents working full time with 4 small children at home, full time, graded school in the fall would be nearly impossible to achieve to the level that my child deserves. Hygiene and other appropriate health care procedures should be implemented at the school and on the buses.

Appropriate amount of time for parents to be notified of the districts plan for the year. This way parents can plan accordingly for the upcoming school year.

Some children do well with online learner and less structure. Others need the structure that school provides. If there is an option for schools to be open but some join via virtual that might allow more distance between the kids in the class and help with the keeping space between kids. This option is at some colleges to keep physical class size down. But still allows people to attend class

It would be very hard with having 3 of my kids in school if it's decided to do AM and PM days...I hope that we could request to have them all on the same schedule to make it a little bit easier if that's the scenario that is chosen.

My child definitely needs the structure of going to classroom school daily and not telling them the work is optional cause we all know what happens when u tell 12 yr old that schoolwork is OPTIONAL!

Isolation will result in many Mental health issues for the students. They need to socialize in some way. And they need the structure of a daily schedule and a 5 day school week. HS teachers must be available for one on one time more than 2 45 minute sessions per day if we don't go back to school. I feel like the kids have given up learning with the online setting.

I am praying that schools reopen in the fall! My child is not a online learner and is in need of school opening! If school will be online in the fall I may have to consider finding another school option for him...I do not believe we will participate in Quakertown online learning. I am hopeful that you will take into consideration those of us that want school to open and accommodate us as well. Please do not just cater to those that are afraid! Thank you!

Nothing at this time.

What is meant by, or what are the expectations of this option, "child has access and parents can provide "SOME" support"? We'd need to know what "some" mean?

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I would prefer a full day over a half day. My concern is being sure that the building is sanitized between AM and PM.

Even with all of the precautions in place, kids are kids and it is impossible to keep elementary kids (in particular) following the protocols to the extent needed for social distancing. Even if kids don't get as commonly or severely infected overall, they are carriers and will perpetuate the spread. My son has health issues that could be very serious if he gets infected.

I would like to see school work give at the beginning of the week and children able to complete it at their own pace during the week. Some parents are both working full time still and it's difficult to meet on short notice. If meetings were planned for the week ahead of time, it would be easier to coordinate.

If "live" school does not start in the fall the teachers NEED to be online more with the kids!!

Nothing at this time

Virtual education DOES NOT WORK! Students need to be back in the classroom without this social distancing nonsense. PA schools are failing our children!

More interactive teaching would help the students to learn more effectively. More Zoom or Skype meetings with teacher and a group of students, if possible, would be helpful at times. Not all students are good virtual learners and miss the interaction with teachers and other students. Giving multiple worksheets and questions to follow is not enough to teach curriculum. Grades must be part of the learning process for even the most motivated student has to get feedback and grades for accountability. Extra curricular activities, while secondary to learning, are a very important part in the middle and more so, high school level and should be part of the plan if at all possible.

N/a

How will IEP children be effected by all of these? Will they be individually read through to decide whether a certain amount of hours a week in class vs a few online hours a week would be beneficial?

If staggered days is a serious option, consider the following factors. 1) Day care costs for parents may leave students at home unsupervised, space available at day cares equals higher costs of daycare and having students be just as close in contact at day care if staggered schedules is the decision. I feel the attendance policy needs to be looked at if we open schools, we don't want to give truancy notices to families that are choosing to keep their students home due to cough, fever, stomach issues etc. We would want to encourage parents to NOT allow students come in sick.

Also excused absences for employees of the district, with children or those employee who may get sick. We don't want financial issues make the decision if someone comes into work or school.

Masks should absolutely be required and provided. I also strongly agree that parents, visitors should all be banned from the building as well as no school assemblies.

My 9th grader is not motivated for online learning, he really requires the skills of a live teacher. My future kindergarten student requires an IEP and is a beyond my abilities of teaching. His preschool teacher and assistants were challenged keeping him on task, but he always wanted to join in with what other students were doing. I feel like I was not able to gain much ground preparing him for kindergarten even though I subscribed to 2 different learning apps, seesaw, and MANY workbooks.

I think you covered everything.

Teachers are doing an awesome job! Would like to see school mandatory in some way.

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My child has health conditions that put her in the high risk category and we are hoping to have safe options for her in the fall. We appreciate all the work and care that is going into the planning for this upcoming school year.

Nothing is optional

None

It is difficult to support online learning of multiple children while having both parents work. Telling adolescents school work is optional has been a nightmare. Our kids miss school, sports, activities, and their friends. Their mental health is taking a toll. Put safety precautions in place and return our students to the classroom.

If a lot of protocols are required I hope the introduction to, and enforcement of them will be done in a way that doesn't frighten or stress out the children. My son can get overwhelmed and internalizes his fears and I worry about that a lot.

Some parents both work and are considered essential and do not have the opportunity to stay home and work, it is temporarily working now, but will not be supported into the next school year. Who will be sitting with our children and doing school work and provide them the support they need???

We are stretching our luck doing what we are currently doing. I am fully aware things are constantly changing but something has to give, these kids need their structured education and support the school can provide and not to mention the socialization they are missing. I pray schools open!

I personally don't think that it's safe

Is there enough staff to reinforce any protocol that's determined? Will buses be wiped down after every drop off to and from schools? Will virtual learning be an option if parents don't feel comfortable with their kids attending "live" school? How can you ensure the safety and health of our kids and family members at home? IF a Covid case happens during a live school year will you immediately shut down the school and provide proper testing for all students and faculty? In addition to that would you supply the bus driver and all the other kids who ride that bus with proper testing? And so on and so on...

My husband and I both work full time out of the house, and cannot be the support my children need to online learning. My children have regressed doing online learning and it almost seems pointless for them to even do the "assignments" which are basically online reading/simple activities that barely support learning and thriving. I'm not even sure I feel comfortable with my children moving into the next grade level.

None

If masks are required it will bring more attention to their face. They will be touching the masks and their face causing the possibility of more germ transmission. They could also remove them and put them on a dirty surface and then place them back on their face. Not to mention wanting to try on a friends mask to see what it would look like. It's also not good for anyone to wear a mask for a long period of time. Good for adults who know better but not for kids who will just be kids.

I have concerns about my children and their writing skills. I understand the need to be able to use a computer, but neither of my kids are on a computer much outside of their schoolwork. I think it is much more important for my kids to actually know how to physically be able to write. I'm concerned about them getting the education and feedback needed to be able to even form sentences. My daughter needs an IEP in writing, in my opinion. (She currently has one in reading.) How am I supposed to go about getting her evaluated now? I've been told to let her learning support teacher know how she can help. Unfortunately, I don't know what help I need. I'm not skilled in picking up on these kinds of things. But I do

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realize, we are all in this together and we are all trying our best. I'm not trying to sound unappreciative of the teachers and aides. They have all been great. But we are definitely missing out on some much needed help.

My child will need extra math support, both adults will be at work until 330. This is hard for us all, thank you!!

Grupos de alumnos antes de entrar a clases y después de salir

It's dangerous to give credence to make-believe, non-scientific based "opinions" like you do here in this survey. The reopen now crowd needs to have some REAL science behind their position, not just statements from blowhard, bought and paid-for politicians and their corporate sponsors.

Socialization is critical for our youth. Online learning while may be utilized during higher risk periods during the year should not be the new normal.

I understand the concern for people who are at risk of this virus but this is ridiculous to hold thousands of children who are not at risk out of school. This virus has a lower death rate than the flu. The overreaction of everyone has not only been frustrating but costly to many people including the children. Send the kids back to school with some extra hand washing. My children have watched more youtube videos as "lessons" teachers aren't actually doing lesson plans and are getting off easy. Why do I pay school taxes when I am the one teaching my children??? My children found out that they weren't grading before I did. Do you understand how hard it is to keep my children motivated to continue learning when they know there are no consequences? I am currently working 12+ hours a day, when do I have time to teach? I didn't go to school to become a teacher nor do I have the time to teach, work, and take care of a household. This needs to stop!

Elementary distance learning needs to be guided and structured. Kids at this level cannot self guide and you cannot expect parents to work and teach!!!

My child is pretty self-sufficient and could do online learning but I know not every student would be good in a virtual learning environment.

School sports, especially outside sports should be allowed: baseball, track, football, soccer, lacrosse etc. that's what most of these kids look forward to. Taking away their activities with their friends is making them depressed.

I don't think we will ever know the right way to proceed. This is unprecedented times and I think we truly need to start somewhere to get back to our new normal. While every staff and teacher have done amazing to support online learning these past few weeks, some kids just don't have the attention span to do things at home. Mom and dad or whomever is their guardian are their safe space and they easily lash out at those and it creates a super stressful learning environment for some. Also for some of us that have worked full time through this can not help their children during the day or have them attend the zoom meetings they have. Working until 4pm and then trying to help 3 kids through home work, make dinner, clean house and still have them active is hard and also extremely draining for everyone involved. However I do it because I don't want my kids to be behind or struggle even more. They definitely listen to teachers better than mom for sure. While I understand safety and precautions again we have to start somewhere. Older kids I think are mature enough to handle masks but anything elementary age or younger will be almost impossible. Teachers will spend more time correcting students on how to wear them or not play with them than actually teaching. Maybe have teachers rotate classrooms and keep the kids on the same rooms to limit exposure. Pick up lunch and all eat in classrooms. You guys are doing amazing and I know you will do everything to keep our kids safe. Thank you.

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Nothing

I have been very impressed with Richland and the transition to online learning! Our teachers are the best and I know it is difficult to plan what comes next. I will have 3 kiddos in Richland next year and I would not be comfortable sending them to school in masks, getting temp checks, enforcing social distance etc. I'm not saying it is unnecessary, just that it would make learning stressful and for us it might be better for them learn at home until things get better. I would consider the staggered days and times but it may prove difficult with 4 kids on different schedules. Like everyone, we are taking this one day at a time. I will respect the decisions made by the school and wholeheartedly believe that you have the best interests of the kids and staff guiding you as you make these difficult decisions. Thank you for your dedication to our kids.

Please consider the mental health of students and the possible fears that could result from not being allowed to go to school.

Nothing at this time.

You have most of my concerns addressed. We are most concerned with class size, health/safety aspects.

Children need to interact with each other and learn in the classroom as much as parents can help we are not teachers. I hope we can find a safe efficient way to get the kids back in the schools come fall.

Kids need social interaction. This is a concern if we go virtual. Kids also need routine.

Since parents have such difference in risk tolerance, I feel there should be as many options as feasible. I much prefer in person education for my children and am willing to take that risk. Others would not take advantage of that option. I hope some amount of in person education is available - since I believe it is such a better education. The same with sports and activities. I think it should be offered - even the choirs. Some parents will decline to participate. I would allow my children to join a team. It's so important...

N/a

Thank you!

Wear masks if need be - social distance - and get back to real school

My child is a middle schooler that lives close to school so transportation does not apply. And partial days are manageable. I'm more concerned with her success in learning. This is much more attainable with face to face instruction. Or at least a blend of on-site and online. Complete Online learning is not the most ideal situation for our family. My kids need more structure.

I think it is important to get learning under control. I would like kids to go to school, but if not online school has to be organized better unlike now. I feel like 30 min isn't enough learning. The classes should be at regular times like normal school days were. It should be a couple hours daily not 20 min. I am unhappy about the learning that is going on during these times.

I think 3 or 4 day school would lessen virus exposure

I believe plans must be flexible and nimble so that the district and students can adjust quickly as situations change. For example if students start out physically going to school and virus cases rise the plans need to be flexible enough to quickly change to online learning and be as effective. Child care is not a concern for me because my children are HS age but for younger children who have parents that work outside of the home, child care must be considered as well. This is not an easy situation but I appreciate the thoughtful approach the District is taking.

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This was a hard survey to take. Thinking of all the options and repercussions was difficult. Thank you for requesting parent feedback.

That all safety protocols will be adhered to

I understand with all that is going on, but these kids need to go back to a normal life as much as possible!!

N/A

N/a

Communication between teachers and parents in a timely manner regarding students progress or lack there of. As a essential healthcare provider on the front lines of this pandemic, I depend on updates from teachers regarding my son's participation in virtual/on line learning. Thank you!

God bless you all!

-If online school continues, please make it a requirement, not optional.
-It should also be considered, the possibility of students carrying the virus to siblings, parents, grandparents at home. This is the bigger issue for society as a whole.

Wearing masks and social distancing is not the answer and we can't live this way. Taking precautions like extra hand washing is good but we can't keep isolating ourselves and living in fear! If my kid is required to wear a mask all day I'm not sending them to school.

There is no good answer. While I have no problems doing online school, doing PT, OT and speech online isn't as beneficial as being with the teacher. I want my kids back in school but honestly don't feel it's safe to return in the fall. How will my kids bond with a new teacher they haven't met in person?! It would be nice if kids could keep their current teacher for the following year if possible. If school is in the building how will we treat fevers and symptoms? If every time a child has a fever will they need to be quarantined for 14 days?! Attendance and missed days should not count against the student. Elementary students can't social distance. They need recess. They need to run around and exercise. The fall time is when we may see higher numbers due to cooler temperatures. As much as I want to send my kids back I just don't see how we can do that safely

We've homeschooled my child previously and I also homeschool a sibling. We've also done cyber schooling one year and it wasn't our favorite way to learn. Unfortunately this experience has not been very good - but we understand it's what needed to be done for the remainder of the year. However I will not be doing the distance learning if it is to continue in the fall.

In addition, other factors have also influenced my decision. Several kids in our neighborhood have not been social distancing at all and I don't foresee them taking those safety measures seriously while in school. I could be wrong but I'd prefer my child homeschooled.

Education is very important but the kids safety is the most important.

I really would like my child to attend in school activities. School must be mandatory if it is on line and support and grading must be fair . All in all if we open and children can attend school it would be the best case scenario for all. These kids need to interact with each other socially and not via phone or computer. I know for a fact my daughter has gotten really lazy in her school work and hasn't done anything since it was not made mandatory. I am very angry with that.

Virtual learning takes away so much life experience that I would prefer this as a last resort my children are in high school they need there interaction with each other they will only stay away from friends for so

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long then it will be useless to keep them out of school cause they will find a job and be out anyway. I really am not worried about sending them back It is time to get back to normal or as close to normal as we can.

I understand the importance of our kids getting back to school but at the same time I am a little nervous with them going back. I have one child with an Auto immune disorder already and I'd be very nervous for him catching something from someone else and not being able to fight it off.

Out of the box thinking is welcome. Staggered days seems most feasible

Common sense hygiene and sanitation procedures should be in place. Schools need to open if safe to do so, but no masks required for kids. Masks should be optional. Kids need as much normalcy as possible, while still being safe. Sports need to continue as normal, with common sense procedures in place. School should not feel like a prison when they go back. Parents should have enough common sense to keep their kids home when sick, especially during this time.

Alot of parents and people have alot of opinions both negative n positive. Im a parent that supports any decisions you all make! I wont want to be in your shoes but i fully trust the outcome of whatever you enforce! Great Job and Keep Your heads up! We will get thru this together!!

NA

nothing at this time

I would like school to resume with precautions of wearing masks (if needed) and temperature check and sanitize station.

What will students do if they're supposed to go to tech school and everything is online?

N/A

Nothing

I feel strongly that both of my children thrive in an in person school environment and online virtual learning is not ideal. Also, as we are both working parents typically outside of the home we are not able to "police" our children to get their work done. While in the current situation they are not being graded if they were to receive grades for virtual work I would be very concerned. Also, the current environment is mainly just posting assignments and there is no live instruction. Live instruction is essential to learning for both of my children. Also, socialization is very important to development and obviously that is lacking in the virtual environment. I know there are no easy decisions but we can't hide in our homes forever so we look forward to the kids being able to return to school and interact with one another and participate in various activities that are offered.

Just wondering the Tech School program will work? Thanks for all that you do! We appreciate you!

I'm very concerned with Math if we stay online.

My child will not return to school if ridiculous safety measures are implemented such as reduced classroom size social distancing mask-wearing eating lunch in the classroom half-days or reduced hours Etc this virus has a 98% survival rate and less than half of one percent of our entire State has had it. this is ridiculous

Online schooling is not working very well for our family. I have one child with an IEP and the other with reading delays. It is very difficult for me to teach my children. I had to take a personal leave from work in order to help support my children. If we have virtual online learning, live sessions with teachers would be beneficial. If the students go back to school on certain days or times, it would be beneficial for siblings to

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have the same schedule. I am concerned about the bus situation. My kids had 3 to a seat in their bus this year. I already thought that was too tight before COVID. I would want kids to have their own seat but know that may not be possible. Thank you for your time!

N/A

The kids need the opportunity to return to as normal an environment as safely possible. This includes after school activities even if that means no spectators.

If neidig is open then bussing would not be an issue for us. Before care for elementary schools is going to be an issue as well since they start so late. Our children usually went to their grandparents house but in order to not expose them we would have to figure out another option.

Flexibility in changing schedules

I thinks it's very important to ask the kids what their learning preference might be. Every child is different. In our home we have found that one does just fine in a virtual environment (high school) but our 4th grader has had a hard time, and she has always been a very diligent student. Parent input and opinion is certainly important, but not necessarily what that child might prefer. I understand that might be difficult to gauge especially for the younger children but it is worth exploring in my opinion.

n/a

With proper instructions and safety put into place, I feel that the children should be learning in school atmosphere. The children need to be among their peers and have that face to face learning from teachers. My child thrives on the interaction from her teachers .

I answered the questions by what I feel about right now,today. Virus statistics may change so thus my answers may change. Need to do this questionnaire closed to when school starts

My child has anxiety and is extremely uncomfortable with online instruction. Not sure she can do it. My preference is and I support back to normal. Hoping that happens. The risk is extremely low to this age group. There are dangers everywhere but we can't live in a bubble. I thank you for this survey and the continued hard work of the administration and teachers during such a difficult time.

Kids need life to be some sort of normal again!

Nothing

If we need to do virtual learning in the fall, i feel the students and teacher should be online at the same time with live teaching going on.

School can't be optional next year. Disastrous for my sophomore daughter. There must be grading. There must be accountability. I thing a 3 in school/2 remote, 2/3 following week schedule may be needed. Trust you folks to do what is best but grading has to be required and can't be optional.

Since there is no way of knowing how things will be at the start of school, an online option for schooling would be very helpful and important.

I wouldn't mind if there was half day school and my children only went for half the day. However, I have 2 children at QE and would like them to both attend at the same time whether it be AM or PM. That will just help with getting them there each day. I'm curious if buses will be provided each way for both AM and PM or will it be like have day Kindergarten, and the parents would be responsible for providing transportation one way?

You are doing the best you can however make it mandatory for online learning if you need to do that!!!!

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Kiddos need to be back in school!!

I just really hope school opens again in the fall. Both my husband and I work full time, and can not devote nearly enough time in helping our son with his work. He had a lot of extra support in school. He is meeting with his support teachers online, and they are AMAZING! But that's only 30 minutes a day about....not the 5-6 hours he would get in live school. He was already behind, and now will be further behind. I really worry about his future academically.

I am hoping that decisions will be made relatively early so I can arrange my child care accordingly. I am a single mom and this situation is difficult. Thank you!

NA

If you don't provide bussing to school, I don't know how our children will get there everyday. That would be too difficult to figure out rides for my children everyday.

Both of my children have IEP's- I work a very high stress job from home and am unable to assist my children in any learning. I have tried to pull away from work to help them- but my job has been impacted by that and our family cannot financially risk me losing my job. Both my children were already behind in their own ways due to their IEPs and regressed SO much due to online learning. I cannot imagine how much more they will academically suffer if they are required to do even more online learning next year.

My son will be going into 9th grade. I would like him to physically go to the votech (assuming safety protocols are in place even if I need to transport him). I would prefer and he would prefer to do his Qcsd high school Classes online however I do not feel his online classes have been rigorous enough for him so far. Part of it is that it doesn't take him very long to complete the work and the other piece is I don't see any grades so I don't know how he is doing. If you keep your current online format, I will look into cyber school programs. My daughter is going into 7th grade. She has asthma and struggles with anxiety. She has handled everything really well so far however she feels safe at home and we are following the quarantine protocols. She wants to do school online and I am concerned about her anxiety if she returns physically to school. She will be distracted by her anxiety. This year, before the coronavirus, she felt sick at school from her anxiety on a regular basis. We had to increase her meds. With that being said, I think going physically to school forces her to learn to cope with her anxiety rather than hide from it. I also feel she gets a better education physically in your building where she has teachers pushing her to get over her anxiety and pushing her to work hard. Since there has been no grades so far for online learning I don't know how she is doing but if she does online school in the fall, I expect that I will need to work with her to ensure she is striving to do well on her assignments and not just rushing through it to complete it. I will also have to work with her on scheduling her assignments. She feels everything needs to be completed right away because she is worried she will forget about it. She does not yet understand you can't always complete a whole project in one day. I don't know yet what my job will look like in the fall so I don't know yet if my work schedule will be flexible. Thank you for asking the parents for input. I know this is a huge undertaking for the district and teachers to adapt our educational system to function during this pandemic. Your hard work is appreciated

It is hard to keep kids focused when school work is optional

N/A

Do whatever it takes to open schools please

Kids need to be kids while safety is and should be a priority, school is not school if they have to wear a mask, no recess, no lunch like normal etc. that makes things more anxiety ridden and as a mother who suffers from anxiety, I will not make my child experience that. If it comes down to it she will be here at

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home and we will enroll in cyber school if it comes to that. I'd rather her be comfortable, and able to go outside for "recess" and not have to have school be a stressor. In addition, school helps with social skills and without being able to interact with peers in a normal fashion is not helpful. I'm not naive and I know things won't be "normal" for a long time but we also can't make our kids continue to suffer.

Thank you all for everything you are all doing for the kids and families. I work full time and am lucky to be able to work from home, though that makes it harder for me to work with him continuously during the day. He also has a hard time focusing while doing virtual classes. I have been able to work with him on the seesaw assignments in the evening.

Would rather be safe than sorry.

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I want to stress that I will not be sending my children to the brick and mortar school if a mask is required nor if a Covid-19 vaccination is required.

If my child is not in school than her mother or i need to make sure she is taken care of. We both work. Myself being self employed have it a little bit easier than my wife, when it comes to schedule flexibility. Yet, if I miss that much work, I won't be getting the jobs I do now. So, this whole virus I feel puts every parent out there in a catch 22. We all want what's best for our children but, we all have to make money to live and provide for our children and ourselves. If virtual learning is the route chosen, it would have to be flexible as far as the time of day. On the other hand, that is not fair to the teachers, faculty, and staff. They also have lives outside of school. In all reality, I don't think anyone can make a well enough educated decision at this time. Not the school board, the governor, or the president. Some parents will just off and send their child to school and some won't. I don't feel any child that is not attending should see any kind of reprimanding for it. If I don't agree with what the school has in place, my daughter will not attend.

Thank you
Tom Watson

N/a

N/A

I am okay with virtual learning as long as it is a requirement! I understand the need to close schools and was 100% okay with that but when I learned that class was optional I couldn't believe it and it has really put some kids in a place where they wouldn't be if school was mandatory.

I can not think of anything else at this point. Everything is so unknown I do not want to predict what else will be needed or not needed.

More face to face direct instruction

I think the most critical aspect to sending the kids back to school is the safety protocols being followed, whatever they will be, and having a backup plan in place in case we have to go back to a cyber environment for a while. There has to be a way to keep the learning going and not be optional where no grades are recorded. It is very difficult to keep the motivation level up and a "normal" schedule followed when trying to do work online.

I feel whatever the school decides will be within the best interest of our children.

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If our children go to school and are treated like caged animals by not being allowed out of the classroom and having plexiglass around their desks all while wearing a mask we will be cyber schooling our children in the fall.

Meeting my child's IEP goals

My daughter is young she is a kindergartener. My husband and I have essential jobs and we must report to work. This virtual learning is extremely challenging even some times Non Existent. We work 9-5 and by the time we can do school work, my daughter is exhausted and it is a fight to try and "teach" her. The stress of thinking about next school year is unbearable at times, what if they make school a virtual thing, how will my daughter learn, where will my daughter go, who will teach her! These are questions that we are continuously stressing about. Currently we ask ourselves will our daughter move forward from kindergarten to first grade. While I can see that some of the older kids maybe okay with virtual learning, I feel with the younger kids this is very hard and sometimes I wonder how much learning they are really getting from it. Our children do not learn in our homes when it comes to their education, this learning happens in a classroom! So when this decision is being made please think of the households where both parents are essential and we don't have family right around the corner to jump in and help us out through this, or we don't have a neighbor that could help take care of our child. We have to find childcare and in these times that is not an easy thing to come by!! I work in the Healthcare field and Covid is real, and with the proper precautions we can exist. Please don't think for one second that I don't want the safety and health of my child and the teachers to comes first, because I do!! It's just my daughter deserves both safety and health as well as a well rounded education!!

I'm not ready and not comfortable at all for my children to return to school in the fall. I think it's too soon. Even if the school is taking extra measures to prevent the virus from spreading, how do we know for sure that it's not going to get worse? We've gotten this far and took preventive measures to stop the spread by closing the school early and so, we should continue virtual schooling until there is a vaccine for this virus.

My son has a n IEP, and has been working hard with my wife daily to stay on task and focus is very hard for him. And unfortunately he is unable to pull his grades up with all his hard work and dedication. Very disappointed about that.

I think grading on a curve with an IEP is important as schooling from home is far harder and I don't think my son gets the same results, but we all are doing the best we can. And I also feel you are doing a great job as well due to the situation. But there are things to consider.

Thanks again Matt Piracci

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I don't understand the push to send kids back to school under the strict safety guidelines that are outlined by the CDC. They are unrealistic and will do more harm mentally, especially for the grade school kids to have to adhere to. Has anyone considered what constant sanitizing of hands and surfaces leads too? Superbugs.

There's no right answer and I'm so scared about the health risks. But our kids need at least SOME in-person time with other kids. And play time/recess is honestly just as important as STEM learning, we see that now that kids are deprived of it. I hope outdoor recess will continue. My daughter is bright and loves school, and currently with the virtual environment she hates it, avoids it, is depressed, emotional, and angry. It's heartbreaking.

N/a

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Thank you for your hard work.

Learning is so much more than reading writing and math. School is a community and social emotional part is so very important.

I believe that children can attend school. I did not feel the virtual education this spring was effective. My children need to be in school.

Wearing a mask for hours on end is detrimental to your health and children should not be subjected to that and it will interfere with their ability to learn and behave normally not to mention the possibility of becoming hypoxic and/or passing out. Please also look into and consider that being too clean does not allow our children to be exposed to germs they normally would be which allows their immune systems to become stronger. Physical well being is not the only thing to be considering. Mental and emotional health are just as important and if not kept healthy it can lower your immune system which puts you at risk for becoming sick.

We just want to ensure that our two children will be safe when returning to school. That is our top priority.

The learning of this virus is on going... who will you believe? You are asking us our thoughts and #1 concerns, what are yours? Are mine aligned with yours? This has had a tremendous effect on the younger children (maybe all), what is being done to make sure they are "okay" mentally? I want my children to learn but as a parent I want the perfect world - safe learning at the same level whether they are in school or not. I feel they have missed out on a few months of high level learning.

We need sports! And to get the kids safely back to normal!

CDC protocols are recommended for schools to reopen. Will QCSD comply with ALL of the protocols? If so, one of the current guidelines recommends students to stay in one class all day..."Identifying Small Groups and Keeping Them Together (Cohorting)." How can this be implemented with students at the MS level or at the elementary level when they switch for classes in the intermediate grades? Will departmentalizing stop at the elementary level? How can TRUE social distancing occur or even be enforced at common places such as bathrooms, lockers, cubbies, etc.?

Nothing

Will continue to follow updates with district and will communicate any issues going forth. This is a difficult time.

N/a

Just how it would work for a single parent..child in 10th grade one in 1st..I work in healthcare ...older son has been watching younger. It would be extremely hard for both to attend online schooling at the same time. Neither one would be able to learn and get the things done that need to be done. My soon to be 1st grade has missed a lot of education that is needed to do well and move on on reading. I try and do work with him, but teachers know how to do this and may know a different way to teach the same thing that a child understands. As for the older son, its not fair that he would have to watch his brother while i provide for my family and also attend school online. The distraction would definitely hurt his future. Thank you for listening.

Keeping school going but making it 100%safe while doing this

Isolation will result in many Mental health issues for the students. They need to socialize in some way. And they need the structure of a daily schedule and a 5 day school week. HS teachers must be available for one on one time more than 2 45 minute sessions per day if we don't go back to school. I feel like the kids have given up learning with the online setting.

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More learning class time on google meet

N/a

I prefer them getting back to school where they can interact with there teachers and friends. At home they can get more distracted since I have more then one child and can't watch over them the whole time.

Requiring masks/social distancing is not safe or healthy (mentally, emotionally, physically) for anyone especially children.

single parents who have to work ..won't be home to help with school. Older Child having to watch younger child so parent can work. Neither child will be able to learn or attend at certain expected times.

None

Reasonable amount of assignments a week and sufficient work/life balance considered. Taking into account the stress of the current situation and it's impact on the overall health and well-being of the students and their families.

Communication and consistency are important during these times. It is also helpful when specialists have consistent office hours instead of changing them on a weekly basis. We have significant concerns about how IEPs and 504 will be planned and progress monitored so students can make adequate yearly progress. With the current set-up we feel that there are gaps that have not been dealt with according to SDI and other progress monitoring and that is an issue going forward, especially if virtual learning is in place. If school cannot go live, it would be helpful if weekly schedules were consistent so that students and parents would know by grade level what time they were live meetings, and office hours. We are also concerned as parents of a rising third grader, how feedback and grades would be communicated instead of just posts in SeeSaw. Having consistent platforms for instruction to be given on helps students and parents navigate the work more easily as well as be more productive.

I'm concerned as a grandparent raising a teenager about exposure and bringing that exposure home. Also, he is VERY wary about going out at all at this point and worries about exposing us here at home. He may have a hard time trying to come back too soon. And it could be traumatic for him to be put in that situation - he is a rule follower for the most part and it would be hard for him to go against school rules that he might find go against how he feels about his personal stance on exposure to the virus.

My child is definitely missing the social interaction and building relationships with his friends. Kids NEED school. "Live" school!

For a virtual program...Providing direct instruction on a daily basis for each core class would be critical for student learning. This would have to be Paired with very explicit and easy to find assignments and homework on canvas or seesaw. For the end of this year online assignments were not all in the same exact location. As well, parents need an easy way to know if their child submitted work and then to find the grade of that work to know how the student is doing.

It is very important to remember that through this process, for o line learning, the school district should continue to do everything that they can do, with using innovative ideas to provide services virtually, to provide a FAPE to all children.

If school does resume in person the school district should do everything they can to follow ALL public health and CDC guidelines for the safety of our children, teachers and staff, including reduction of students and layout for busses, reduction of students per class, strict social distancing Standards, masks, classroom and school cleanings, availability of Antibacterial stations and/or handwashing, etc.

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As a teacher in another district, I wish districts will coordinate so that we have the ability to be home with our kids if they are in a virtual distance learning situation.

my child does not do well in virtual learning setting, but i feel that really is safest option until a vaccine is in place for all who attend public school and society as a whole.

If fall sports occur, allow kids to drive to games (and not take the bus).

As a nurse I know we need to encourage to not gather in groups

Asking our children to come back to school (where most were happy and felt safe) under the extreme CDC guidelines would have negative effects. I will not send my children if having to wear masks and social distancing are required. Kids are social creatures and should have the opportunities like recess, lunch and gym classes. They are already idle for too long at their desks.

N/a

Flexibility is key if virtual learning happens in the fall. I work outside the home and get home late. Due dates for assignments must be flexible to allow focus on the weekends.

I think that the children should also have more access to their counselors because of stress factors and other related issues they may have experienced during these last few months. Their mental health is very important along with their education.

I strongly believe children need structure and consistency. With all the uncertainty as to whether or not school will be virtual or live I personally feel more inclined to homeschool my children next year. Moving to and from live and virtual scenarios upsets the routine for all involved and causes a curve in the child/ren's academic standing. Therefore I would prefer making a decision early on and know that I was able to maintain a streamlined learning environment for my children for the year 2020-21.

I feel it best to not endanger students for attendance protocol and for teachers to be less rigid with grading and offer sliding scale grades.

This is unfortunate, but I am very uncomfortable sending my children to school. These are such uncertain times. I am not willing to take the risks. I am hoping there is an online option with flexibility for when my children can log on to get the school work completed. Maybe it can be by a certain dead line? And Maybe even scheduled frequent virtual conferences with the teachers to make sure we the parents are doing everything accurately? I appreciate your concerns. Thank you for your time.

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If there are altered schedules, will siblings be on same schedule.

We need sports! And to get the kids safely back to normal!

If students would be on an alternate day or half day schedule, it would be important to have siblings in the same grade on the same schedule.

We really want our daughters to have the best possible education experience. Their learning is our highest priority. We want them to have a wonderful, connected learning community. I think this is possible in an online setting, if necessary. However, there would need to be an emphasis on community and we would need to feel that real learning was occurring.

Na

N/A

Nothing at this time

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N/A

Please don't make the kids complete specials online (art, music, gym etc). Also, If school will be in person, please don't open if transport won't be provided.

My child will be a senior and I'm concerned about traditional Sr activities, as well as extra curriculums like band, guard, chorus

How soon will we know the plan so we as parents can plan

None

Thank you for trying to do what is best for our children. These are challenging times without guideposts. We are blessed to have such dedicated educators and administrators.

Virtual education DOES NOT WORK! Students need to be back in the classroom without this social distancing nonsense. PA schools are failing our children!

If the district does not have a solid plan for online learning, we will be pulling our kids out for the year a participating in PA Cyber School. We do not feel it will be possible to maintain a safe and nurturing environment for students with in-person instruction. We want to see a plan for online learning well before August so we can make an informed decision on whether we will keep our children in the district or pull them for PA Cyber School. Ideally, we'd like to know within the next few weeks. We would like to see an online learning program where a good portion involves live instruction and connection with the teacher(s). As parents that do not have a teaching background, we can only do so much to motivate and instruct our children. I need a teacher to actually teach my children, not just have them figure it out through games on a website or app. I need my children to get excited about learning and have daily connection and interaction with their teacher. I really wish my children's teachers were doing more to have small group online meetings for math and reading especially. I would also like to know if we would be provided with books, workbooks and other learning support materials if we are in a virtual environment.

Bullying on the bus was a major stress distraction for my students last year. I don't expect your lack of action to change for 20-21.

I think there needs to be some ways to engage kids over the summer to pilot the ideas suggested. Having safety protocols on paper are much different than implementing them in person. Going to virtual learning overnight was jarring for kids/educators/families in March, and resuming in person in August after 5 1/2 months away will be another difficult transition for all. My preference would be to continue educational activities throughout the summer gradually working toward re-entry. Bring in cohorts of kids to see what works best and ease the district back toward normalcy.

The foremost priority is to use all measures available to guarantee students', faculty and community's health and safety. Since during the initial prolonged exposure to virtual learning participation was optional, there will be another transition period of adjusting to graded remote learning as QCSD modality in the fall. Whether "live" or virtual modality is implemented, the second main goal should be the consistency of knowledge among the same-grade students in reference to previous school years, despite the drastic changes caused by pandemic.

Small class sizes would need to be enacted. Other environmental considerations such as HVAC system need mitigation. School should consider beginning in the summer and have classes outside weather permitting as to limit the regression that is occurring with learning. Half days and focus on core curriculum (reading, math, science). Attendance by neighborhood/families to potentially limit exposure.

Nothing

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If my elementary child is required to wear a mask, that is a deal breaker.
Also, if volunteers are not allowed, that may also be a deal breaker. I understand the need to limit exposure, but it seems silly since most of the volunteers are parents...

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Better communication with elect teacher .main teacher was great

Child's mental health if online with little socializing

Actually I think this time of me helping [REDACTED] was the best thing that could happen for [REDACTED] learning. He often doesn't listen in class. I don't give him that option as only a parent can. I also believe he gets bored with school work and we have struggled through it. I appreciate all that the tech department and teachers have done to make it better. With everyone working together it became almost fun.

We are very concerned about the health and safety of our children, but while also giving them a comfortable school environment. I do not feel wearing masks, social distancing, and other protocols that would be absolutely necessary to open schools create a safe and welcoming environment for learning. It will be more like a prison. I strongly believe my children will not attend in school classes next year and hope that QCSD offers some form of virtual schooling so that I would not have to remove them from the district to go to a cyber school.

I think some 1 on 1 sessions will be important if we are virtual in the big inning of the year for the students and their teachers to get to know each other and establish their roles and relationship.

The flu kills more people each year and school was never closed for that. We can not create herd immunity by being scared and stuck at home. This is a government over reach, scare tactic to gain control of people and completely political. The numbers of cases are completely incorrect and now combined with immunity antibody testing, not to mention most numbers come from nursing homes. Pharmacudical is run by government and this is all about money.

You cant sell a "cure" with out selling "fear" first!!

The pharmaceutical companies dont make "cures" they make "customers"!!!!

In case QCSD opens in virtual mode in the fall of 2020, it would be helpful to allow high school students to make adjustments to their class schedule to choose subjects that lend themselves better to distant learning.

If school does not start in person and following traditional formatting, our student will be attending PA Cyber. The chaos that will ensue is not worth the impact to education.

Thank you for doing what you are doing, regardless of the outcome.

We are very concerned about the transmission of Covid, due to multiple adults in the house with auto-immune diseases.

I trust your judgment

My biggest concern when school starts again in the fall if it is going to be virtual is that it will be very hard to balance with work/other responsibilities. It is difficult as it is right now. I'm doing my best to get as much school work done with both of my kids as I can but we frequently can't get it all done and miss google meets. Both of my school age children are at the age where they need a lot of assistance with online learning, besides help with the actual assignments they also need help just navigating the computers.

Kids seem to enjoy live meetups and discussions. More of those please.

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I think it would make learning easier for my child if classes/ lessons were structured, that each class "met" at the same time everyday or at least every other day via Zoom or Google Meet, etc., so that she gets into the pattern of logging in and "doing school" at the same time everyday.

I'm not sure, this is a learning process for all and everything is changing everyday. Just want to make sure the best, healthiest, and safest options are made for all involved, but backup/alternate options are also readily available and supported for everyone should they choose to go a different route. Thank you for all you continue to do!

The safety of my children is always my priority, but their education is as well. I believe the QCSD can find a balance where our kids can still receive the quality education we expect from our district and be safe as well. We have to keep in mind many of our kids come home to family members who may be more vulnerable to infections, this is not just about the people in the school building or on the buses.

Nothing at this time. Thank you for the survey.

The CDC recommendations for returning to school are ridiculous. Children don't need to be and shouldn't be wearing masks nor should they be exposed to excessive chemicals day in and day out due to over sanitizing. We won't be doing the "new normal." Our children should not be living in fear. I have no desire to send my children into that kind of environment from 830am to 430pm, 5 days a week.

N/a

Unsure

As I mentioned above, I truly hope that a Live school option is safe and appropriate for the fall. My children miss attending school. They miss activities (I'm not very confident that these will be available) I fully support reducing class sizes and staggering school times/days to minimize the amount of people in a building at one time. If Live school is not an option, I worry, as virtual learning is not for everyone. My kids have done ok so far and would probably do ok next year if they're motivated by interesting content, but it can be a struggle to stay focused and motivated. They don't have a schedule that they adhere to anymore. I have also been concerned with their mental well-being, since they haven't had interaction with their peers, and they've missed events, sports and activities that they love. I have also found it difficult to hold them accountable for their work because I cannot see what they have to do or have done online. I think this is more of an issue because there is no grading currently, so hopefully I would be able to see assignments easier in the fall. Thank you for working so hard to figure this out!

Kids wearing face shields

I think the only way for us to ensure accurate safety for the children as well as teachers would be to have a virtual online school year.

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Will the attendance policy be changed this year?

I just want the kids and staff to be safe but I don't see how making kids wear a mask all day is going to work. I don't see my 7 year old wearing one all day. I'm worried about how he will be affected going back to school seeing and dealing with all these new changes.

My children will remain unsupervised during the day and I cannot oversee that online school work does get completed. I work fulltime and when I come home from work I am not going to want to spend all evening with all 3 of them making sure all of they're work was completed. I am 100% against virtual learning. It's just not possible for a single mom of 3 to balance.

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If possible, I think it would be hugely beneficial to at least be in physical school once per week.

I support part-time in school with smaller class settings combined with virtual schooling

Meeting my child's IEP goals

Virtual classrooms are not the answer. Stoking fear is just another excuse for taking more of our precious freedoms away. If we go virtual classrooms I may as well have my child attend an experienced online home school program.

Classes were already too crowded in all levels. Teachers aren't able to adequately teach the students. I pulled my high schooler out of school & enrolled her in an online program. I am contemplating the same with my elementary level student.

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As working parents I am unable to come home and do homework with my child. I work 10+ hours, single mom and attend college. I don't have time to do homework that my child has. I have to work to keep a roof over our head.

I just want to know that my child would be safe and is learning what she needs to learn. If you do online learning that teachers will hold classes and not just post things for the kids to do. They need teachers instruction to learn and not just parents.

Just want to say thank you for everything thing that you are all doing behind the scene to plan for a successful 2020/2021 school year for my daughter and all the QCSD kids!

Schools across our area need to be on the same page. You must communicate with neighboring counties and all work together. This should not be a Bucks County decision. Superintendents should be meeting outside of their county.

Parents work throughout different counties and need to support children no matter what model you choose. Therefore, the model needs to consistent throughout the whole region.

We answered this from the perspective of a family with both parents being "essential" workers who can't work from home. We have the ability to help educate at home both only in the form of follow-up and minimal institutional support. Our middle school aged children currently have and will have to responsibility of helping supervise their elementary and pre-school aged siblings if school remains virtual. In a virtual setting, we need to have flexibility in time of educational instruction but need to also see communication that is much more frequent, concise and done with consistent method from educator to educator so that we can support their learning efficiently. We also believe that elementary and middle school need a different approach. We believe every effort should be made to get all elementary students into the classroom daily as they do not have core skills needed to function in a cyber setting. After missing 30% of a year of classroom learning, it is hard for us to see growth in our current 3rd grader, so while he will be a 4th grader next year, the lost foundational learning time for our younger students needs to be addressed. A staggered couple day a week approach for middle schoolers combined with a cyber approach would be more appropriate.

None

Work/child care is a huge problem.

Very concerned about virtual school not working out

Parent Survey Comments

If an AM/PM or alternating day schedule is offered would you be able to ask families what time/days work best for them?

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Make online learning/attendance a requirement with or without grades. So upset this was not enacted. Makes kids lazy, non motivated, uneducated when you give them the choice.

One of my biggest concerns are masks for the children. Our children even though we try to teach them not to touch their face, they still do. If we require them to wear masks my fear is they will be touching their face constantly.

My child needs her teachers live in order to learn lessons taught. She's a hands on learner. Also we both work so we're not home to monitor her schooling. She's needs to be in the classroom, not virtually.

The stress of change for these kids will be very challenging. Structure of online learning will be very difficult. Test for antibodies? Test who has had it?

My concern is cold and flu season... don't start the kids live in fall and turn their worlds upside down if their is a possibility in October early November for it to go virtual again

The mental health of children and parents should be a big factor in decision making for the upcoming year. Options for both in person and online learning would be Ideal, that way families can choose what works best for them.

Nothing

Will students / staff be tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to school.

I think that the kids should be able to say goodbye to their teachers from this year.

Maybe see if it is possible for area daycares to support virtual/distance learning for students whose parents have to work out of the home and it is not possible to have the child at home during the day.

I'm concerned that my child will have emotional scarring from isolation. But also want her to be safe and healthy

Social distancing in classrooms

I'm just really concerned that the information being taught will not be learned without in person instruction. My teenage children only seem to be practicing things that they already know and glossing over the new information.

kids don't understand and are stressed with everything and the way it all happened. I feel if there's a way to help them learn how to deal with it all in a very positive way.

If school is virtual next year I will most likely pull my child from Quakertown school district and enroll her in an actual cyber school because the way this year has planned out has made me extremely weary of your ability to educate my child appropriately and successfully. So make your decision ASAP so parents can start the enrolling process in another school.

Please send the message that grades DO matter next year! And make assignments meaningful - not just time fillers. I 100% support a return to school.

How you would handle it if children decide to not follow wearing masks or not follow new protocols during school/bus rides?

Thank you

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continued updates and info

You are all doing a fantastic job!!!!

I AM A SINGLE MOM OF 3 DIFFERENT GRADE LEVEL CHILDREN - VIRTUAL SCHOOL HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR MYSELF AS I WORK FULL TIME AND THERE IS NOT A VERY GOOD STRUCTURE TO SEE WHAT WORK THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AND WHAT IS ACTUALLY FINISHED.

Nothing to add, thank you.

If learning is online I will be working outside of the house and cannot support my student's learning during the day.

I want kids back in school learning

A rush back to live classes in the fall could be devastating for a potentially (likely) second wave for Covid19

I work outside of the home Monday through Friday. My son doesn't have a school computer.

A confident structured plan with consistent communication to parents.

N/A

If the students are not in the classroom, I would appreciate some paper packets of schoolwork. Either mailed or able to be printed for the students. I have two young elementary students that don't always like working on the iPad. They are capable of the lessons but aren't interested in the work. Maybe some different mediums would help?

We need our teachers and our kids do too...live interaction and teaching.

N/a

The stress of change for these kids will be very challenging. Structure of online learning will be very difficult. Test for antibodies? Test who has had it?

What about Tech School Students? A lot of the work is hands on??? Will they have to drop Tech and take other classes?

The one thing is to say the school is going to have protocols and procedures, the other things is to actually continually carry them out.

I trust that decisions will be made with a balance of providing the best education possible for my child in the safest environment possible. I will support the district's decisions and appreciate the opportunities to provide feedback. I ask that we continue to stay informed throughout the planning process.

I want my child to come back to a normal school, but also understand that there might be a new normal. I also think as a young child asking them to wear masks all day might be difficult.

Get em back to school. These kids need school, sports, extracurricular activities, etc. Bad habits are developing by staying at home for so long.

This is not going away anytime soon .

I do not want online schooling and I think its absolutely ridiculous that the children were told this years academics were optional before parents even knew.

Please don't endanger their safety.

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This will be my child's senior year. I want to know she will have the best available education and support services in place to ensure that she is ready for college

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I don't think we will ever know the right way to proceed. This is unprecedented times and I think we truly need to start somewhere to get back to our new normal. While every staff and teacher have done amazing to support online learning these past few weeks, some kids just don't have the attention span to do things at home. Mom and dad or whomever is their guardian are their safe space and they easily lash out at those and it creates a super stressful learning environment for some. Also for some of us that have worked full time through this can not help their children during the day or have them attend the zoom meetings they have. Working until 4pm and then trying to help 3 kids through home work, make dinner, clean house and still have them active is hard and also extremely draining for everyone involved. However I do it because I don't want my kids to be behind or struggle even more. They definitely listen to teachers better than mom for sure. While I understand safety and precautions again we have to start somewhere. Older kids I think are mature enough to handle masks but anything elementary age or younger will be almost impossible. Teachers will spend more time correcting students on how to wear them or not play with them then actually teaching. Maybe have teachers rotate classrooms and keep the kids on the same rooms to limit exposure. Pick up lunch and all eat in classrooms. You guys are doing amazing and I know you will do everything to keep our kids safe. Thank you.

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I think if we are virtual again there needs to be live time with the teacher in small groups and 1 on 1. Im not a teacher and she isnt getting as much as she needs to continue to grow. In my opinion. Im hoping they can return to the classroom safely and without masks.

Quakertown school district has done a phenomenal job with online learning! Both of my kids have not missed a beat with the online learning! I truly feel the CDC requirements to re- open school would be impossible to follow. We don't have the space in buildings to keep students that far apart. I would rather we continue online learning in the fall. It has already been set up and established and will ensure everyone's safety. You mentioned you keep hearing people say "we need to have kids return to school" but at what cost to their safety and the staff? Once it has entered the school it will spread like wild fire just as it has done in the nursing homes! I truly hope we will continue online learning in the fall! Thank you for the survey.

If you do online school , it should be mandatory .

If wearing masks than no PE. Too limited on breathing with masks. Focus on the musts haves. Like math, science and english. Let the extra go.

I know that the school will do everything they need to do in order for our kids to be safe and to learn as much as they can.

I have concerns with continuing online school in the fall. My son will be in second grade and typically likes school and has done well this year. I will say he does not like online learning and it is very difficult to keep him focused. He does get most of the work done but I am fearful that it is going to ruin how he thinks about school going forward, because right now at 7 years old he does not like it. I am also concerned

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because my daughter will be starting Kindergarten in the fall. I again am fearful on how online learning will affect her. A big part of "live" school is structure and socialization which are two things my kids need. Thank you.

We feel social connection via live small classroom activity is very important as well.

Some kids have trouble with on-line learning.

I want to thank everyone at Quakertown School District for moving into an online platform as quickly as possible. I appreciate the fact that there was some time given to the teachers in order to navigate this online platform before rolling it out. I believe it has gone as smoothly as it could considering these are times that no one could have fathomed and been prepared for. Excellent work!

I am all for whatever the district decides. As a teacher, I understand that there are SO many variables that will need to be considered. It's not as easy as some may think and I appreciate the district looking at all options.

With that, my biggest concern for my daughter is her mental health. I am well aware that this is not forever and I make sure to tell that to my child, but I worry about how this will take a toll on her mental health. The lack of socializing at such a pivotal time is concerning to me. I'm not sure what the answer is (or if there is one), but that's one thing that I hope there is a solution to. Again, thank you so much for all the time and effort going into making this decision.

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N/A

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How you will enforce mandatory safety guidelines such as mask wearing

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The virtual end of the year was unacceptable. While many districts switched to REQUIRED attendance and work completion, QCSD did not. This was a failure to the district and our children. Attendance should

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be required. Work completion should be required and graded with thoughtful feedback. Academic expectations for the week should be communicated early Monday morning for all classes (NOT day by day). Working in cyber education for over 10 years, this IS doable. Please reach out if I can support.
Susan Detwiler [REDACTED]

I feel that it is necessary to get our children back into a "normal" learning environment. I don't feel that virtual schooling is successful, even if it is "required". My daughter found it to be a joke and did nothing. I think they need the structure, physical interaction with teachers, social interaction and a sense of normalcy. I do not, however, want my children going to school wearing masks. I will not send them if that is required. That is one of the major factors for me. I will find an alternative to that. My son will be attending Kindergarden and needs the interaction as well as the learning experience. I am just not good with it. My daughter will be a senior and I would really like her to experience a true senior year, with all of the activities and interactions with her friends that she may not see again, even if she isn't aware of it. They need this structure and so do we (as their parents).

I wish you all the best of luck. You are in such a hard spot - no matter what you choose to do, you will disappoint and even anger many parents. But I believe you are trying to do the best for the most students, and that's all us parents should ask of you.

Difficult decision. Balance of children experiencing childhood among the risks that have always existed (flu, etc) and protecting against a very real and known risk. I'm afraid the state may need to shut down again over summer for increased out break but , if not the summer, mid fall. Shutting school down again mid year could have a devastating effect on Their learning and emotional state

Offering evening online options. When I return to work in the office I can't assist with schoolwork during the day. I don't believe wearing a mask for younger elementary school is possible.

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Maybe an option to set up large tents outside for instruction for some class to lessen crowds inside. This would really only work for fall/spring. Maybe add portable classrooms??

Tech school learning, access to teacher and support for hands on learners who don't learn well on computers

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Than You

Staggering times of arrival and dismissal sounds messy, especially with parent work schedules and students sport/work schedules. Staggering days make much more sense if that's the route you determine, in my opinion.

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If virtual or online school is definitely what will happen in the fall, it would be great if the schedule for the day would match as if my child were in school. Have classes online at the same time each day for each subject with teachers teaching instead of just having the kids do the work during the week and not having a structured time. Email and Canvas communication is great, but it would be wonderful to actually see my child learning in a virtual classroom online with the other kids from his class.

nothing

None

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Safety

It is simply not feasible nor rational to believe that all of our children can thrive in a virtual environment for learning. From what I have seen in talking to parents across three different elementary schools, the assignments, workload and participation levels are vastly different. My 2nd grade child does not get core assignments every day (2x per week, and social studies is already over for the year with science now 2x per week). The official assignments have taken her 5-10 minutes each. As 2 full time working parents, we have had to supplement all of her learning with our own content on a daily basis.. And we have 2 other children in addition. If school is not open (but is permitted by the government to be open, and is a choice by our district to close) we will be forced to remove the kids from public school and find alternate education. It simply is not working and puts an incredible amount of strain on the family. If that is the case, we will take it up with the board or as high as we need to, because as taxpayers we do believe that we already invest in education through our taxes. If I have to pay for private education or a private home school teacher, that is something we are not budgeted for as a family.

Additionally, please make sure you dig very deep into the participation numbers for our district and compare to the surrounding school districts. As other districts around us are mandatory (for example, Council rock, Wissahickon), we have gleaned from those parents that the participation levels of students is very high. In our district we have seen the exact opposite (25% in some of our 8th graders classes, 20% at elementary levels). That has a domino effect on all of our children, as in the following years the spectrum of progress at each grade level widens significantly. Those of us who took on all the burden of teaching and working with our kids on what was assigned (and for my husband and I supplementing because we simply are not satisfied with short changing this year as the district has done, different than others around us), have struggled to try to keep them on track, but when they enter back into the classroom with kids who didn't participate, or were not given the proper amount of the curriculum, it creates a further divide.

Safety of all participants in the school system is first priority.

I think socializing is an important factor for the well being of our kids. I do believe in online learning education but will always support live school attendance 100%. Our kids need friends, play time, social interaction to develop a healthy mind and of this is taken from them, i think we will see a great impact in our kids mental health.

None

Unsure at this time

Our family is able to handle virtual schooling as it has been provided so far. I would be concerned if the amount of work increases going into the 2020/21 school year. We utilize transportation but are concerned about the safety of students and drivers.

The children need to be with their peers.

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My concern is the Safety of all students and faculty. It has proven that large crowds can spread this virus quickly. My child is in special needs with a syndrome and he gets sick a lot anyway. He is going into third grade and life skills but he does not understand the full capacity of this virus. He touches everything, he puts his hands in his mouth and other items. He is allergic to hand sanitizer, I know he will not wear a mask and pull it off because it will be uncomfortable to wear all day. He does not understand social distancing. I am very afraid he will get sick and if someone gets the virus he will get it. His immune system is not the best as is. I am not sure what I will do if the schools open up. He may have to do online

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but I really love the Quakertown School District and I don't want to change him because he does have special needs and I believe the Quakertown School District is fantastic (even on line). The teachers have done a great job teaching in a virtual setting. At this time I am not comfortable sending him to school with the numbers rising. It scares me so much.

Being a single mom and working FT it had been very difficult to keep up with learning. My daycare also doubled with kids not being in school so that has been a hardship financially.

N/a

A structured learning environment and graded assignments are necessary for my child to learn. . I'm able to provide some support but it is limited. Counseling and extra help are also very important. Online learning should be live to help with h engagement. A mix of live / recorded sessions is acceptable.

Thank you for the survey!

I feel it is imperative that children get back to education in their school for their own social and emotional well being. Even if it is only half day, they need some sense of interaction and normalcy. Regression in academics during this time is also a concern to me. I will be able to support my children with whatever scenario occurs.

How Tech school will work as well.

Na

Our child shared that he would appreciate daily interactions with his teachers: announcements, music lessons, discussions, content delivery via screencast and google meet.

He also shared that he liked screencasts of his teachers explaining the content better than Khan Academy.

The district need to be prepared to support their students and families in different ways either way. If we have on line learning, some parent my not have the option to work from home or have a support system to watch their children and help with school. If the idea of half days or alternating days in school, that could also create issues for parents that work. If you limit the number of volunteers, be prepared to hire more support staff (at competitive rates) and to help our teachers. Class size has always been a huge concern for me even before this pandemic. Smaller class sizes are better for students in the learning process, but I'm sure you are aware of the research on that topic. Unfortunately, the district made the choice to sell some of its buildings and students were squeezed in these schools and now we have a major problem with figuring out how to keep students healthy. I am very thankful that my children are not in middle school at this time, because that would change my views entirely. If this virus is still an issue by the time my oldest gets to Strayer, then I will be looking at what is best for my children as far as sending them or finding alternative education with smaller student body numbers.

Also, I'm not sure what you mean by "fogging". I hope the school things about all health issues when looking to clean our schools and the fumes that it creates. I am fine with frequent hand cleaning and sanitizing, but also worry about the supplies needed to support that. Are parents required to provide more classroom wipe and sanitizer? Will we even be able to find it in stores if we have to provide it? What about the time away from education and learning to get all students to go to the bathroom to wash hands even if teachers stagger students to complete this task. With possibly no volunteers for teachers or "classroom moms" on top of that.

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I am sure none of this will help you in making a decision or planning because how could you possibly put yourself in the shoes of every parent in the district and make accommodations for all, but these are just a few thought/concerns in my mind. If students learn from home and I am still able to work from home or if I have to return to work and students return to schools under new health rules and guidelines, things will still be difficult in that transition and could result in added hardships to families. Thanks for listening to my TED Talk.

Good luck- this is so difficult and you can't please and protect everyone and sorry this is happening!

I think it's important to get the kids back to a normal day as soon as possible. If/when the virus comes back in late fall and early winter we can reevaluate things then. But if we go to a virtual learning for the winter months, it's important to get the kids back into school as quickly as possible again.

I 100% trust our school district to take all necessary requirements for my children's education, health and safety. I have 3 children that will enter next year (1 graduated 2020) and I appreciate all communication and will do whatever the district suggests for the 2020/2021 school year. If I feel that my children's education or safety is jeopardized, I know that I can reach out to the district or administration to express my concerns.

in the smaller classes not have desks face each other. the only restriction for recess should be minimal social distancing. figuring out how and more often bringing the class room outside and learn.

I feel that the decision made for "Optional" learning for the remainder of this school year was not the right decision. Every other school district in the area made it mandatory and all the students that I talked to in other school districts had quite a bit of work that counted. I feel that QCS D made the decision for the benefit of some, but not most. In the beginning of this, teachers were providing learning, but as time went on, both of my students had teachers who said that many were not doing the work, so "what was the point", and the work fell off soon thereafter. Furthermore, there should have been a REQUIREMENT for work. Whether it was pass or fail grading or letter grading, I would not argue, but the fact that grading stopped the moment the kids left school, unless they were remediating or turning in late work, is just not acceptable.

It seems that the country is looking in good shape to be beyond the green phase by August. Please, please do not have virtual classes again this fall. This has proven to not be an effective way of learning. Our kids need to get back to school. They need to get back to socializing. They need not be in fear. Are we fearful of the flu, no. Please don't make them wear masks when and if they return. I would highly and strongly recommend forming a team of medical professionals to weigh in on the necessity or efficacy of wearing a mask. But medical professionals who have worked in and through this crisis. Much of what I have heard, read, or have seen indicates that face masks do not prevent the spread. We need medical professionals to be a part of your decision-making team. After all, aren't they on the front lines of this virus?!

Should Quakertown open in a very restrictive manner or do online learning this fall, I most likely will be looking into Dock to send my kids. I want them getting an excellent education, in-person, not virtually.

It is vitally important that given a split schedule all my children operate on the same schedule. It would be impossible to provide safe childcare to my 7 year olds if they were home at times that were separate from my older 2.

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I understand that you have to do what is recommended but if the kids have to fear going to school because of all these new "rules" then I think it's pointless to send them. However, my kids do not do well with the online learning, they need the structure of a physical classroom.

Of all the ways we need to stay safe, our kids going back to school should be the one with which we should be most cautious. Online should be used as the priority, but it MUST be mandatory.

Would rather be safe than sorry.

I think we need to get back in classroom with safety protocols.

I think every student's situation will be different. I think the students should be required to attend classes either virtually but hopefully at the school building.

School must be mandatory. Not like what you've done this spring.

If my elementary child is required to wear a mask, that is a deal breaker. Also, if volunteers are not allowed, that may also be a deal breaker. I understand the need to limit exposure, but it seems silly since most of the volunteers are parents...

My son has an IEP and an autoimmune disorder so he is high risk. I work from home full time and it makes it very difficult to manage my work schedule with his home schooling during the day as it is very scattered and there is no consistency with the different subjects. He had 11 teachers giving him work to do. He needs someone to walk him through the task. I don't have the time to sort through the work because we used seesaw which I personally think is not a great online tool. I would like the district to utilize safe online and scattered school days having students attend real school 1 or 2 days a week to limit exposure and keep everyone safe. Thank you.

My major concern is the Safety of All children and staff. With my son in middle school that is a large amount of people under one roof. An 8th grader following all these guidelines does not seem feasible. I don't think they completely understand the impact of this virus. They see their friends and want to talk and socialize with them. We don't know who everyone has been in contact with and if they are practicing the masks and social distancing at home or elsewhere. I can't see these kids wearing masks all day and keeping six feet apart. I worry that if one person gets it then it will spread like wildfire through the school. The hallways, the changing of the classes, the traffic in the hallways is a scary thought. The bus my son is on is very crowded. I am afraid for him to bring anything home because I have a special needs son. On the flip side, my son has not done as well in virtual learning but I believe it is because he has not taken it as serious because it was optional. If they start out the year knowing it is MANDATORY then he would be more motivated. With the numbers rising is terrifies me for the schools to open.

If we need to do virtual learning in the fall, i feel the students and teacher should be online at the same time with live teaching going on.

While we are struggling like every other family out there, I am in the immunocompromised category. We would fully support half day/alternate day classes. We are onboard with social distancing on school busses and would be able to drive our children if necessary. We would 100% support mask wearing and would supply hand sanitizer to our kids and others if necessary. Online learning has been a struggle for our kids.....just because they miss their friends and it is a completely different experience for them. However, if online learning is what is deemed necessary for the 2020-2021 school year, we would make it work. This may seem excessive to some, but when taking a medicine to suppress your immune system, you cannot be to cautious about exposure to this virus.

Thank you so much for this survey and for your diligence in planning through all of the uncertainties.

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This epidemic is taking a huge toll on these kids. They are not in their normal routine. I want to see them get the best education they can and be able to socialize with their friends even if it is just virtually.

If learning is virtual, please make it required.

Thank you for working on these plans in advance even if they could change.

No masks-

My daughter needs learning support!! Crucial.

Na

QCSD needs to be stronger for borderline kids (the ones who are needing extra help). Now more than ever, serious thought should be put into how they won't be slipping even further down the cracks.

I won't send my 6 year old to school if he is required to wear a mask. This will prompt me to choose cyber charter school, which I literally would never otherwise choose. I would rather he attend school and be able to socialize.

Thank You!

Chemicals are toxic to our children !!! you need to find a healthy alternative way for disinfectant or my children won't be able to attend live school which saddens me deeply 💔 please go a more natural route for disinfectant then the toxic chemicals. Vinegar is just as effective and non toxic

N/a

Though harder to implement, because it is twice the effort, I feel a hybrid system would be best. Live for those who want it. Virtual option for those not comfortable. Shouldn't punish those who want to go back to school for the fear of a few, but don't want to diminish one's fears. In person teaching is much more effective, but as a different concept, I have had classes in the past where the students were in the classroom, but the teacher was virtual real time. This was for a specialty college class I took where the teacher taught at different universities at the same time.

Please use fact based information sources, CDC, medical journal white papers for decision making.

N/A

This virus will spread like wild fire if proper precautions are not put in place

Virtual learning for my daughter who is in life skills and has severe learning disabilities is impossible. None of her IEP goals are being met. I understand these accommodations for the general school population of typical learners, but my daughter doesn't fit that category. She already has a small class size and they are self-contained. Regardless of what decisions are made for the other students lifeskills should be able to meet in the physical classroom in the fall!

The safety of all students

My son is a very good student. He has a rigorous 11th grade year planned. I am concerned about being prepared for AP exams and the validity of these exams for college acceptance. My son participated on online classes over the past few months and has commented how it's hard to learn some of the more difficult concepts from home. It seems like there wasn't enough "classroom" teacher/student engagement as it was more assignments and learning on his own. I know this was a sudden change for the school, but vast improvements will need to be made so our children's education does not suffer.

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Thank you for looking at all sides of these issues and planning multiple scenarios and taking time to make a thoughtful decision.

Thank you for all your hard work and making these tough decisions in the best interest of our children and our community.

I think we have to truly look at all the information that is out there and make a decision that all stakeholders are comfortable with. I believe there is a lot of information to digest and some miss-information out there on both sides of this pandemic. Ultimately the state will give us guidelines that we will have to adjust to and follow.

It doesn't seem practical that elementary students will wear masks, but staff members should.

My main concern is that I work in healthcare so will have difficulty with childcare

Open to all protocols for the school year. Hopeful kids will not be required to wear mask, I feel this will be very difficult on the kids and teachers. Thank you for everything.

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Dr. Harner and School Board,

Based on the data, healthy people are far less likely to be affected by COVID-19.

An education is mandatory.

Therefore, our children should be back to school. If an older person is uncomfortable with the work conditions that person should remove themselves from the situation.

And let me say, every Teacher should be a Role Model - Anything less should be unacceptable.

Since you are our chosen Leader, Lead our children to be healthy and educated.

For example, if you and the District are going to supply food to our children, provide quality options and remove sugary and processed options. This will have an ever lasting affect on our children.

Another example, if you and the District are going to supply instruction, provide quality - mandate dietary and physical education year 'round, not as an option/elective. This will have an ever lasting affect on our children

In my opinion, [REDACTED] efforts were half-ass, at best.

I get that it was optional, but those Teachers who committed by providing proper Instruction should be rewarded by keeping their jobs.

Conversely, those Teachers who phoned it in should be held accountable and be replaced by a Teacher who is up for the challenge of being a Role Model.

I don't care about Contracts, you have lawyers for that.

We pay you, and you work for us.

Make the change and thin the herd. There are a lot of recent graduates hungry and eager to be a Role Model.

Additionally, I'm very disappointed in your decision of Optional Learning.

When the tough decisions were to be made, you crumbled.

You didn't lead.

You weren't a Role Model to our children. We had to cover for your decisions as they all asked why Quakertown is optional and neighboring Districts are mandatory.

You should be held accountable and lose your job while being replaced by someone who's capable of leading and being a Role Model to our children.

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Respectfully,
Steve

I can easily teach my child at home. I do not see the need to rush back to school and rush the risk of transmission. Plus, the increase to the budget that we will incur to prevent the spread of the virus will be outrageous. I would like to see resources used that don't cost money such as counselors checking in with at risk kids, helping needy students and keeping them safe....but keeping all students safe...instead of risking all students in a class of 27 which my son would be in this year.

Reducing class size is very important to me. It has been said that there will be one fewer 3rd grade class next year. Please reconsider this action.

Please follow the medical and scientific guidelines. Do not make decisions based on politics and/or people becoming "tired" of social distancing. A vaccine will be developed. Take some deep breaths. Thank you for all your hard work!

Small groups of students, not exceeding recommended 8 or 10 per class

I have 2 children in 2 different grades and I do not have enough hours in the day to work a full time job and home school both of them. To Google meets for 20 minutes a week is not enough to teach our students.

I feel the kids needs to get back to school but only if safe. My daughter seems to do better with classroom learning vs virtual.

You all are doing a great job under these challenging circumstances.

Educational support from teachers

Structure for the children

Our family understands that additional safety measures may (and probably should) need to take place next year. We are all eager to "get back to normal" but not at the expense of the health of our community. We are concerned with our children being taught they cannot interact with each other (giving high fives, playing tag, etc.) and wearing masks so as to not be able to read facial cues or hear each other properly. All of these things are so important for early childhood development and we worry that these measures may be more detrimental and make "live" education the lesser option than virtual education should the climate still require these measures. Thank you for all your work on this!

N/A

My one child who loved school and was an avid learner has turned into someone who doesn't like to do her schoolwork, because this is not her platform for learning. While I understand safety is always a concern, normalcy and a child's need to learn in person has to be addressed as well.

I am all for re-opening school in a live environment. I don't think the children should be required to wear face masks all day but should wash hands/sanitize frequently. Social distancing is very hard on the kids they need interaction with each other. If class sizes need to be smaller to get kids back live then go for it you have my vote.

Thank you

This is a great opportunity for Quakertown and schools in general to rethink instruction. Children all learn in different ways. Choices will work well for students. I am excited for those possibilities. I will not send my child to school if her safety is at risk. However I realize how nearly impossible it will be for anyone to get her to keep her mask on and wear it safely(not constantly adjusting/touching). If this is a requirement or if

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things are too socially isolated within a school, I will be considering other options. I truly hope that those options are available to me through the district but I am also exploring other options as well. She has been thriving with this model. She has had opportunities/time/flexibility to do other things with family and at home that really extends the learning in a classroom. Sometimes those outside things are as important if not more applicable to life than what is done in the classroom. I am well aware that getting some kids back to the classroom is absolutely what is best for them but there are others that will do very well with options! The only suggestion I would give is to eliminate a lot of the communication from every single person virtually(gather it and disseminate it from one person). Also keeping it simple. We did best the first few weeks when she was reading a novel and discussing/answer questions on it and doing Zearn. Adding live instruction to that would have been so beneficial! I am excited at the possibilities!!

If there will be a virtual/online learning , the required presence to attend meetings online will be a problem . Students prefer to stay up during the night and sleep mostly all morning . This is one of my biggest concern.

Make the environment safe but get the kids back to learning and sports. The current online environment isn't working but I know it can be more structured if it has to be online. I hope sports can start back up soon because my son needs that too.

I think we all want our kids to get back to school, but in addition to the risk of Covid, there is also a risk to their mental health. If they go back to school with the necessary precautions, will they be able to learn in the same way that they have in the past? Will the fear of spreading the virus and the lack of socializing in areas like the cafeteria have more of a negative impact on their learning and overall well being than simply staying home? Thank you for taking the time to consider all options. This is definitely a difficult time.

minimize transmission risk for all

I think the survey covered all concerns.

I will be very hard -- if not impossible -- to regulate how students interact outside the classroom. (hallways, bathrooms, etc). Have you seen how many people "wear a mask" in the stores but do it wrong? (not covering their nose, down around their neck not covering face at all) I suggest you offer on-line to those very concerned about transmission (health reasons in family) and some sort of rotating schedule for those that want to come in.

Also, perhaps, a way for one-on-few social distanced teacher time for at home learners. Perhaps just a few in a classroom at a time to get help on difficult assignments.

None

Having an only child i truly believe school is necessary for not only learning but interaction with other children their age is very important in human growth.

None at this time

Thank you for putting the time and effort into making the best possible decisions for our community during this unprecedented time. As a public school educator I want nothing more than to be back in the classroom. I feel that synchronous learning is imperative to the success of our children. I am hopeful that schools will reopen in the fall, but understanding that it may not be feasible. My children have access to online learning and I am willing to provide assistance to them, but because of their ages and the complexity of the courses they are enrolled in I am unfortunately not much help to them. It is therefore my opinion that if necessity dictates that school is virtual in the fall learning should be synchronous. My children are also missing the connections between their teachers and classmates. I believe that

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synchronous learning will help them maintain these connections. Thank you again for dealing with these tough decisions!

If we can not get back to school in the fall you absolutely need to make online learn mandatory telling high school students it is not mandatory is horrible idea

Parking lots to be monitored so the students have masks if they talk to each other .

There is no good answer. While I have no problems doing online school, doing PT, OT and speech online isn't as beneficial as being with the teacher. I want my kids back in school but honestly don't feel it's safe to return in the fall. How will my kids bond with a new teacher they haven't met in person?! It would be nice if kids could keep their current teacher for the following year if possible. If school is in the building how will we treat fevers and symptoms? If every time a child has a fever will they need to be quarantined for 14 days?! Attendance and missed days should not count against the student. Elementary students can't social distance. They need recess. They need to run around and exercise. The fall time is when we may see higher numbers due to cooler temperatures. As much as I want to send my kids back I just don't see how we can do that safely

Please consider working parents. I may not be able to provide the same level of support for online learning in the fall depending on my and my wife's work schedules. Similarly, my children would have to be on the same schedule (if staggered schedules or AM/PM options are utilized) to make any reasonable childcare plans. Finally, I feel the district did well this spring adapting to the situation, and specifically the teachers in QCSD did a wonderful job!

None

I think kids need to feel safe, and parents need to do their part. If your child is sick.. keep them home. Think of others. Be more aware of the people you are with. Kids need socialization, we can all agree. Being active and with each other, does not need to be scary, they as individuals need to be responsible for their actions and know what is the right thing to do. I know a decision will be made, and precautions will be in place. I can only hope that the individual student takes the precautions so that the schools are not shut down again. Knowing the consequences BEFORE they happen... that might be key.

The teachers have done a phenomenal job adapting to this new environment. I work and have two other small children so have done my best to stay current with activities, but for younger kids much of the burden is on the parents. If we continue with virtual learning, I would ask that more work be given so the students can do it independently, and that tech issues are minimized. Sometimes my biggest struggle was figuring out how to access a link! Links should be tested ahead of time and be easy to access for everyone, requiring little to no troubleshooting by the parent.

Very hesitant to send the kids back. I don't feel this virus is going away any time soon

Please please have teachers virtually teach their students. Watching videos and no structured teaching is not teaching.!

My child can't learn in a strictly virtual environment! If there is no teacher physically around to prompt him to do work than it does not get done! He flat out lied about working on a project to both me and his case worker and wound up giving an oral presentation through a video chat to get credit for it! If the district goes to completely virtual learning in the Fall my son will suffer and even though you guys are trying your hardest to follow his IEP online if we can't get him to actually open up his Chromebook than it is useless!

New studies have shown the virus does not live on surfaces and has shown the risk of the virus is not very high. The school has to take necessary safety precautions however, kids need to be kids and need an academic learning environment where they have social interactions, field trips, recess, gym class, etc.

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Washing hands a few times a day would be beneficial. Let's remember mental health is just as critical- we need to open in the Fall and make the learning environment close to what it was before. Children should not wear a mask. Thank you for hearing our thoughts and concerns. I do not fear this virus- I fear the mental ramifications for kids being forced to social distance for an extended amount of time. People need people!

If we cannot return to school in the same manner in which we ended in March we should NOT return to a building setting. Too many children and families will not participate and there is little ability to enforce ALL of the requirements that will be asked of staff and students. If we cannot return to normal in the fall we should continue with virtual learning until such a time that we can return to normal.

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School should open with no limitations.

Please know that we sincerely appreciate everything you are doing in this crazy time. None of us were trained to handle this and we are super grateful for ALL of your efforts to take care of our kids, yourselves and us. God Bless.

I think kids need to socialize to be able to learn. If we can keep lower amounts of kids in buildings and rotate that would be beneficial. A hybrid school approach in which virtual classes are dominant but live school also exists. They don't even have to go into the building every week. Have smaller groups. Maybe divided by neighborhoods and let them take turns. At least for older kids. The physical distancing from their friends is what has affected my kids the most. I do not believe we can maintain a high learning environment when kids are emotionally struggling. My kids are great students. But I don't just want great students I want HAPPY well rounded individuals.

For my middle schoolers having them be accountable for their work is stressed in our home. While we certainly care about their schooling the constant barrage of emails to the parents have largely been unread during this last marking period. Just being honest. We fully support the teachers and administration for being so quickly adaptable to uncharted territory and applaud each of you. Thank you for all of your dedication and commitment to the success of our kids.

Is there a possibility to combine live and virtual learning? If that is an option, I feel there is a better chance parents would keep their children home is there is an illness or to stagger the about of children in the classroom at the same time. If ill students can still attend their class virtually, some risk will be reduced. A zoom camera in each classroom is another cost, but may be worth it.

Na

I understand the importance of planning well in advance, but I am concerned that this is really a moving target currently trending towards less dangerous to anyone who is not elderly. I believe that negative impacts social and emotionally that or students are feeling may be more dangerous to their health than the novel coronavirus and the covid 19 illness. I feel it is prudent to plan for a return with distancing measures in place but maintain a willingness to quickly move toward normal if the data provides for that.

My son has an IEP and I do not feel he is really gaining any ground or retaining any information from doing online learning as we are doing right now. If this ends up being the way we move forward I fear he will loose everything he has gained in the last couple of years. I would really like to see face to face learning happen in the fall or as soon as it is feasible.

I prefer regular return to school full day. My child needs this structure and with both parents needing to work outside the house it will be very hard for us to provide. Socialization (with my child's age group) is a key to my child's health and mental stability.

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Current online instruction is not adequate

I realize you are trying to appease all - but have we ever done this for the flu? This is insane to be that you are even considering any of these options. Just open up, for crying out loud. None of this is necessary.

I am a parent of twin elementary school boys and I have a health condition that puts me at higher risk of bad complications from COVID-19. I'm worried about them bringing it home to me and then something bad happening to me as I'm their primary caregiver. It's a difficult situation for me as a parent because I want my kids to have some normalcy back but I'm also not wanting to be hospitalized or worse because they unknowingly brought this home to me.

I don't see how it's possible to keep them safe

although I work outside the home and would need care if I'm required to go back to the office physically, I'm sure that I could make arrangements. My biggest concern is the students physically being in the school. I like the idea of rotating the days that the kids are in the school combined with online learning. I also would like a better understanding of exactly what is expected of our student in the online learning environment, ie. requirements to fulfill all extras (gym, spanish, library, digital literacy, etc.). Other than that, I think all of you have done a phenomenal job in these very trying times and I appreciate the hard work and dedication that you all put into our kids. Thank you so much.

Thank you

in elementary school, live lessons daily very important. In highschool, live lesson every other day is very important. There will be more connection with students.

Nothing

Nothing else at the moment

N/a

Children need to get out and live but in a smart way. Not healthy to be non-social for too long

Being that next year will be my child's Junior Year and an extremely important year for colleges I need a structured day and attendance required to keep him on track.

You guys are doing a fabulous job! But if school is online in the fall please make sure it is mandatory and have virtual live classes with the teacher teaching while the students follow. Or have the teacher teach the lesson that the student has to access at some time during that day this will give parents some wiggle room if they work but also make the students responsible for their work. Definitely do not take away outside time for the kids, even older students if possible. I think social distancing outside is a great way for them to stay safe while being active, getting fresh air and also be kids!!

Please do not

Open school. We support online learning

Although I am highly concerned about Covid-19 and the risk of transmission (and also concerned about possible flare-up of Covid in the Fall) I am also torn because my son has special needs and he needs direct support from a teacher who has specialized training. He does not learn in the same way as other children. The on-line lessons are not really benefitting him and he is rapidly losing the skills he's worked so hard to learn over the years. In our case, it's not an easy choice to have to make.

For working parents, like us, having a schedule that we can follow for both of our kids in Pfaff is going to be very important. If we have to find childcare on different days for each child would be very difficult. Our

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biggest concern is making sure our children do not fall behind and we are able to keep our jobs. It's going to be tough for everyone and balancing work and school has already been difficult, we want to get back to full time school as soon as possible while balancing the health of the entire community

My children are both high risk for serious complication of Covid-19. How will you help them?

Kids seem to enjoy live meetups and discussions. More of those please.

My number one concern is making sure we do not spread the virus.

Kids that do stupid things like coughing or sneezing on another student intentionally should be permanently expelled and criminally charged.

I have nothing additional to add, other than i do not think it is realistic to expect students of any age to wear masks for a prolonged period of time. In fact, i can only envision perhaps wearing masks on the bus ride and waking the halls. In class and at lunch, i do not think this is realistic. It is my hope that students can return to school in the fall, even if it is for half days or staggered start and finish times.

Please don't make the kids complete specials online (art, music, gym etc). Also, If school will be in person, please don't open if transport won't be provided.

My daughter has chosen to not participate in the optional learning so the schooling must be mandatory if online. I would prefer that they return to school if possible because social interaction is so important. My daughter suffers from depression and anxiety and having her stay away from friends and family is devastating. She also loves the animal tech program and was excelling in school because of it. I'm not worried about transmission of the virus because I am a nurse and work in the hospital caring for COVID positive patients so the risk would be the other way around. We will most likely get another surge in the fall and a vaccination is unfortunately farther in the future. I would support students wearing a mask but unfortunately the kids probably won't understand that they can't keep touching the mask and pulling it down and I'm sure they won't wash their hands enough so this is of course very concerning.

I don't see how it's possible to keep them safe

If school is virtual again in the fall, then direct instruction will be essential.

I need my child to be held responsible for attendance and work completed. And online school must be consistent throughout all teachers for her to be productive and successful.

Kiddos need to be back in school!!

I believe that children can attend school. I did not feel the virtual education this spring was effective. My children need to be in school.

Our family is in the belief things need to get back to normal not a new normal either. I understand some different protocols will take place. Kids need to be back with their friends in a learning environment, but my children will not attend if a mask is required it. I think it's most important to think about the kids and having things back to the way they were for them

I really hope that school opens normally. I believe that the fear mongering needs to stop about this virus and we need to get back to normal. It's important to stress hand washing and sanitizing and cleaning of the schools and buses more frequently and children not attending school if ill. That's it. This is a virus. IT doesn't kill most children. Look at the statistics. Sadly, it killed mostly elderly in nursing homes. Yes, some people passed away that were healthy and younger. People die every day. WE do not live our life in fear. Be smart and wash your hands and clean the buildings and bathrooms better. Let's get our kids back to normalcy.

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I would recommend not to start school till 2021.

Quite concerned about potential neurological problems comorbid in children with covid. Need more studies and information.

Would hate to see a generation of developing children set back by hasty financially driven decisions.

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To a Mouse
BY ROBERT BURNS

On Turning her up in her Nest, with the Plough,
November 1785.

Wee, sleeket, cowran, tim'rous beastie,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi' bickerin brattle!
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry Man's dominion
Has broken Nature's social union,
An' justifies that ill opinion,
Which makes thee startle,
At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,
An' fellow-mortal!

I doubt na, whyles, but thou may thieve;
What then? poor beastie, thou maun live!
A daimen-icker in a thrave
'S a sma' request:
I'll get a blessin wi' the lave,
An' never miss 't!

Thy wee-bit housie, too, in ruin!
It's silly wa's the win's are strewin!
An' naething, now, to big a new ane,
O' foggage green!
An' bleak December's winds ensuin,
Baith snell an' keen!

Thou saw the fields laid bare an' waste,
An' weary Winter comin fast,
An' cozie here, beneath the blast,
Thou thought to dwell,
Till crash! the cruel coulter past
Out thro' thy cell.

That wee-bit heap o' leaves an' stibble
Has cost thee monie a weary nibble!
Now thou's turn'd out, for a' thy trouble,
But house or hald,
To thole the Winter's sleety dribble,

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But Mousie, thou art no thy-lane,
In proving foresight may be vain:
The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!

Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!
The present only toucheth thee:
But Och! I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An' forward tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!

I think if the kids can't be actual kids and interact and have a normal school experience, and will be forced to wear masks and stay away from each other, virtual school is a much better option.

Please open the schools this year

I think it is important that Seniors and other High School grades are able to have as normal of a schedule as possible due to work, sports or other activities in or out of school. Praying that athletes, musicians and other extracurricular activities will resume.

I only have a suggestion that if there should be a protocol in place that if someone does test positive; staff or student; that the school will not just shut down for weeks on end. The teachers (who are AMAZING and showing such great flexibility) should be able to have a plan in place if for a few days their curriculum be put online and that way learning just doesn't stop because of a positive case. There has to be some sort of system in place to allow the students to get the most out of the school year. I think this plan should be discussed w/ parents over the summer months so that everyone is aware and able to have their own plans in place for such situation. The more prepared the parents can be, the more supportive they can be to the students. Thank you and I think you all have done a really great job considering the wacky circumstances.

Nothing

If we move to more online learning, we need a better app that is used by all teachers and used by them in a consistent manner.

none

Safety and quality education and the top priorities

My only concern is the safety of the children and the safety of my family. I have two young children and I would be concerned about my student bringing the virus home. I believe that the district has done a wonderful job thus far and I am confident that the right decision will be made. As a parent I am torn and will support virtual learning as well as in classroom instruction.

I am completely comfortable with my child going back to school under normal circumstances and protocols, just as in the past prior to COVID19.

Na

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Online learning for kindergarten was extremely difficult in that my daughter was not familiar with technology. It took 2X longer than she would have been in actual class and it took away from my job. We had to share a computer to get her work and my work done. A lot of it was handwriting which should be done with pencil and paper(which I switched to and stopped with the digital handwriting). There were so many assignments that were just busy work and as a parent this was beyond frustrating! If Quakertown goes virtual there needs to be actual classroom settings with face to face with teacher and actual life skill assignments.

I am a special ed teacher & I work within a local school district & my husband also works full time. If there are staggered days of when my kids are in brick & mortar school it will be difficult to plan for child care for their virtual days & if I am at my school on those days, they will not have support to complete their work or attend class meetings live.

Nothing specific. I'm concerned with my children falling behind or not getting challenged in a modified atmosphere. They are currently good students, and I don't want a modified structure, environment, or approach hindering their development as students and human-beings.

None

I think it is important to have instructional time instead of just worksheets. Also, it is important to get feedback on what the children are doing wrong as well as correctly.

I support 100% bringing students back in the fall to the physical setting. Not all children are able to learn virtually. My child is one of those and has a 504 Plan which is difficult to have supported via on-line. I am frustrated with on-line schooling, I feel it is only meant for the children who have no learning difficulties.

There is no good answer. While I have no problems doing online school, doing PT, OT and speech online isn't as beneficial as being with the teacher. I want my kids back in school but honestly don't feel it's safe to return in the fall. How will my kids bond with a new teacher they haven't met in person?! It would be nice if kids could keep their current teacher for the following year if possible. If school is in the building how will we treat fevers and symptoms? If every time a child has a fever will they need to be quarantined for 14 days?! Attendance and missed days should not count against the student. Elementary students can't social distance. They need recess. They need to run around and exercise. The fall time is when we may see higher numbers due to cooler temperatures. As much as I want to send my kids back I just don't see how we can do that safely

Nothing is optional

Good luck.

How will the classrooms be cleaned after each class in the high school

Obviously information changes, so these responses reflect the current information. There are a few too many unknowns to answer accurately for the fall yet. My child's health is my number 1 concern followed by his education. While the online learning has not been easy for him, we will act in his best interest to keep him healthy and safe first.

My third grader is Dyslexic. It is extremely challenging to teach her. My older children are great at school work. My concern is how will she needs blue to be supported .

Let the kids get back to school. Social interaction is very important at that age.

If this can't be done safely please continue virtual learning

Nothing else

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My son has an iep he refuses to do on line learning he can't focus I feel so bad for him

I am extremely concerned about Keystone exams, being prepared and expected to pass. This is not a good situation for kids that do not do well with on line learning and who have already failed Keystone exams in the past.

One of the largest concerns that I have is my child's asthma and allergies may put him at a greater risk of COVID 19 and how will the school ensure his safety and not carry that illness home to someone in the home that is on an immune suppression medication. Additionally, school schedules are anxiety provoking. There is no one home to watch my child and no available childcare if he has half days or alternate days of schooling, as I am a single parent and an educator. I think this needs to be taken into consideration for not only students, but also parents and faculty/staff.

One of my sons really appreciated his one live class (AP World History), and I know the logistics are extremely challenging, but if we have to be online in the fall I would like to see more opportunities for the high school students to interact with each other and their teachers.

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Dr. Harner and School Board,

Based on the data, healthy people are far less likely to be affected by COVID-19.

An education is mandatory.

Therefore, our children should be back to school. If an older person is uncomfortable with the work conditions that person should remove themselves from the situation.

And let me say, every Teacher should be a Role Model - Anything less should be unacceptable.

Since you are our chosen Leader, Lead our children to be healthy and educated.

For example, if you and the District are going to supply food to our children, provide quality options and remove sugary and processed options. This will have an ever lasting affect on our children.

Another example, if you and the District are going to supply instruction, provide quality - mandate dietary and physical education year 'round, not as an option/elective. This will have an ever lasting affect on our children

In my opinion, [REDACTED] efforts were half-ass, at best.

I get that it was optional, but those Teachers who committed by providing proper Instruction should be rewarded by keeping their jobs.

Conversely, those Teachers who phoned it in should be held accountable and be replaced by a Teacher who is up for the challenge of being a Role Model.

I don't care about Contracts, you have lawyers for that.

We pay you, and you work for us.

Make the change and thin the herd. There are a lot of recent graduates hungry and eager to be a Role Model.

Additionally, I'm very disappointed in your decision of Optional Learning.

When the tough decisions were to be made, you crumbled.

You didn't lead.

You weren't a Role Model to our children. We had to cover for your decisions as they all asked why Quakertown is optional and neighboring Districts are mandatory.

You should be held accountable and lose your job while being replaced by someone who's capable of leading and being a Role Model to our children.

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Respectfully,
Steve

My son is in the life skills class and is supposed to graduate this year but he still planning to come back next year due to that he qualifies for extended school due to his IEP for being diagnosed as intellectually delayed Low IQ how is that going to work and how are things going to work with Votech?

N/A

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If schools do go live in the fall, please give parents the option to send their child/children or continue online learning. I support parents sending their children back to school, but personally I would still like the option to teach my children from home under the same curriculum as the students who are attending live classes.

Next year I will have a 6th and 7th grader. I do not feel comfortable with them riding already over crowded busses. I dont see this being remedied any time soon. I would prefer to drive them with what's going on. But I cant possibly drop them/pick them up at 2 different schools at the same time.

I prefer regular return to school full day. My child needs this structure and with both parents needing to work outside the house it will be very hard for us to provide. Socialization (with my child's age group) is a key to my child's health and mental stability.

My #1 concern is that my child gets taught what's required for his future success, guided by his actual teachers. Other school districts were able to provide this function this year and I would expect the same from this district. (As an FYI, the selection button for #1 concern cannot be selected for the immediate question above for "my child learning".)

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I would prefer to keep students out of school until a vaccine is available.

We have an immunocompromised provider in our home.

We strongly believe that our children need to be back in school full time getting the most rigorous education possible and being able to actively participate in school activities. Keeping our family healthy is our responsibility. We do, however, expect the school to follow proper safety and health guidelines. We understand the seriousness of this pandemic and it's impact on members of our community but we believe that online education is not ideal and that "live" school is paramount to our children's' future success and social well-being. We fully support returning to school and we will act responsibly to ensure that we follow the guidelines outlined by the school.

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My child is NOT wearing a mask. Talk about safety, what about their health after having to wear that mask for what months?! I do NOT support that. If school opens, my son will not be wearing one.

Transportation really isn't an issue for me, I can take him to/from school or have a family member help out. My main issue is that my son isn't one who can effectively learn online. He gets more out of in class, hands on instruction. He does the online work but I don't believe that it sticks with him. I am also working part time right now due to him being out of school so he usually does his school work while I am at work in the mornings and we go over it when I get home in the afternoon. It is usually about 90% complete but he does the bare minimum which I don't believe benefits him at all. I would prefer him to return to school (he would prefer it also) but I also want all of the students to have a safe school environment.

I appreciate everyone's efforts in doing what is best for our children and QCSD staff. My children have not been participating to the best of their ability and I can not enforce it become am working 40-60 hours a week myself and am taking full time college classes online. They need a routine with adult supervision and someone to hold them accountable. Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do.

Education must be in-person, classroom based. Long-term online learning is not an acceptable general path forward.

Bus transportation to/from school must not be impacted, we cannot afford running multiple mostly empty buses, and the impact on extended/varying school schedules and bus transportation on parents commuting to work must be considered.

Extra resources/options must be made available for students with health conditions (ie, asthma) that make them more at risk if the exposed to COVID.

I will not send my children to school if masks are a requirement. I can barely keep it on while grocery shopping, I will not force my kids to wear one all day.

Safety first. In person learning is an ideal situation but not higher than the need for safety.

I'm just really concerned that the information being taught will not be learned without in person instruction. My teenage children only seem to be practicing things that they already know and glossing over the new information.

Na

I have a child with compromised lungs, and one with an autoimmune disease. Having a safe learning environment is more important to me then anything else.

We understand that at some point we may be looking at virtual school as the only option but be hope that there could be a balance and support time at school for our daughter as we feel it will be very valuable to her even with risks.

Special needs are a factor and IEP goals cannot be met with virtual only learning.

Na

I believe masks and hand washing are suitable accommodations for having live instruction.

I honestly don't believe that these kids should be wearing a mask the entire time they are in school. I don't believe in hand sanitizing frequently.

Many of our choices depends on our own working situation. My husband needs to go into work. I work for Pennridge. So depending what Pennridge decides to do, my availability to help my students. I would need all of my students on the same schedule as my 9th grader would be the responsible one if I need to go to work and they are home. I can not have my 3rd grader on a different schedule than the 9th grader. I can not have middle of the day transportation required.

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I really hope the district takes the time to read every survey and listens to every parent especially special needs parents who always seem to be the lowest on the totem pole when it comes to decision making

Unfortunately I'm a full time worker with no immediate family around for help so if schools are virtual ONLY this coming school year, my son will fall behind immensely. As I don't have the time to support his online education, I would prefer a regular school setting with safety procedures in place to keep kids as healthy and safe as possible.

Just making sure that my child that has an IEP his needs are met when needing extra help etc.

Kids need to be kids and I notice more social declining and learning abilities with them being stuck at home. I would do anything to see them back there being kids.

how are athletics going to be affected by the either partial or no "in school" learning?

My children will be entering first grade (times 2) and my daughter will be entering 4th grade and they need face to face instruction that does not have all those crazy guidelines from the CDC. Kids will be coming home from school and playing in the neighborhood with other kids and going to soccer and all other sorts of things so keeping them that segregated at school and depriving them of recess and other activities deprives them of critical needs for their development. Children do not just learn cognitively but physically, emotionally, and socially. You can't have one without the others. My children will not do virtual learning in the fall and we will be enrolling them wherever there is in class instruction.

If we need to go online next year and it will be more of the same as this year where teachers are just posting online assignments I will be moving both of my children to cyber

Safety of the children

If online in fall, I would like to see an actual school day as if they were physically attending.

na

I think everything was covered here

I would like to know more about how after school activities will be addressed

Nothing at this time- thank you for a well thought out survey and good luck in your decision making!

It's important for these kids to be back in a classroom setting

If there happens to be online school in the fall I would appreciate it if it was mandatory. Also if there was going to be online school there needs to be extra things put in place for children that have IEP's

The safety and well being of students and staff is important to me.

N/a

N/A

My child is in one of the BCIU classrooms

Please do what is safest for our kids and community .

If modifications are necessary for schools to open in the fall, we prefer an option that will provide optimal learning opportunities for our children, whether that is in the classroom with their peers and teachers, or via virtual, synchronous instruction mixed with project based learning. We support efforts to increase sanitization with the least disruption to student learning and socialization. If the efforts to minimize/reduce the spread of illness would cause such a disruption to the academic day and student learning, is this in the best interest of students and their learning? If a staggered option is necessary, we support staggered

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days as opposed to AM/PM options due to potential loss of learning time, as well as the cost to sanitize, transport, etc. (At least for Secondary Ed. students. AM/PM may be appropriate option for Elementary students). Students need structure, consistency, support and many opportunities for interpersonal interactions, and we support however we can best achieve these goals given the circumstances. Thank you.

Send them back to school it's all a political hoax and my kids are struggling with being home alone.

N/A

My youngest child is in an autism support class. The video conferences are overwhelming for him and he does not like even talking on the phone. Other than having an outline of what I should do with him he has been without supports since school ended. My older children lose out because I am having to devote so much time to their brother. At the very least we need to find a way for kids with IEPs to attend school in the fall. With out in person support they are gunning to regress even more and the stress this causes for special needs parents is far harder to deal with than for other parents.

If virtual, why can't it just be like regular school? Can't teachers teach in a zoom-type environment with all the kids in the meeting and have it be scheduled like normal? That's what my college student had so I don't understand why it hasn't been that way this whole time.

None

If there will be a virtual/online learning , the required presence to attend meetings online will be a problem . Students prefer to stay up during the night and sleep mostly all morning . This is one of my biggest concern.

I will support the school district in any decision they need to make.

The kids who need to be in school, should be in school with proper precautions. Those students who can e-learn should be able to do so from home till everything is figured out with this virus.

n/a

My child needs accountability that we cannot always provide as we are working full time.

All my concerns were covered above.

N/A

Will there be coordinations with other districts as a lot of us are educators and child care will be an issue if one district goes hybrid and the other one does not.

I really do not want my child to go to school if people have to wear masks. It's not that I am against masks. If we are still wearing masks, I would prefer to have my son attend online learning with maybe the option of one social interaction a week with required social distance and mask wearing. This is doable since under normal circumstances I am home during the day anyway.

Thank you for taking parent responses into consideration during this challenging time. :)

If certain programs are not available to my child, I will be looking elsewhere for those needs to be met.

I'm not concerned about this virus anymore than I am concerned about all the other ways there are to get sick and or die. This is life and we must live it; not in a constant state of fear.

n/a

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This is very difficult to answer as my oldest is just graduating and my youngest is just starting kindergarten. They answers vary a lot comparing elementary to high school. I feel it is very important to be wearing masks at this point however, that is not realistic for a 5 year old.

None

The most important factors for my children to remain healthy and engaged with their instruction is being socially connected to their peers to maintain a sense of community learning and a structure for SCHEDULED routine learning. With two teens this forced social experiment has transported them to the "Wild West" where there is no routine and no consistency and little accountability. It's frustrating as a parent who works from home every day now and their daily schedules are free-form and nonexistent. They need structure and concrete scheduling, which schooling has provided in the past. Thank you.

n/a

My daughter is/was a good student but did not respond well at all to virtual learning and has all but given up participating in any of the learning. I'm very concerned about how this will effect her grades, standing, and motivation towards her education next year. She will be a HS Junior. I've heard the same thing from several other parents of high schoolers...they can't motivate their teenage students to do any online work. If virtual learning continues into the next school year, I fear my daughter will fail miserably, and ruin any chance of getting into college.

While I'm very concerned about students returning to the classroom, I really don't think virtual learning can be sustained. I appreciate that you are considering all of the risks, but personally, I'm hoping there will be a modified school environment that maintains student/teacher face to face interaction. What that will look like is a big challenge for administrators, but one I'm sure can be done. Thank you for soliciting our opinions....

Co-op Tech kids are not going to be able to work with staggered days/times

I would love for my children to go back to regular school!

As we hopefully head back to school in the fall I think it is very necessary to stress the importance of supporting our children's immune system through healthy eating/supplements, exercise, and rest.

Our online learning is not sufficient and very hard to implement when parents are working. Being physically in the school with teachers present, hands on in person instruction, especially for classes such as science and math (tech school too) is needed for success. I support going back to the school buildings as long as certain cleaning protocols are followed..however, we are overcrowded to begin with, so staggered days/times for attendance would be ideal instead of virtual. Virtual does not and can not work for everyone. Some kids will continue to fall behind. Covid19 has not been as bad as the 2009 H1N1 and we made it through that with minimal impact. We need to be safe, but not at the expense of our children's education. They are the future of the country.

If students return to school on a modified schedule (particular days and times) to be able to place the student in the requested days/times that work for the students home life.

I can only imagine how hard of a task this is for administration. Thank you for all you are doing for our children.

We hope for the best and know that the district will have our student's and community's best interest in heart.

I'm sure this is an idea that has been discussed, but I'm wondering about having a choice for parents - perhaps half would want to send their child to live school and half would prefer a virtual environment. If

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both could be provided, then that would reduce live class size, bus crowds, etc. That said, my son is very close to the end of his rope with online classes. He does well in school but doesn't love it, and being home alone and trying to do school has been very hard on him. Even though the class work is optional, I have required it of him, but this has put stress between my son and I. I very much want school to open again. Routine and structure are very important to his learning.

Feel that live school is most important, virtual schooling is a significant impact on parent's ability to work. Having an elementary student with 504 needs (ADHD) has made learning for her very difficult in the home environment and with a upcoming 9th grader she needs a strong foundation for college and was looking forward to the after school activities that are available at high school.

I'm a single parent who works in healthcare. I'm already concerned about my child not learning anything by doing online schooling it will most definitely be detrimental if he isn't back in the classroom. Also if it's not full day or half day.. what happens to the before and after school program???

Safety protocols for live classroom and flexibility when doing online classes. My husband and I are both working and also has a toddler

Children having to wear masks for long is cruel and will have an effect on their learning especially the Elementary school that has no AC.

What protocols are being put in place to protect all individuals.

No more concerns

N/A

My answers to part 4 are based off of all kids attending "live" school, with no accommodations made to the schedule. I will not send my child if ALL children attend "live" school. If we are in a virtual environment, there needs to be accountability so families participate, however, there are too many factors to consider when requiring attendance and work completion (from special needs to mental health to each personal family situation). Pass/Fail may be something to consider.

Considering and understanding that moms with infants and toddlers , with working dad have a very hard time to find plenty of time to sit down and help their child with e-learning everyday .

I support sending the children back into the schools

Critical to get kids back in a physical school environment ASAP.

Kids wearing face shields

The amount of work that is required.

If there is virtual teaching or if they only attend a few days per week, is there any way to focus on 1 or 2 subjects per day instead of trying to get all of them in at once. Without teacher interaction, learning can be done much easier by focusing on one thing at a time for a longer period of time. This gives time to concentrate on the video or reading assignment and give more quality time to work and assessments.

None

Nothing

I think that virtual face-to-face class time with the teachers is vital; should we stay virtual. Also--please be very sure that should we go to a partial "in-school" schedule (AM/PM or alternating days), that students from the same family/household are on the same schedule.

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If the option is to have virtual learning, making sure there is enough support from the district for my son in his learning support classes. (I already have close contact with most of them now but making sure this would continue) I also can give 100 percent into my child's education. He will be a senior and want to make sure he is ready for HS graduation 2021.

Placing kids back into school are important w/ disease spreading awareness and follow through on placing responsibilities to students to practice good hygiene daily. Kids need to adjust their lives to the new norm. Risks are everywhere

N/A

It would be helpful if the district were clear in what the expectation is (# of hours per day) for virtual learning. Also, critical to have all teachers using the same format - multiple formats are very time consuming to navigate. Is it really necessary for EVERY teacher to have a check in question - waste of time! I am supportive of virtual learning but there must be flexibility in it for us parents who are trying to also work. Some teachers have done an excellent job at having some video recordings that you can reference (Mr. Beil) - his videos are available for on demand use and are very helpful for guiding the students step by step through math problems. I also like that some teachers are now giving students a few learning options each week so that they can select the assignments that best fit their learning styles - Mr. Carty, Mr. Champion. Maybe the teachers should plan for some 10-15 min 1:1 discussions with students in the new year...this might help to get to know the student and also get them engaged.

Wearing masks and social distancing is not the answer and we can't live this way. Taking precautions like extra hand washing is good but we can't keep isolating ourselves and living in fear! If my kid is required to wear a mask all day I'm not sending them to school.

I think it is important that students are informed as soon as possible on the plans for 20-21 as the students in this house really want to know if clubs/sports/events will be in existence for the Fall and Winter. They have hope but are over stressed about the school year and what it will look like.

Na

I appreciate everyone's efforts in doing what is best for our children and QCSD staff. My children have not been participating to the best of their ability and I can not enforce it because I am working 40-60 hours a week myself and am taking full time college classes online. They need a routine with adult supervision and someone to hold them accountable. Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do.

We understand that at some point we may be looking at virtual school as the only option but we hope that there could be a balance and support time at school for our daughter as we feel it will be very valuable to her even with risks.

Na

Feel that high schoolers would be most able to follow common sense and safety guidelines. It is very important for them to have the in person structure of learning and direct interpersonal interaction with adults and peers as they prepare for independent post high school life.

My child has ADHD. My concern is how children with learning disabilities will be affected. My son cannot sit in front of a computer for instruction. He's not capable.

We will have to see

In a virtual environment, there will need to be more "face time" with the teachers - the older kids need some accountability and the teachers need that "connection" to the kids to really know how they are doing. And it has to be more frequent than once every marking period to be effective. I know it will be

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difficult to connect adequately with each student, but some students need this to be successful. the teachers won't know who those kids are if they don't connect with them somehow. Since we have been virtual, not one teacher has reached out to my son to ask why he is not participating in the "voluntary" learning. He has been forgotten.

None

We need to have a robust ONLINE curriculum in place that can be used in school or at home to provide for the fluidity of the situation. Much like Oddyseyware/Enguinity. Otherwise, there needs to be full capability to stream home and school students for all class activity with the teacher. Students will be stepping in and out of class, particularly if fever spikes are going to require a longer than 24hour break before returning to class and we cannot lost children's education progress in this transition. Additionally, an agreed upon online curriculum will help in the event that there is another full scale quarantine in place.

There needs to be a thoughtful plan for gifted/IEP/504 children.

N/A

Constant contact with parents through email or a phone call

I work from home and have 6 students in QCSD - need some flexibility to get everyone either online or completely engaged everyday.

If the school board makes everyone wear masks n gear up to be there then I don't think we are ready for the kids to be in school. Especially younger kids that won't keep it on n don't understand fully how important it is. I have my grandmother living with us with Parkinson's and if covid is brought home she could pass in a heartbeat.

I am completely against my kids having to wear a mask all day at school...especially in elementary school. My opinion is school in the fall needs to return to how it was. I do strongly support temperatures being taken, and the schools taking a very strong stance on parents not allowing their kids to go to school if they are sick. This has always been a problem anyway over the years, and why viruses/infections get shared amongst the students. If it is virtual school that is picked, it then needs to be the "real deal" cyber schooling with a set schedule, rules, and grading.

Na

Optional and encouraged is really tough. Whatever the school year is going to look like, please ascribe the necessary importance to it through requirements. So many other dictricts around us have implemented actual virtual school to end the year. please leverage learnings there too.

I support sending the children back into the schools

I know the teachers would be awesome but I am not awesome at home schooling a difficult child. Like the economy & adult work places, I think expectations of the school year and learning curve should be adjusted for the current crisis. Like adults are expected, I need and really want my son to experience some life to some extent since they are scared and need guidance to adjust mentally and see how other kids their age are handling the situation. I think we all need to vote this November because local & federal government should be doing more to help us and who knows how long this will last. I think we need to endlessly put press on them to help with this situation. Thank you all!

They need to go back

I think a great option would be to open schools for children who's parents need to work and have no child care and parents who are able to have their children at home keep them home. Teachers can conduct

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synchronized online and in person lessons in tandem with online learning for students at home. Depending on numbers move all in person classes to the high school to help with bussing and there should be enough space to adhere to CDC guidelines. Students who receive services could still attend school on a schedule that would benefit them yet still allow parents to keep them home if possible. This is going to be tough and I do not envy you all but I do appreciate all the work and care you are putting into making sure our students are safe.

We are walkers and wouldnt use the bus. Both parents work outside the home so flexibility in assignments is important for our youngest as the older children are able to work on their own for the majority of assignments.

Nothing, thank you!!

I hope that QCSD can come up with a virtual option for the students. I am very uncomfortable sending my children back, but I really like the quality of QCSD school district. You always have the students' best interests at heart. You all are doing a fantastic job in a difficult situation. Best of luck to you all! Thanks for all of the hard work you do.

This virus has a 99.95% survival rate. The lockdown made sense in the beginning, but as of now, there is no reason we cannot return to normal daily activities.

just to keep in mind not every child learns at the same pace and I'm concerned virtual classrooms won't have the same level of extra help.

We need to get back in the classroom. If you decide to go with online schooling and don't significantly improve it, I may look elsewhere to educate my child. Online efforts this year were abysmal compared to other districts in your backyard (Souderton, etc.) and Quakertown failed to teach our children anything meaningful. This will never go away, just like the flu even after there is a vaccine so we need to come up with better options then optional attendance and no grading.

My main concern right now is health an safety of my child and the staff and students at her school.

Kids need interaction with other children just as much as the curriculum.

Us parents, who do not live in fear or believe all the BS reported to us by our government should have the option of sending our children to a "normal" day of school. The "sheep" parents can keep their kids at home and home or cyber school them...and NOT on my tax dollar either. Teachers should have options as well either return to work or find a new job. I support each individual teachers right to wear a mask and/or gloves.

You guys kno what's the best for our kids thank you for everything

I am sure that the board and the district will do the best you can in the circumstances we have. Thank you for all you do!

I feel that children need socialization. But health, safety and education are the priorities

My child is NOT Disciplined enough to do on line schooling

Nothing at this time

N/A

Virtual learning is completely ineffective for my children and the "here's an assignment, to do it" is not working. It creates strife in the household, intense anxiety on the children and the way the teachers are inputting and evaluating assignments in canvas means we don't know if the children are completing their work until it comes to a point that they are in quicksand. Frankly, in our household I view academics as

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critically important, as both of our children are college bound, however I have essentially given up on the school year.

If you want us to support virtual learning, a complete overhaul in teaching methods and technical engagement. Canvas/PowerSchool and Google docs isn't going to cut it. I'd rather risk the virus.

Nothing at this time

Ease of transition back to online learning in the winter months if we are able to start live school in the fall but need to switch back to online learning

You may consider virtual plus live schooling option

If it would make it easier to have less full buses, my family can provide transportation to/from school. To clarify my responses, we are in full support of opening the school in the fall. We will either follow the recommended guidelines as they are today; however, we understand that these strict guidelines may not be possible and are willing to follow any guidelines set by the school district. Our number one concern is for our children to continue to learn and we feel that is best accomplished at live school. As such, we are willing to comply with any guidelines that are set.

The online virtual school, is not working as it is today. The teachers are not virtually teaching. The only interaction we have for online chatting with teachers is a check in. If you plan to do online virtual school, then I expect the teachers to hold virtual teaching sessions (maybe not all day, but for some time to teach the lesson during the day). This is not happening as of today and that would be my expectation in the fall.

Additionally, a clear communication upfront on the tools such as google meet, seesaw and how the teachers plan to use the tools. This has been extremely confusing as to whether the parents will be receiving the google meets or the kids in their google accounts or in seesaw. Better and more communication is expected in a virtual set up.

I expect more from the QCSD and teachers in the fall if this virtual learning is to continue. I am not satisfied with the level of communication or support specifically from the elementary teachers. The 6th grade center teachers and curriculum seems to be working as they already had online assignments. For the 6th graders, getting all of the assignments is working well; however, my child who is pretty self sufficient and doesn't usually need much support even requested to have virtual learning sessions for his math class.

A

I would hope for a lot more teacher interaction with the kids. If distance learning has to happen, I would hope the teachers could do schedule based LIVE Zoom's or Google Meets with the kids, during their "scheduled times". Meaning if my son had a Math class at 8:00 AM, his entire class would be required to attend the session with the teacher. These kids need structure and hands on learning. If they can't physically be in the classroom, they can at least mirror the classroom.

I just need to know the schools plan so I can make my own decision from there, if my child will attend or be homeschooled. This is all very difficult and we thank you for all the hard work you're putting in.

If it is decided on virtual classes, projects should be utilized perhaps incorporating several classes into the projects to show real life applications. I think flexibility should be granted for when the kids get onto school as many parents work. Online should be more flexible with the timing of everything.

Thank you for the questionnaire.

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Our family has always been a support of the decisions made by the district.

The approach over the last three months, however, has been slow and unmanaged. I disagree with the statement "a vast majority" of students are attending classes. I have observed my daughter being the only student to turn in assignments in one of her classes and online meetings at the high school level have 5-6 students attending. Based on the numbers I am not sure we have many classes with 5-10 children in them.

Also, some missteps were completely unacceptable, such as one of [REDACTED] classes reassigning themselves time a teacher as they were overlooked and never assigned a teacher. There is little consistency and it is very hard for the students to stay motivated.

Instruction has not pivoted to an online learning environment and the excuse that this is new for everyone is ok for a month.... not three. We have had enough time to crawl. We need to figure it out for next year.

Furthermore, we allow parents to set goals for the school year when this is our administration's job. We then should allow for a parent committee over the summer because we are not doing very well.

Please cut our losses and let the optional students stop doing work as of next week. It just isn't for those with the proper work ethic to continue to suffer.

Until we have a vaccine, masks have to be mandatory in a school setting.

nothing esle

If continuing online learning, I feel SEESAW is not a good tool for Elem school students. This is very difficult to my 1st grader to navigate and requires a lot of my attention to flip from YouTube instructions and books back to the seesaw program to provide answers, also the past several weeks we have had the program just close out while working and it does not have an autosave. This program in my opinion is not the ideal way for them to learn. Also to create a text box for answers, you have to edit the box and move, which gets to be cumbersome, or write using the mouse, which then you can't even read the writing.

If there is a parallel track for both virtual and in-person classes, it will be so much easier to switch back and forth for any kids who need to or in the event of another extended period at home. I hope that's possible to prepare for, although I'm sure it's a huge amount of work.

I don't know if it's possible to split the kids by academics as well, or if that would be easier to implement. For example, if my kid is great at math and can do that online without loss of understanding but would really benefit from being in the classroom for writing and reading. He could do a split routine and spend less time at the school, whether that's hours or days or whatever. It might help reduce hours in the school for kids who can be home partially, if the curriculum is the same either way.

And while I'm not ideal to teach my son, I'd be willing to do online school with him next year to allow a safer environment for kids who have two working parents or no access, as they have greater need of the option. Classroom access can be needs based academically and practically, and I would support that.

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We appreciate the work you are doing to keep our school community safe.

Both of my children are self motivated and will ask for help if they need it. My #1 concern is for their safety. So virtual (while not ideal from a social interaction standpoint!) I am supportive of if necessary

I would like to see us return to as much normalcy as possible.

My son would probably be fine with more online classwork at the 7th grade level and minimal school attendance. That seems so much more important at the elementary level.

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Nothing

Hoping the children can return back to school in the fall. Kids need social interaction, education and sports. Its how children become adults.

If online / learning classes continue, having assignments due within a few days (instead of overnight) would be great (some teachers already doing this but understanding some assignments are needed within 24hrs). I am a full-time, working single parent so adding a day or 2 into assignments help us plan things more easily. Thank you for this consideration.

That my child focuses on the main classes and the specials are possibly optional

Only other question we would have at this point is, if masks are required, would there be something in place when it is hot and in schools without air conditioning in case kids get light headed?

N/A

I believe children need to have germs in their life. A sterile environment does no one any good. Learning needs to be engaging or you will lose the kids attention. The kids need to know exactly what is expected of them. They need to socialize. They need to be able to feel normal again.

I think asking young students to wear a mask all day will be challenging.

Concerned about spreading the virus.

My son will be going into 9th grade. I would like him to physically go to the votech (assuming safety protocols are in place even if I need to transport him). I would prefer and he would prefer to do his Qcsd high school Classes online however I do not feel his online classes have been rigorous enough for him so far. Part of it is that it doesn't take him very long to complete the work and the other piece is I don't see any grades so I don't know how he is doing. If you keep your current online format, I will look into cyber school programs. My daughter is going into 7th grade. She has asthma and struggles with anxiety. She has handled everything really well so far however she feels safe at home and we are following the quarantine protocols. She wants to do school online and I am concerned about her anxiety if she returns physically to school. She will be distracted by her anxiety. This year, before the coronavirus, she felt sick at school from her anxiety on a regular basis. We had to increase her meds. With that being said, I think going physically to school forces her to learn to cope with her anxiety rather than hide from it. I also feel she gets a better education physically in your building where she has teachers pushing her to get over her anxiety and pushing her to work hard. Since there has been no grades so far for online learning I don't know how she is doing but if she does online school in the fall, I expect that I will need to work with her to ensure she is striving to do well on her assignments and not just rushing through it to complete it. I will also have to work with her on scheduling her assignments. She feels everything needs to be completed right away because she is worried she will forget about it. She does not yet understand you can't always complete a whole project in one day. I don't know yet what my job will look like in the fall so I don't know yet if my work schedule will be flexible. Thank you for asking the parents for input. I know this is a huge undertaking for the district and teachers to adapt our educational system to function during this pandemic. Your hard work is appreciated

I am due to have a baby in September and we are extremely worried about sending the kids back to school and them coming home possibly with the virus, especially with a newborn baby in the house. We understand that children need socializing and especially need to keep up on school work. Unfortunately so much is unknown, so its hard to make a decision that will benefit everyone. Our children miss school and want to come back, but we just hope that if that's the case extreme safety measures will put into place.

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Safety is #1 concern and education is #2. For my family, we support their social-emotional needs at home. And can take care of transportation for them, if needed. However, I understand that may not be the case for all families.

I'm not sure, this is a learning process for all and everything is changing everyday. Just want to make sure the best, healthiest, and safest options are made for all involved, but backup/alternate options are also readily available and supported for everyone should they choose to go a different route. Thank you for all you continue to do!

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I cant underestimate how scary it is to send my son back. I have a heart condition,my elderly mother lives with us. I'm sure I'm not the only one. But to do all the work we have done over the past months only to have my child get it in the second wave is very concerning.

Nothing

I'm concerned for my child's mental health if school remains virtual. She is struggling with not seeing peers and interacting with teachers.

I just would like everyone to be safe and that the children get a proper education!

Health comes first.

This is for my child currently in 1st but will be in 2nd this coming school year. This child is having difficulty with focusing and getting motivated with virtual learning.

My children really miss the traditional classroom setting. Am willing to adhere to whatever safety protocols are needed to have them back in the classroom.

If online is required, it must be made clear to the students (especially the HS level) that it is mandatory.

This is for my child who is currently in 5th but will be starting 6th grade for this upcoming school year.

Open the schools. There is more at stake here than the child's physical health. Emotional health is also critical, and completely suspending life is not healthy (and more and more doctors are saying so). In addition, I strongly doubt the ability of the district to pivot to online learning in a quality way in this timeline. Teachers vary greatly in their ability to support virtual learning, and even the best web platforms are limited. There will always be an attention struggle at home (I'm saying this as a tech employee who had worked from home and coordinated virtual meetings for years.) Not all kids learn well in this method. Open the schools. If there are families with medical issues, allow them to attend virtually, with classes streamed online.

None at this time

I truly think the best option is to have a few options to choose from. Both in the building and virtual options. There is no way to ensure the communities entire comfort level without having options. I know we would personally choose some sort of virtual opportunity for our children with minimal in classroom contact.

Both essential parents with 3 children make home school learning very difficult.

Working parents with multiple children makes home school impossible.

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I think it's good to have consistent and regular meet-up times for each class which students are required to attend as well as make-up opportunities when they are not there. This doesn't mean 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week, kids just need to know what's expected of them and when. Outside of that, students should have enough work to do for each class for each day, although it could be provided weekly for those who like to churn through subject by subject rather than a little bit for each class each day. Additionally, teachers should provide regular "office hours" for kids who need help understanding.

Life has to move on! There will always be viruses! Unfortunately, we can't keep our kids safe from everything in this world.our kids need an education!

I am a high school teacher (at a different district in PA). OPEN SCHOOLS COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS. There is overwhelming medical evidence that keeping school closed is far worse for the physical and mental well-being of our children than the risk of them getting covid-19. According to the CDC, the virus does not not transmit easily on surfaces, does not live long on surfaces, is not easily transmittable by asymptomatic people, etc, etc. Hopefully, you know all this. Meanwhile, coroners are reporting much higher cases of deaths by overdose; health care professionals are reporting higher numbers of alcohol and substance abuse; soon, suicide rates will also increase. Virtual "learning" is not learning. As an educator, I see every day the negative effects on my students struggling in this current environment. The guidelines put out recently by the CDC are arbitrary, and oftentimes contradictory. We don't have to follow all of them. Don't cave in to the pressure of people who don't understand the science and who don't understand the horrible and permanent damage they are inflicting on our children and our society. OPEN SCHOOLS!

How will after school activities and sports be addressed?

I think it's important that if we do online teaching it is done as a class to make it seem as "normal" as possible. Social interaction is important.

If virtual, having zoom like class time.

Kids need to go to school!!!!!!!

I think kids should only go back if they aren't required to mask etc...that's ridiculous and they won't adhere.

I am also a teacher so my answers to some of these questions might be different depending on whether I return to live instruction or not In the fall.

It is very important that they are safe and healthy. Accountability for school work is also a big concern. It is extremely important that they have a schedule and that they are required to adhere to the schedule and that there is class participation.

Nothing

Have you thought about having groups of children attend school on different days. A group would attend on days 1, 3, while the other group attends on days 2, 4? And Fridays would be virtual for all students

What will happen with the Tech School students

Just want to make sure that our children are safe and I don't know that wearing a mask all day is ideal. But my child is not able to do school the way it has been going this year. She needs to have the lesson run by the teacher not just read and answer. This causes her major anxiety. So would prefer to have classes run by the teacher virtually and at certain times.

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Keeping your elderly staff members safe.

We currently have 4 children attending with 4 different schools for next year-Elementary, 6th grade center, Strayer and the High School. Needless to say, the challenges with scheduling have been demanding. If we do return to schools on staggered or limited student attendance, please consider challenges with families navigating multiple buildings and schedules.

I am very interested in knowing what will happen with the Tech school program. To my child that is the most important.

Even though extra curricular activities (arts, sports, clubs) are not the upmost importance in school right now, for some kids.... it is. Please see if there is a way to keep as many programs open as possible. I know my daughter misses the stage.

I believe not returning in fall is more harmful for all students than the possibility of exposure to COVID19.

Na

I have 2 High Schoolers (1 will be a Junior and 1 a Sophomore). And, although my husband works from home, he travels a lot with his job. I am a Teacher's Aide in the Emotional Support Room at Strayer. I am sharing this information because I know how hard it is/can be to get kids to do their school-work on their own. It is tough to keep them motivated and doing their work without assistance and someone watching over them.

In all honesty ... I absolutely hate CANVAS. All Teacher's use it differently -- And, some teachers don't use it AT ALL! Assignments are not always posted in the same places. And, it is hard to see what kids are doing/not doing. Although it is a great platform... it is not easy as a parent to follow along and make sure that our kids are doing their work.... Let alone doing their work correctly (kids have found ways to 'submit assignments' ... But, they aren't submitting what needs to be submitted). My kids Teacher's have been AWESOME in following up with them ... But, this is definitely a hard job --- for Teachers and for Parents (And, being a Teacher's Aide --- I do my best to be on top of my kids and not let them get out of doing their work). I trust in the process and that you will do what is best for everyone involved.

Thank you!!!

God Bless. :)

My child's education is the #1 concern and student work must be graded and count in order to guarantee student motivation and engagement. There should be great effort for virtual meetings among teachers and peer groups to check for understanding of concepts presented during distance learning. These social connections are very important to foster emotional and social health and growth. Thank you!

Inform the parents during the summer about the plan for the fall, because some parents like us want to take a good decision for our children.

As important as education is for my child, my husband and I feel that if any of these measures have to be put in place, we would feel much more comfortable with an online learning experience until things are deemed safe to go back to normal.

N/A

I think the mental health of these kids is contingent on them returning to school. I am hearing more and more stories of kids having issues. I understand the impact of COVID but I am just not a fear based person. We can be as careful as we can be and then adapt based on where we actually find ourselves in the fall, not where we MAY be. Look how much things have changed since 3/13 in surrounding states. I think our Governor is being very over reactive at this point. We need to get out and live again and actually see what occurs.

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None
N/A
N/A
N/A
I work out of the home and will need the schoolwork to be structured and easy to stay on task.
None at this time
Band/choir and the arts must be able to continue
Nothing at this time
We have appreciated the flexibility in when our child can complete his work. It has been teaching him time management skills and we believe is helping to prepare him for the transition to college.
I have nothing else at this time.
I think the mental toll on many of the children is just as important as other factors. With safety measures in place, I am really hoping the students will physically be in school come fall.
Nothing at this time
That they don't miss any learning opportunities
My son is an incoming senior and all though I understand the need for caution and precaution, I believe kids need in person social interactions of our learning institutions. Also PA is not setup for online learning and I really not a fan of our incoming senior class being the guinea pigs. These kids have worked tirelessly over the past 11 years and for a majority it's their spring board into their future and deserve to have this experience, Most of these kids have been and continue to work part-time jobs and have potentially exposed themselves on a daily basis anyway, so I am less concerned about their ability to follow the rules in our "new normal".
The one thing our children need the most is normalcy for their emotional and mental wellbeing. It is ridiculous to have so much panic with a 99% survival rate. The media has made us all scared for unnecessary reasons.
Critical to get kids back in a physical school environment ASAP.
Not all children can learn/comprehend information via computer. The classroom setting is where my children learn best. Not at home through a computer.
NA
More face to face direct instruction
If school is virtual next year I will most likely pull my child from Quakertown school district and enroll her in an actual cyber school because the way this year has planned out has made me extremely weary of your ability to educate my child appropriately and successfully. So make your decision ASAP so parents can start the enrolling process in another school.
NA
My children will be entering first grade (times 2) and my daughter will be entering 4th grade and they need face to face instruction that does not have all those crazy guidelines from the CDC. Kids will be coming home from school and playing in the neighborhood with other kids and going to soccer and all other sorts of things so keeping them that segregated at school and depriving them of recess and other

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activities deprives them of critical needs for their development. Children do not just learn cognitively but physically, emotionally, and socially. You can't have one without the others. My children will not do virtual learning in the fall and we will be enrolling them wherever there is in class instruction.

As a child with an IEP in an IU program, I am concerned about my child's ability to access learning and socialization in a virtual format. Several of her IEP goals are difficult to work toward and measure the progress of online. In addition to the expertise of her regular education teachers, my daughter's success in meeting her goals relies heavily upon the ability to interact with her special education teacher, the support staff, and her related service providers. Safety comes first, so should we return to a virtual format, I would be like support services to be enhanced with one-on-one support or sessions. Thank you!

Nothing.

My kids want to return to school. They are not thriving in the virtual environment.

Thank you for all you have been doing. The teachers have been incredible. I believe it is important to return to school in the fall. It will be key in establishing class community. I encourage a return to school in person classes until as close to Thanksgiving break as possible. Then between Thanksgiving and close to end of January go to online if needed, then finish out the year with in person classes again. I'm curious about the goggles used in science class, beakers etc. and the class sets of textbooks across subjects. However I think these things can be worked out. I am concerned about children's mental health especially if we are in the yellow or green phase we need to return to the classroom with the proper safety precautions.

My children would like to return to school.

I am a firm believer that in person school is of most benefit for my children.

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NA

We need Extra-Curricular activities to be opened. The teams need to be playing, the band needs to be marching and the cheerleaders need to be cheering. We cannot continue like this any longer. Open the schools and let's get back to being as normal as possible.

Vaccine requirements

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None

N/a

Nothing really. My child understands what is going on and we need to do what is necessary to keep safe.

Currently have a 5th grader, will have a K student in the fall as well and more concerned about masks/keeping things clean/learning for K student.

Safety first. In person learning is an ideal situation but not higher than the need for safety.

Will the attendance policy be changed this year?

I have concerns about the safety of my child while in school if some parents choose not to follow the CDC recommended guidelines and do not follow the suggested guidelines. Also I am concerned about the consistency of Quakertown's schedule with neighboring school districts. Both my husband and I teach in another district and it would be very difficult for us to do half day classes/rotating schedules unless our

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district is doing the same. We would need either all day live schooling or all day virtual because we do not have child care for our daughter otherwise.

Keeping a normalcy as much as possible. If online - regular class schedule to "attend" each of their virtual classes. Graded. Help teachers with truancy.

N/A

Dr. Harner and School Board,

Based on the data, healthy people are far less likely to be affected by COVID-19.

An education is mandatory.

Therefore, our children should be back to school. If an older person is uncomfortable with the work conditions that person should remove themselves from the situation.

And let me say, every Teacher should be a Role Model - Anything less should be unacceptable.

Since you are our chosen Leader, Lead our children to be healthy and educated.

For example, if you and the District are going to supply food to our children, provide quality options and remove sugary and processed options. This will have an ever lasting affect on our children.

Another example, if you and the District are going to supply instruction, provide quality - mandate dietary and physical education year 'round, not as an option/elective. This will have an ever lasting affect on our children

In my opinion, [REDACTED] efforts were half-ass, at best.

I get that it was optional, but those Teachers who committed by providing proper Instruction should be rewarded by keeping their jobs.

Conversely, those Teachers who phoned it in should be held accountable and be replaced by a Teacher who is up for the challenge of being a Role Model.

I don't care about Contracts, you have lawyers for that.

We pay you, and you work for us.

Make the change and thin the herd. There are a lot of recent graduates hungry and eager to be a Role Model.

Additionally, I'm very disappointed in your decision of Optional Learning.

When the tough decisions were to be made, you crumbled.

You didn't lead.

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You weren't a Role Model to our children. We had to cover for your decisions as they all asked why Quakertown is optional and neighboring Districts are mandatory.

You should be held accountable and lose your job while being replaced by someone who's capable of leading and being a Role Model to our children.

Respectfully,
Steve

I would like schools to also consider the severity of Kawasaki Disease and the fact children up to 20 years old are affected. Prevention of Kawasaki may be different than prevention of COVID and Nurse/Doctors on staff should also be educated in spotting symptoms of the disease as well as full testing for COVID everyday. Temperature checks aren't very helpful when asymptomatic people are still "spreaders". This includes staff, in particular.

Masks should be required with an option provided by the school if kids do not have them at home. Online learning should be ready to go because I know I would not be comfortable with my teen going back to school in August & neither would he.

Until every student & staff members, bus drivers, etc tested daily, there's no way I'd risk sending him back to school.

The most important factors for my children to remain healthy and engaged with their instruction is being socially connected to their peers to maintain a sense of community learning and a structure for SCHEDULED routine learning. With two teens this forced social experiment has transported them to the "Wild West" where there is no routine and no consistency and little accountability. It's frustrating as a parent who works from home every day now and their daily schedules are free-form and nonexistent. They need structure and concrete scheduling, which schooling has provided in the past. Thank you.

Seems like you have it all covered

if school and I pray it doesn't has to be virtual there has to be accountability and things need to be graded. My husband and I both work outside of the home and we are trusting that our son (almost highschool) is completing the work, but we have found out here and there that he hasn't been doing everything. If some kids are told its optional, they aren't going to do it!

NOTHING

Requiring masks/social distancing is not safe or healthy (mentally, emotionally, physically) for anyone especially children.

Children's safety is priority

Cleanliness of all facilities as well as the buses, and limiting class size are of utmost importance as well as trying to maintain some sense of normalcy for our children while supporting their academic needs.

If we need to do virtual learning in the fall, i feel the students and teacher should be online at the same time with live teaching going on.

As a home care worker with vulnerable adults I have a concern about being exposed (i am imuno suppressed) and exposing my patient.

I feel that for working parents virtual learning will be difficult if it is fully graded.

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My child is having a hard time with isolation of virtual learning.

I think it's hard for my child to be motivated if it isn't required or graded.

I am comfortable with my High School children attending live school next year. However in the event that learning will be done virtually, it would be more beneficial if attendance was mandatory and tests/assignments counted towards grading.

I wish windows could open in classrooms to allow fresh air to circulate. I don't know if air purifiers help or some kind of UV purification. Air flow is my biggest safety concern with groups of people.

An as early as possible decision for planning

I am the director of a residential facility and we have been able to maintain safety with temp checks and masks and hand washing. Kids will be fine I think

Na

My one daughter is making the transition from elementary to middle school which includes the transition from seesaw to canvas based online instruction. If possible it would be great to make that transition in person even if it's for a short time (month or two) before having to go virtual. That way they meet their teachers, new classmates, and have hands on learning on how to navigate the new system before taking it on virtually with the added necessity for grading and attendance

I feel we need to let our kids go back to school. They need to get their lives back. There is no evidence that children are at rush. If you keep them out of school their mental health is going to decrease dramatically. Open the school. If a parent does not agree they can choose cyber school.

The end of year learning requirements were not up to par for the children to be prepared for college. Students need to have a schedule with times and consequences for not completing their work.

Nothing at this time

Virtual school has not been going well. Learning right now is at a minimum. Motivation is low.

These kids need to start the day at one time and end the day at one time. Keep the same continuity that they are used to. Letting kids do work when they choose is a disaster especially at the HS level.

Nothing

Will the playing of athletics play a role in the decision making in the fall.

If online learning must continue in the fall, all teachers should be using the same program. One should not be using canvas and the other google classroom etc. having a child with IUP online is already difficult for his learning. Be able to figure out the different online programs adds even more stress and pressure. He was not able to figure out all the computer programs on top of learning. It MUST be consistent with all classes and teachers.

I do not agree with the level of school that is happening right now. I do not agree that it is not being graded and every other school district in the area is grading except us. We have a long way to go to get virtual learning to be successful. So if broken school days and virtual learning at any level is to happen you need to step it up. What we have now is a joke, teachers are not able to perform their duties because their children are screaming in the room, door Bells are ringing ... it's chaos. If this is how it will roll out for next year, we will be homeschooling where our children can get a proper education with structure.

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If we move to online learning. 90% self directed is not working. I would consider moving to another school for full day online learning. Private schools seem to be keeping up with grade level required learning. I feel that kids will fall behind. Spend the money to get kids internet access is parents cant afford and keep all day learning via zoom. There is also a need for better computers or.allow children to.use thier own. Online learning with 1 hour per day via google has not been working for my child. Teachers are doing their best I realize and it had been much appreciated.

Planning for sports in the school year and the tech school process because some programs require body connections

Nothing at this time.

I think learning needs to happen in person in the schools.

Following the recommendations put in place for our specific county

The sooner that we get back to normal the better.

I am in full support of QCSD being as cautious as possible about reopening live classrooms. If in person classroom participation is mandatory without an online option, I may consider homeschooling, especially if COVID numbers haven't dropped significantly. I know this will be challenging and not everyone will agree with the final decision, but health and safety are most important, both student's and teacher's.

We cannot expect these kids to wear masks all day. If those are the requirements, I understand but then they should not be required to attend physical school.

While the virus did get out of control if everyone just follows the simple instructions that we started with, washing hands, frequent cleanings I think things could be pretty normal. Also, hand sanitizer dried my daughters hands out incredibly bad and if possible I would prefer her washing with soap and water instead.

NA

Na

If online is required, it must be made clear to the students (especially the HS level) that it is mandatory.

If there is no school. My child will likely end up in a daycare setting so even though I have concerns. I would rather them be in the physical school with learning that full time daycare.

A uniform communication system used by ALL Teachers and parent access to study guides and supplemental information to reinforce the daily lessons.

Our family has always been a support of the decisions made by the district.

The approach over the last three months, however, has been slow and unmanaged. I disagree with the statement "a vast majority" of students are attending classes. I have observed my daughter being the only student to turn in assignments in one of her classes and online meetings at the high school level have 5-6 students attending. Based on the numbers I am not sure we have many classes with 5-10 children in them.

Also, some missteps were completely unacceptable, such as one of [REDACTED] classes reassigning themselves time a teacher as they were overlooked and never assigned a teacher. There is little consistency and it is very hard for the students to stay motivated.

Instruction has not pivoted to an online learning environment and the excuse that this is new for everyone is ok for a month.... not three. We have had enough time to crawl. We need to figure it out for next year.

Furthermore, we allow parents to set goals for the school year when this is our administration's job. We then should allow for a parent committee over the summer because we are not doing very well.

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Please cut our losses and let the optional students stop doing work as of next week. It just isn't for those with the proper work ethic to continue to suffer.

How will my child, who has a 504 Plan, be supported? Possible one on one with teacher after main classroom call to review the main points and expectations. Or at the very list, a syllabus as a guide to double check on their work progress and make sure nothing was missed in learning.

I feel strongly if school opens there should be an option to do an online schooling program through QCSD for students who are too fearful to come to school, there is a health risk within their home, or the parents simply wants to wait a little longer to see how COVID plays out. At this point, I have a child in all the school levels and right now I'm seriously considering not allowing them back to school in the fall. (And they have all expressed concern). I love the QCSD and would rather have them do an online program in connection with the district because my hope would be the following year they would return to classroom learning after we have had more time to understand COVID better.

Na

I think that the children should also have more access to their counselors because of stress factors and other related issues they may have experienced during these last few months. Their mental health is very important along with their education.

Socialization is critical for our youth. Online learning while may be utilized during higher risked periods during the year should not be the new normal.

I want kids back in school learning

If hands on UBCTS classes can not be provided - the school district must provide at a later date - even if after graduation - our child is missing critical educational opportunities. He has an IEP and Tech school is the single most important course for him. We can help him complete ELA and SS on line but not Tech - there is NO substitute for hands on class time in taking apart, fixing, and re-assembling engines! Missing 3months this year is not acceptable - how will this be made up?

X

I work outside of the home Monday through Friday. My son doesn't have a school computer.

We have appreciated the flexibility in when our child can complete his work. It has been teaching him time management skills and we believe is helping to prepare him for the transition to college.

Na

Each school has different capacity of students, resources and teachers, so I would hope that each school takes the precautions needed for their students and faculty and it is not generic across district. If virtual is what is happening, the principals need to lead the teachers and give expectations for teaching (need to do live teaching x amount of times per week, video recording, etc).

I would like to see a virtual option for students even if schools open. This can serve those families that are uncomfortable sending their child into the unknown.

N/A

Just that my daughter just graduated so the important thing is get school back to normal. This will make for a less crowded beach in September and October. What's more important than that?

CDC guidelines are concerning. How are they even attainable?

Would like that make sure there are options and we well defined and thought out plan

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our students have adapted as best as they could and learned that online learning is NOT for everyone. Should we have to return virtually in the fall with grading will be be more stressful than it is now without grading. Considering the whole student -academic, physical and mental, emotional - returning 'live' is the healthiest option.
My only issue with online learning is my children being in higher math that I have not seen or used in over 20 years. It is difficult to help them.
Virtual learning and attendance is allot harder for kids, and some adults, I don't think homework should count towards their grade, only test grades should count, but they should get a pass / fail for homework completion.
Until there is a vaccine, we are not comfortable sending our child to school and will be doing online learning.
nothing
i believe school should be resumed in the fall. we cant avoid this forever or indefinitely.
I've answered the questions. However I am not at all comfortable sending my children back to a school building. I feel it is to soon to know if the virus will be spreading quickly this fall season.
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Nothing
I am supportive of both in school or virtual learning as long my child is receiving the same level of education.
Nothing
How are the schools going to be cleaned when the janitors are not contracted to clean and refused to on multiple occasions before the virus started? How will rules be enforced when they are allowed to get away with everything without consequences?
At home school is to difficult
No matter what is decided some people will be unhappy so please don't get discouraged.
I feel comfortable with my child going back to "live" school, with or without safety precautions!
I know you are doing the best you can, college and career readiness are just as important now as prior
Na
Some type of consistency between different learning environments (i.e. if the need exists to move to virtual after live setting) needs to exist.
My husband and I are both essential workers and have utilized Lifepsan in the meantime. To continue to use them full time while my children are involved in virtual learning comes at a huge cost to us. I also have concerns about my kindergartner and how a virtual environment would work for him.
A uniform communication system used by ALL Teachers and parent access to study guides and supplemental information to reinforce the daily lessons.
Concerned about spreading the virus.
N/A
get rid of the swipe system at the high school

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I will do whatever we have to do.

My number one issue is my children being able to learn in the online environment. There is a reason I don't homeschool and it's because I'm a terrible teacher! I'm also complete if my bachelors as well so with 5 kids, animals, a job, and my own school assignments I'm extremely overwhelmed with trying to educate my children all of a sudden as well. It just becomes a frustrating situation for everyone involved and it is not productive. Being completely transparent, we are having a very hard time with this and my children's education is being devastated by the loss of his teacher and classmates.

NA

N/a

I for one would feel comfortable having our child return to school if face masks are required and some spacing of desks was performed. I would rather try to avoid limiting class sizes or alternating am w/ pm classes on different days as I think some concrete schedule is important for them to follow. I am not against alternating days even if they had to go longer, but would suggest some measures be taken to stagger releases from class in between subjects so the entire student body is not in the halls at the same time. Maybe making the times between classes around 20 mins with 4 staggered groups each having 5 minutes to get to class and allowing them to bring their bookbags to prevent trips to the lockers. These times should be alternated daily so one group does not always have 20 mins before their next class and another only 5. Maybe they can be labeled A/B/C/D on a rotation. I am OK with screening and temperature checks but fear there would be a significant bottleneck if everyone were to enter at the same time. As outlined above, maybe the student body can be split into 5 groups A through E. Start times would alternate on a 60 min schedule (7am, 7:15am, 7:30am, 7:45am, 8a.m. This would allow at least 15 mins to each group to get through the majority of the temperature checks. Several staff can be trained to ask screener questions and utilize a non-contact thermometer (It would not have to be the nurses sole responsibility) . Just some provisional ideas. Thanks for the opportunity to discuss this. I would like to continue to get suggestions we can vote on as well as be asked for any ideas we may have that may not have been thought of.

If a virtual/online option is not made available our children will be attending a cyber charter school for the 2020-2021 school year.

I think you need to have separate plans for elementary and the older kids as the younger children it is almost a full time job to keep up with their lessons I think more flexibility will be needed with the elementary school kids. as long as all their lessons are done by the end of the week than that will give young families more time to do the schoolwork at our discretion as important as our children's education is to us keeping the bills paid is the single most important task for our family. The weekly school Google meets are of no value educationally our children just sit their with their mute buttons on and get bored with it quickly . They would never sit in front of the computer all day especially after you allowed them to do their work when ever their is time we have to make money so why wouldn't you just have their instructor's post their assignments each morning or weekly and then as long as they are completed by the end of the week who cares when it gets done. Every family schedule is different next year I will have a 1st and 3rd grader at Pfaff. I dont know how one parent could have 2 or more children login for roll call every morning and the amount of help each young child needs with their assignments is extensive and Teaching is not our profession we sometimes get our work done in the mornings and other days we can't get to it till after dinner or sometimes we have to make up lessons from one day over the next few days it depends. I bet you wish you hadn't practically given away TV and Milford middle school and packed Pfaff to the gills .sure would be nice to have that space now. you have made a very poor decision by giving away those 2 schools so quickly and cheap. Milford was in such a prime location for those of us that live

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on this side. how could you replace that? I still need more information. There is so much propaganda due to our political climate and the election in November how is the average person supposed to make an informed decision? do what you think is best and make a plan that is based on the most scientific ,non political evidence I mean its going to effect everyone and everything so if you can sleep at night with your decision than I guess we have to do something but that every other day or am /pm option is the worst idea in my opinion and what are you going to do with kids that just refuse to wear a mask? I think your greatest challenge is in elementary.

There should be multiple approaches and plans depending on the current state of the environment should it change rapidly, for better or worse, as we approach the first of school, and allow a change quickly should the environment change at any point during the school year. I would much prefer students alternate full days rather than half days. It will be more chaotic with more arrival and dismissal times and unfair to those students that always get the early days vs afternoons or difficult to determine whose hone life works better for mornings or afternoons.

Sports....how and when!??

I've answered the questions. However I am not at all comfortable sending my children back to a school building. I feel it is to soon to know if the virus will be spreading quickly this fall season.

None

Making sure our children are safe!!

I just want to make sure that my children are safe and have the best possible education during this pandemic as possible

My child is a middle schooler that lives close to school so transportation does not apply. And partial days are manageable. I'm more concerned with her success in learning. This is much more attainable with face to face instruction. Or at least a blend of on-site and online. Complete Online learning is not the most ideal situation for our family. My kids need more structure.

I am so proud that Quakertown is putting people first! You truly care about people. Districts like Pennridge DO NOT! Thank you!

Many children of this district have two working parents. How are parents supposed to leave children under 13 at home by themselves for 8+ hours unsupervised? It is not feasible or economical for parents to work from home or pay for child care, and many do not have extended family to help. Children's immune systems are now being compromised due to lack of exposure to germs not to mention getting 30+ minutes of physical activity to help boost immune systems. Social interaction is lacking which further hinders proper development of social functioning and people skills. Children have to go to school. Period.

Feel that high schoolers would be most able to follow common sense and safety guidelines. It is very important for them to have the in person structure of learning and direct interpersonal interaction with adults and peers as they prepare for independent post high school life.

My concern is that as an incoming senior my child will be prepared Academically to attend college And be successful.

Healthy students and teachers
And a positive place to learn

Don't rush on decision making. Time will tell on what is that is needed to improve.

first grade isn't rocket science Unless you are certain you can keep all the youngest children safe I would rather teach at home things have gone fine since March. I want my children in school but I also want

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them safe . not like I think there probably safe how do you social distance at pfaff I'm not sure what the other schools are like but pfaff is packed. Sure wish you hadn't given our schools away for no good reason or we could spread them out. but whats done is done and none of that every other day or am /pm that just will make things way worse so I hope that there can be something figured out but elementary is definitely your biggest problem . how do you social distance 6 year olds children that are too young to understand these adult concept they touch everything I can't believe we have to make a choice between staying in quarantine until who knows when or sending my kids to school with masks that they will not want to wear not all day anyway and thats the thing with kids they don't know they touch their eyes and they hug and hold hands like there is no easy answer for elementary school

While I am concerned about COVID and the potential for transmission to students and faculty, I am more concerned about how keeping children out of school and in the virtual learning world is affecting their mental, emotional and scholastic health. While I understand the need for precautions, I also fear that imposing rigid restrictions, mask wearing, social distancing will be more harmful to their health than the virus itself. I am an essential employee working in a health care facility. I am more than educated on the virus and the transmission. And I do understand the need for caution, but I also have watched both of my children sob multiple times over the course of these 10 weeks because they miss physically going into a school building and being with their peers. They miss the routine, the atmosphere, the teachers. They were heartbroken when the announcement came canceling school for the remainder of the year. My eldest daughter has anxiety/panic disorder and depression. I have watched her struggle with so many things, including the virtual learning environment, which is not ideal for her. I wonder how many other children are struggling as well. Another concern is herd immunity. Kids get sick, they pass around their germs. They do need to be around others to keep their immune systems healthy and productive. The longer they are not in a physical school environment together, the weaker these systems may become. One of my biggest concerns is not necessarily COVID, but all the other germs they will pass to each other once they are all together again. I am prepared for a spike in strep, the common cold, pink eye and any number of the other bacteria and viruses they pass to other another. I do hope this is kept under consideration that it could happen and there isn't a knee-jerk reaction which leads to school closure again once they are allowed back. I do not envy your position and I applaud all that the administration and staff of QCSD are doing for the students. But I hope and pray that you will allow schools to open for the 2020-21 school year and try to keep it true to the routine that these children know and thrive in. Thank you for your consideration.

The kids need to get back to a normal environment so please make that a priority. Our community can't stay isolated indefinitely and the fact is the reported death rates are completely unreliable and very inflated due to lack of testing. Having a healthcare professional in our home taking care of the COVID patients gives us perspective on the situation and how some cities like NY are taking advantage of the system.

Overall my number 1 concern is the health of my children and bringing the virus home to my family. I'm concerned that if we open and require children to wear masks (which I completely support), children will have a very difficult time with the masks and will be touching their faces under the masks anyway.

Keep up the good work, I think the social distancing helped slow the virus spread but at some point we need to realize the human body will adapt

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I fully support whatever decision the district decides.

Thanks for all of your hard work! I can't imagine the stress in planning for next year when no real plans can happen.

Nothing at this time

N/A

Health And safety are the number one priority however, I am concerned that my children are both seem to be in school learners and worry that if school is virtual they won't succeed and they both are good students.

Please watch trends & CDC to make decisions

Would like to see classes start after Labor Day

Are there support groups for parents who work? I'm willing to host a few kids at my house to do work and then switch off on days when I have to work.

Online/virtual schooling should be structured, but also have room for flexibility. "Live" school should reinforce common sense practices (hand washing, covering coughs, blowing nose, etc. etc.)and have smaller class sizes would also greatly cut down on the overall spread of all germs and illnesses.

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Childcare if not using full day of schooling. I cannot see my child wearing a mask all day long how and how would this interfere with being in the classroom

I answered K-1 because he's in first grade now but he's going into second grade. I'm just so uncertain about next year. I will do whatever I have to to support his learning but it may involve me having to cut down my hours as we both work full time outside of the home. We both have been essential workers throughout this and I had to cut my full time hours almost in half to be able to stay home with my kids until my husband gets home and then I go start work. We were struggling financially before all of this and this certainly hasn't helped matters so thinking about doing something like this long term is scary. I would do anything to put my kids needs first of course but I'm afraid of the future. He needs my constant support to

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do the online schooling he's been doing, as much as I try to get him to do it independently he just can't stay on task without the positive reinforcement I give him. So even if I could find a childcare solution I fear that would be detrimental to his learning. I am sure there are other families in this situation. He loved school and I am grasping at threads trying to keep that love of school alive but he does not flourish in the online version as he does the regular. I just hope we can get as much normalcy back to these kids as possible while keeping them safe as well.

My child has an issue with wearing a mask. It makes her very uncomfortable and she feels like she cant breathe. I understand it may be necessary but she will not be happy and possibly unwilling to wear one for an entire school day.

Nothing more to add at this time

My main concern is how are my children going to learn virtually. My youngest child needs that classroom interaction in order to learn new concepts. My oldest too. I really want them to be able to go back to school and be around other students and their friends. It will also make it easier on them to learn.

Information about the virus is changing all the time, and with the latest information about it not being transferred easily on surfaces (CDC) and hopefully treatments coming, it does not make sense to decide NOW about late August. Regardless, we cannot stay in this 'life pending' status forever - schools need to be open so parents can work, parents need to work to feed and clothe their children. Lack of income means increased stress for the whole household, including children.

If parents are not comfortable, allow their child to attend over web (at same time live class is being taught). If a teacher cannot be in the environment, broadcast them teaching from another location, or setup a "clean" booth in their room to separate them from students. There are workarounds out there, and better alternatives to going cyber. Kids are not learning well or much this way, engagement is very difficult.

Unsure

I hope the deicson makers will be relying, not on media "hype", but on science including herd immunity and the benefits of exposing our community members to illnesses so that the healthy can fight illness and help protect the rest of our community. We need to get back to work, school, OUR LIVES! Our kids, our parents need to regain our mental health and I don't think virtual school is the answer for the majority. Please make the right decision based on real numbers and real science. Don't be swayed by politics or media hype. Make the right choice and send our kids back to live school in fall 2020.

If online what happens to the kids who have classes like choir, design, chefs. My child learns better in the classroom than online with all her subjects

There should be multiple approaches and plans depending on the current state of the environment should it change rapidly, for better or worse, as we approach the first of school, and allow a change quickly should the environment change at any point during the school year. I would much prefer students alternate full days rather than half days. It will be more chaotic with more arrival and dismissal times and unfair to those students that always get the early days vs afternoons or difficult to determine whose hone life works better for mornings or afternoons.

Will there be coordinations with other districts as a lot of us are educators and child care will be an issue if one district goes hybrid and the other one does not.

I think certain days a week for certain students is a great idea with the other days in an online format. So the more difficult classes for each child should be their "in school" days whereas stronger classes could be their online format at home.

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Only other question we would have at this point is, if masks are required, would there be something in place when it is hot and in schools without air conditioning in case kids get light headed?

nothing

Thank you

some of the questions are vague and tried to answer best of our ability.

I feel that, based on the mandate of the state, it should either be safe enough to return to mostly normal learning activities OR it is completely not. Safety protocols would have to be feasible and actually something that students and staff can do while learning is occurring or not at all. For example, it does not seem feasible to temperature check an entire building of students upon arrival, nor to space kids 6 feet apart all day in a classroom without requiring them to stay at their desks the entire day, in halls, on buses without hardship on the district or families to buy more buses, stagger start times, etc. Thank you for all the district is doing to consider all the necessary parts of getting kids back to school.

How do you plan to provide special services to kiddos with IEP's virtually?

I work in healthcare and am not available during the school hours. My children are pretty self sufficient but are struggling at staying on task in the virtual environment. That are both honor roll students and I have a hard seeing them struggle

If time in the building is an issue, Students need at least some in person teaching for major subjects over electives.

They need to go back to school in some form. Online, when they want to isn't teaching them to be responsible.

Even if school is virtual in the fall, student/teacher accountability is critical. Learning is the top priority and having live social interaction with teachers and other students is a close second.

QCSD's response to this challenging time has been tremendous. Thank you capturing parent feedback as part of your planning for next year.

Since I work outside of the home and I am a single parent, I will not be able to provide transportation to and from school. My girls safety and health is my number one priority but I am very concerned about transportation. Thank you for allowing parents to give feedback. If we do at home schooling, I would hope it was graded and a little flexible.

If school can't open they need to create teaching videos for our children. Math & Science need video teaching. If they need to watch 2 or 3 times to get it its there we as parents can watch and help

I think we will all need to be flexible maybe school should begin earlier, some universities are taking this approach whereby they finish at Thanksgiving. I think there is a good chance this will come back in Fall/Winter months. The school should probably plan for both live school and homeschooling and have both plans in place for whatever scenario comes up and be able to implement each one immediately. Thank you for all of your hard work the school district has done an amazing job so far.

Keeping the students and staff safe is the most important thing. Thank you!

We would like to resume school as normal

Nothing else

None

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None

That they don't miss any learning opportunities

Please, please figure out how to get our children back into a live setting. Most can make academic progress in any (virtual or live) setting, but there is no substitute for the social growth that can only be made via personal interaction with teachers and peers. These are the people of the future. I believe we should acknowledge but be willing to accept some risks to position them for success.

Consideration should be given to returning to school in the Fall but using online/virtual instruction during prime flu season - possibly November thru January - to help keep the spread to a minimum.

It's important for my child to continue to learn and have the interaction. Safety is very important as well.

Children must be held accountable and graded for their work if online. For high school kids there needs to be live teaching. Google meets need to be better coordinated so 3 classes don't meet at the same time like is currently happening. If it's online we need to eliminate the fluff and get to the core of what must really be taught. Busy work needs to be eliminated. More teachers need to record themselves teaching, the kids can connect better to someone they know rather than the stranger on you tube. Specials in elementary school need to be minimal. It's too overwhelming for the kids online especially in the younger grades. Honestly, the best plan is to get the kids back to school! They need socialization with their peers. They need friends, sports and activities.

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Thank you

Enough notice to plan (Which I know is hard) what we need to do on our part with schooling and our work. Thank you for all you are doing for the QCSD community!!!!

If next year is online, we would like to see our children do some of their work using a pencil and paper, especially math.

The Richland ES 4th grade team has been incredible during this closure! This includes the the specials teachers. They have made their activities engaging and worthwhile. I think they are a team of teachers that the District can use as an example- at least at the elementary level. To make virtual learning successful- the teachers will need to be given the proper tools and time, but so will the students! I am a Middle School teacher, and one thing I have learned is that the learning curve for students is just as great- if not greater- than it is for the teachers. It is not ok to assume that we all know how to use the technology and platforms we've been given. Also- home-life makes a big difference! Not everyone has the same support system and I really appreciate that you have asked these types of questions in this survey! My husband and I are home and have the ability to support our children- but if I am called back to school in the fall and my husband has to travel again for work- childcare will be an issue for us.

I prefer virtual/online learning for my children this fall.

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Na

Nothing

There needs to be a better way of making students accountable for doing work and adequate support to assist them if online

N/A

I feel like the online learning has been good for this year considering the speed in which it was created but I would not be happy with this level of learning if online learning was to continue next year.

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This is unfortunate, but I am very uncomfortable sending my children to school. These are such uncertain times. I am not willing to take the risks. I am hoping there is an online option with flexibility for when my children can log on to get the school work completed. Maybe it can be by a certain dead line? And Maybe even scheduled frequent virtual conferences with the teachers to make sure we the parents are doing everything accurately? I appreciate your concerns. Thank you for your time.

I am nervous about fogging of the school. It has to have unknown health concerns for our children. I would totally support online learning if teachers and classes would be held just as they would be in school, 40 minute periods at the same time everyday. There has to be continuity and "classroom" experience for these children. The teacher needs to take daily attendance, they need to be able to "see" each other to interact properly with one another like a zoom meeting. (Zoom is getting much safer to use. Parents could sign a waiver to allow their child to participate. But on the high school level these kids need direction and not to be told that it is voluntary!! It makes it impossible for us as parents to explain to them how and why they should do anything when it is not being graded. If it goes virtual please make it every day they have the same schedule they meet with the same teachers in the same class are able to see one another and interact fully. Instruction should be given by the teacher just as it would be in a classroom. Children should be able to ask questions just as they would in a classroom. They should be able to interact fluently and seamlessly with one another just as we do as adults when we're in a meeting with our colleagues.

We can beat this if the district hires additional help to clean and sanitize each and every room in the school several times per day. We can do this! My child needs live schooling!

When I go back to work I won't be able to be there with my child till after school hours so if virtual school comes to fruition I will have to quit my job which will put stress on our family. I work when she is in school and I can not expect or afford to pay someone to watch her and take control of her education. I am a Dental Assistant by trade and not a teacher, this has been hard on us all with no preparation. Also I'm curious about QE not having AC. That's gonna be hard in August when the children were sent home last September for half days due to high temperatures.

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I am also concerned with the masks. I am worried about the children being able to breathe properly with them on.

If virtual school does become reality I would like to have her school books available at home. It's hard keeping track of the things she has learned with no reference for myself.

Will my school taxes go down? With no actual buildings to be taken care of, no electricity and other utilities to pay for my taxes for the year should be refunded or adjusted for the next year. Your paying teachers to do half a day work and I am doing the other half.

If you are looking to alter the schedule of when students are in a classroom (i.e. different days, staggered arrival/depart times), I would reach out to the local daycares to find out if they are willing to be flexible with the pricing plans and what is possible for them with a different schedule. Decreasing the students time in the school building will increase daycare costs for working parents. It's just something to consider among the million other things that need to be accounted for. Regardless of what happens, thank you for all the hard work everyone in the QCSD has done!

We are 2 working parents with 3 school aged children and 1 preschooler. Sixth grade center is all new to us. I feel it is super important to have a good orientation prior to start. In addition scheduling weird hours is a problem for us to maintain our work schedules. I can not have 3 children going to school all different hours of the day and all different days of the week. And I can not afford childcare for 3 children. Can not coordinate all of this as well as continue working to pay our bills.

The virtual learning they are doing now is mostly review. Thankfully they are mostly self motivated but I know their learning is limited in this capacity. I am fearful virtual learning in the future will not be as effective as in class learning for educational purposes as well as social needs of children. I am also concerned about my current full day kindergarten son. I am afraid he is falling behind and is going to be struggling to keep up for years to come. He was just starting to catch on to reading. And although his teacher is wonderful, due to increased work demands and extra demands at home with the other kids learning I can not provide him the time, tools and effort he needs to truly be successful.

I think this plan needs to be announced asap. As I can not do this cyber learning from qcscd if it isn't more structured. If there isn't a better cyber learning plan then we will be moving to cyber school.

While my children are old enough (entering 6th and 9th) and don't need child care services, they still need support and monitoring in an online virtual setting. My kids are both starting new schools next year with a lot of changes already about to happen. Both of us have full time jobs and cannot always support our kids in an online learning situation as much as we would like to, and that is what makes this challenging. They have some level of independence, but need monitoring, support, and reminders.

Aside from general concerns about continued learning and health/safety, my children's mental health is of concern. Staying home with little to no activities is not good for them. They need more than that. So some form of physical school/learning/socialization is very important to us.

I'm concern about sending my child to school in the fall for fear of his health risks and ours. And I'm concerned about virtual school. We work full time. Teaching at home At night has not been a good experience for my child and has been overwhelming for our family. We want nothing but the best for him and offer him support every night but it's taking away from our other responsibilities and quality time too. We're rushed to get through it, eat, bathe and get them to bed with the few hours we have with them each day. We are both trying to help our companies survive and keep our jobs and our jobs now require more hours and more stress. Our son was outgoing and participated in class a lot, he loved school, now he hates school, it's rushed and stressful. He's in kindergarten and we're so concerned about how this has

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affected his learning experience and outlook on learning. If school is virtual we will need to hire a tutor or teacher to go to our daycare and help our child each day, we would not survive a whole school year like this again it would not be healthy. We have no family balance under these circumstances. I can't afford school taxes and to pay a tutor/teacher plus pay daycare. But what other choice would I have. Last school year we paid 3 different people to commute our kindergartener to school and from school to daycare. Levi wouldn't accommodate a drop off at our daycare 3 miles away. We are gone before the bus comes and home after drop off. Transportation on a bus is concerning, but paying more people to transport our child adds risk and expense too. I can't say what I will be comfortable with and I'm very concerned about how this will affect us financially at a time when we're taking pay cuts to keep our jobs. I'm not why we will do until we understand the financial, emotional and physical impact it will have on our family.

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Safety for the children

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N/a

Don't force covid vaccination for attendance

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We need for our children to stop living in fear. More people die from cancer and the flu each year

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I am so proud that Quakertown is putting people first! You truly care about people. Districts like Pennridge DO NOT! Thank you!

For those students living with a family member with a compromised immune system this pandemic has caused them to be fearful they'll inadvertently pass on a virus which could kill their loved one. That is an exceptionally harsh reality for a young mind to cope with. This fear would also need to be considered and plan on how to ease this in students if school is "live". Imagine knowing you gave a virus to your parent that caused their death and have to live with that the rest of your life.

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Nothing right now

Virtual learning does not meet every child's learning ability. My children do not do well with an online atmosphere, and I am unable to support them as I work 12 hour shifts in healthcare. Children need socialization, sports, school activities and events just as much as they need classroom time learning. I understand that their physical health is top priority, but not at the risk of their mental health.

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I am confident that as a community, we will be able to send our kids back to live school, even if it is only for a few days a week.

Nothing

The online program that has been offered this spring has been decent for something that the teachers had to put together at the last minute with no preparation or experience. However, it must be better if we do distance learning in the fall. The workload has been very inconsistent. My daughter's math teacher is gone (not sure of reasons) and her math class has been very inconsistent. I see math as being a vital subject in her education as someone who has a GIEP and wants to go into engineering. Also, not all classes can be done at home with the current technology the students have (i.e. engineering courses). One of my daughters is also in a 3rd year of language and is signed up to take AP next year. She has had no language conversation practice when this would have been easy to do during a google meet led by the teacher. There were missed opportunities. There HAS to be synchronous learning in the fall, perhaps with a block schedule so each class meets 2x a week instead of daily. Attendance and grades are a MUST! If there are no extra curricular activities in the fall, then I am fine with distance learning to continue for middle school and high school. I would prefer there to be school with activities in the fall. I think the most important factors are temperature taking and wearing disposable masks because I don't think kids, even older ones, will do well social distancing. There should be a touchless hand sanitizer station outside of EVERY classroom and bathroom classroom doors should be contactless. I do think elementary kids need to go to school, for childcare, teacher support, socialization, and learning needs.

Making the kids understand the Importance of their safety and others.

I know this is will not be any easy decision in the fall but having a child with asthma I need to ensure all measures are in place for a safe return. Although I support wearing masks, they are uncomfortable and hot to wear for an entire school day. My children thrive on the interaction in school and with friends but high schoolers are not equipped to follow the rules so social distancing will be a struggle.

Nothing at this time

Bill harner is a true idiot and doesn't belong making decisions regarding our kids.

Nothing at this time.

We know this is an extremely challenging situation, and we are very appreciative of everything you are doing. We know there is a strong divide in the community about how this should be handled, and no

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matter the outcome, there will be significant feedback. We support you, and thank you for allowing this forum for feedback.

Nothing

Providing adequate time to set home and work schedules to help support child.

Allowing parent volunteers to continue to help in the classrooms and with activities would play an important part in balancing school life for students & faculty with the upcoming changes to the daily routine due to the pandemic.

Nothing at this time

N/a

I think that covers it.

The mental health of our children should be first priority. They need to go back to some sort of normal with interaction with their peers. Mandatory grading and teaching. Nothing should be optional

NA

None

If virtual, these kids need to learn and be required to do the work and check in

High schoolers are really suffering. They feel like their entire future is at risk. They miss their sports and their friends. Elementary parents have no way to keep up. They can't teach and work. There has to be a way to navigate this and I appreciate everything you are doing to try to come up with safe solutions.

Return to normal

Nothing at this time, I believe the survey covered all my concerns. I believe the administration has the health and safety of QCSD students and staff in high priority. Although I feel virtual learning is not the best for my children, we found a way to make it work and make the best of it. We have had a positive experience over the past couple months and if it needs to be done again, it will be. Thank you

So many of my answers are influenced by two main questions. First, what will the numbers look like in the fall? What is the data telling us, and how are we monitoring student and family health. Unfortunately, as an educator myself, I see all too often children who are sent to school when they are not feeling well because parents must work. What protocols will the school have in place to prevent children with symptoms or children who have family members who are ill from entering the school and sharing germs?

The second factor for me personally is the expectations of my own job. If am allowed to work virtually, then I would probably keep my children home with me and we would continue with the online instruction. If I am called into work then I am not sure of what we would do.

I do not know what the answer is to this. As a parent, I understand the hesitation and yet the need to send my children back to school. Yet, as a teacher, I run through regular day-to-day classroom scenarios, and I struggle to understand how my classroom can function under the CDC guidelines. How does a kindergarten classroom function with 6ft social distancing? How do a classroom full of students hear instruction through a mask? What do we do if 1 student tests positive for COVID? What if that student has a sibling in the building? Do their classrooms move to quarantine mode?

I do not envy you in this decision making process, but I appreciate the diligence QCSD continues to show through this time.

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Clean the schools and wash hands.

Thank you for all that you are doing to continue learning in this virtual environment and for taking families opinions into your very hard decision.

I TRUST QCSD ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL BOARD TO USE RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND OTHER RELIABLE RESOURCES TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF MY CHILDREN, FOR ALL THE STAFF AT QCSD AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR ASKING FOR OUR FEEDBACK AND FOR ALL OF YOUR CONSIDERATIONS. RIGHT NOW WE MUST BE FLEXIBLE AND UNDERSTANDING AND WE ALL MUST DO OUR PART. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE ALL DOING TO MAKE THE BEST OF OUR SITUATION IN THIS WORLD WE ARE LIVING IN RIGHT NOW. PLEASE TAKE CARE.

I don't feel the children like online/virtual learning. The children need to be around other children , that is in itself a learning experience. I want my child to go to school, but be safe too. I think it important to observe what other schools(even in other countries) do to keep their children safe and incorporate them into our schools.

I think it will be difficult for my son to be able to learn new things (for example math) without in the classroom help from his teacher. Also my son has ADHD and an IEP so I it's harder for him to stay focused doing the work online. He would be more successful in a classroom setting.

Still allowing students social interaction but always staying safe first

Quakertown school district has done a phenomenal job with online learning! Both of my kids have not missed a beat with the online learning! I truly feel the CDC requirements to re- open school would be impossible to follow. We don't have the space in buildings to keep students that far apart. I would rather we continue online learning in the fall. It has already been set up and established and will ensure everyone's safety. You mentioned you keep hearing people say "we need to have kids return to school" but at what cost to their safety and the staff? Once it has entered the school it will spread like wild fire just as it has done in the nursing homes! I truly hope we will continue online learning in the fall! Thank you for the survey.

If you decide to have online school in the fall, it would be great if each teacher would record 1 or 2 lessons each week for the students to watch (as many times as they want) and the rest of the week can be the teacher having scheduled meeting times to go over the homework/questions/problems in small groups. The times students attend small groups does not have to be scheduled, so they can choose between a few dates/times, and only if they need help. This will help keep virtual group sizes small. I notice on my 2nd grader's school computer, her large class size causes the computer to freeze and she has a hard time participating in class meetings.

Find a way to open school

Learning support!

My one daughter is making the transition from elementary to middle school which includes the transition from seesaw to canvas based online instruction. If possible it would be great to make that transition in person even if it's for a short time (month or two) before having to go virtual. That way they meet their teachers, new classmates, and have hands on learning on how to navigate the new system before taking it on virtually with the added necessity for grading and attendance

Both of my girls have asthma. Wearing a mask will be difficult for them all day. If the kids are going back to school I feel like it should be a normal school setting for them regardless. Extra hand washing and

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sanitizer is a must. All of this social distancing will hurt them more than help them. If they will be doing online learning for next year, pencil, paper and book work should be included. More structure.

If we have to do virtual learning it should be set up as if we were doing it like cyber school. Packets, books, workbooks. Pick things up and drop back off for grading. There should be lessons taught by teachers not just videos. Masks are hard for those with respiratory issues.

Some parents will be on modified schedules similar to students. I'm not sure how a modified schedule is going to work on both ends and it's concerning because parents need to work.

I appreciate the efforts the school is doing at this time of uncertainty. Please consider safety over the volume of kids that you can squeeze into a classroom/building. Over the years the classes have increased in the volume of children in a room which in turn has made the buildings more crowded. This new normal will be very different and perhaps scary for our youngest children, hopefully we account for that aspect And ensure we have extra counselors. Please consider half days and 4 day weeks with 1 day for virtual learning or office hours. Perhaps consider leasing other buildings to spread out the number of kids, I.e. lease back the elementary and middle schools we recently sold. Thank you for everything your doing, the efforts are greatly appreciated!

I do not agree with the level of school that is happening right now. I do not agree that it is not being graded and every other school district in the area is grading except us. We have a long way to go to get virtual learning to be successful. So if broken school days and virtual learning at any level is to happen you need to step it up. What we have now is a joke, teachers are not able to perform their duties because their children are screaming in the room, door Bells are ringing ... it's chaos. If this is how it will roll out for next year, we will be homeschooling where our children can get a proper education with structure.

having the teachers undivided attention during meeting times. i have observed my child in a meet with the teachers children constantly interrupting the class

If school is virtual the curriculum is going to have to be seriously improved. Honestly, if school is to remain that way in the fall, even half time, I am seriously considering home-schooling my child and finding a better way. This may be something that changes when school resumes normally whenever that is. I feel the benefits of social and emotional development in such a young child will be negatively impacted as a result of social distancing. This includes, staggering arrival times/days, socially distanced lunch, non-existent recess, specials, no field trips, and generally an environment of fear and control. I will NOT send my child wearing a mask and with temperature checks at the door. Frequent and good hand washing/ hygiene is a life skill that should be taught no matter what. I think frequent cleaning protocols is just good practice. The work which my child was given to complete in this time at home was not challenging at all and I feel I want a lot better for my child. It seems the school day should be shorter anyway. This was an eye-opener for me and a lot of parents I know. Little kids sitting alone at lunch (6 feet apart) or looking out a window at another empty playground is what I fear. I don't want my child at a long day of school, stuck at a desk, stuck in a mask, with rules that don't allow any social interaction. I have long thought about homeschooling my children and the only benefit to sending them was the social/emotional development with peers. We have to find a better way !

My husband and I both work full time and we are finding it impossible to keep our kindergarten student kept up. She hates doing the work on the chromebook. She struggles with it since they used tablets in school. I'm more concerned with her falling behind than I am with the virus.

Both my spouse and I work outside the home and would not be able to send our kids to school if there is a staggered or AM/PM schedule without bus transportation to/from school.

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For those students living with a family member with a compromised immune system this pandemic has caused them to be fearful they'll inadvertently pass on a virus which could kill their loved one. That is an exceptionally harsh reality for a young mind to cope with. This fear would also need to be considered and plan on how to ease this in students if school is "live". Imagine knowing you gave a virus to your parent that caused their death and have to live with that the rest of your life.

Will have a senior, applying to colleges and grades important

The school year currently has over 20-25 different days off throughout the year...ELIMINATE THEM ALL.....why not stagger the school days (i.e 1/2 the students go Mon/Wed/Fri Week 1, than Week 2, go Tues/Thurs... and the other half goes Tues/Thurs Week 1, than MON/WED/FRI week 2....extend the school day to 4 pm instead of 2pm....this should allow for social distancing, minimal # of students per class, and at the school any one time.....so in essence, we would always be at 50% capacity of the school....at MAX on any one day....obviously, this minimizes interaction between students, and teachers/faculty.....OR, keep the scheduled days off, ALONG WITH THE ABOVE SCHEDULE, BUT on the days kids are NOT in the school, they MUST LOG ON VIRTUALLY THAT DAY FROM HOME to EACH CLASS! BUT, THIS MUST BE A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO CHECK-IN AND BE THERE!
Thank you, Dave Pellegrino dpell17@yahoo.com

Obviously, the more student who are in the building at a time, the higher my concerns become. I'm also concerned about 1/2 days in that there will have to be extra sanitizing done in the middle of the day, causing pm students to have more exposure to chemicals in the air. Having a child with asthma, this is concerning. There also needs to be some level of accountability for students, but we have to remain flexible in that there are many factors to take into consideration (regarding synchronous learning, grades, attendance). Perhaps pass/fail could be a consideration in some cases (like electives)?

N/A

Life has to move on! There will always be viruses! Unfortunately, we can't keep our kids safe from everything in this world.our kids need an education!

Although I realize we were "thrown" into this situation this year, I do not believe the way the children were taught was beneficial to them. There was a huge variation from teacher to teacher and class to class. My child was given hours of work for some classes and busy work for others with all of it being "optional".

If learning will be virtual there has to be clear directions and expectations for both students and parents.

Kids need social interaction. This is a concern if we go virtual. Kids also need routine.

I am high risk, and I still want my children to be able to live and interact with me at home while getting a quality education.

Nothing else

I believe that if we return to virtual online learning in the fall, it's very important to have teachers doing live videos (even pre recorded) when teaching lessons. My kids respond better to their teachers then a recorded video to watch. They are used to their teaching methods and love seeing them/hearing them, it does better to keep them interested and engaged.

I think the children need to go back to school, not just for their learning but a lot of them for their mental health. Although some precautions are understandable and necessary I don't think it is possible to expect these kids to wear masks everyday and socially distance in school.

Actively engaging the kids with zoom meetings, where they are needing to actively interact is important. Please streamline Canvas, Power School, Google docs. It is very overwhelming and time consuming as a

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parent attempting to search for assignments that are due, need to be completed, grades on assignments, whether items were turned in. Offer parents an online "zoom" class or you tube video how to navigate the different systems, where to find things, etc.

I believe that children can attend school. I did not feel the virtual education this spring was effective. My children need to be in school.

None

I think it's hard for my child to be motivated if it isn't required or graded.

Utilize accurate health data for this part of Bucks County. This includes research into statistics that separate out Nursing home statistics from the general population - you may want to consider a panel of Doctors who practice in local area - private practice and hospital based practice.

I think the risk outweighs the reward for sending them back to school. What happens if somebody in the class or school gets sick or A sibling from another school even a parent and that kid bring it to school without knowing it .And you're not sure if it's the flu or the coronavirus or something else, will the whole school be shut down and isolated for 14 days? Look at all the school that will be miss if you have shut down and clean every time someone sick. Why risk putting family in harms way. I'm definitely not putting my Family at risk for school. That brings me to another question how are you going to work attendance? The 10 day rule and then a doctors note after that shouldn't even go against the kids this year. Are you gonna tell kids that they have to stay home every time they have a fever for 14 days. Again there missing school. It's just not worth it. The way they want school to be it's like putting your kids in a jail they can be normal kids, can't have fun with there friends. There is to many unknowns with this. There are other school that I've Heard that aren't opening up next year because there main concern is the kids and teachers. Others are staying closed till January and then are going to see how things go with the virus. Think we should do the same.

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If you do online school , it should be mandatory .

I expect QCSD to follow health guidelines from qualified State and Federal medical professionals and scientists. My opinion about specific parts of those guidelines is worthless, as most of the responses to this survey will be. Make good decisions based on expert opinion, not over-politicization of this epidemic.

They need to go back to school in some form. Online, when they want to isn't teaching them to be responsible.

Nothing else

Please do not tell the students before telling parents about plans, so that we have time to prepare ourselves. Also, if there are any modifications to grading or attendance, please communicate that to parents only and allow us to tell our students what we want them to do. It has become a battle in my house to keep my student (who ALWAYS does her work because she wants to have good grades) engaged in school and seeing the value in ungraded learning once she knew that grading was closed at the end of the 3rd MP.

Since my Daughter is in The BCCIU Austistic Support class, online learning does not work for her at all.

I'd need childcare if school was still virtual and IF I am back to working outside the home. So many variables involved for each family to consider.

I feel that the survey was fairly comprehensive.

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I feel that there has to be more accountability and requirement from the students part going into the next school year. (If it is online learning again) I also feel that it should not be communicated to the kids that school work is "optional" as I feel by expressing this part to the students this year made them feel like they did not have to be present 100% or give 100% cause they were all going to pass no matter whether they participated or not. I also feel that it was wrong of teachers to email the parents about their child only "partially participating" when it was known to the kids that it was optional for them to do the school work. There needs to be a system put into place that takes a daily attendance from each student and if they don't attend or participate then repercussions are put into place. I also feel that for some students to thrive and concentrate then they need to have school in a school setting and not online. I hope that it is possible for the kids to return in the fall and I know that our administrators and teachers are doing everything possible to make it happen.

I have noticed some teachers send homework via alerts and some send via calendar, I think from my standpoint alerts should be to announce a change or agenda for the week but the Calendar should be used every day all day for homework assignments that are due and also checked off when graded. This will make things much easier for parent and child to see what needs to be done and also see what is completed. This needs to be across the board with all teachers and subjects. If we are going to continue online learning we must have a structured and easily followed schedule for both students and parents.

The mental health of our children should be first priority. They need to go back to some sort of normal with interaction with their peers. Mandatory grading and teaching. Nothing should be optional

Nothing at this time

Kids are suffering socially being home. They need to be back in school

I would like to see a virtual option for students even if schools open. This can serve those families that are uncomfortable sending their child into the unknown.

I would encourage the "optional" schooling not be extended to next year - school work is either required and each child is responsible for their school work or there are no requirements.

I just want to be confident that my son will be safe returning to school in fall. His health and well being are the most important things to me. Quakertown School District handled the virus very well and I am very happy with all involved! God bless you all!

Keeping the students and staff safe is the most important thing. Thank you!

I'm concern about sending my child to school in the fall for fear of his health risks and ours. And I'm concerned about virtual school. We work full time. Teaching at home At night has not been a good experience for my child and has been overwhelming for our family. We want nothing but the best for him and offer him support every night but it's taking away from our other responsibilities and quality time too. We're rushed to get through it, eat, bathe and get them to bed with the few hours we have with them each day. We are both trying to help our companies survive and keep our jobs and our jobs now require more hours and more stress. Our son was outgoing and participated in class a lot, he loved school, now he hates school, it's rushed and stressful. He's in kindergarten and we're so concerned about how this has affected his learning experience and outlook on learning. If school is virtual we will need to hire a tutor or teacher to go to our daycare and help our child each day, we would not survive a whole school year like this again it would not be healthy. We have no family balance under these circumstances. I can't afford school taxes and to pay a tutor/teacher plus pay daycare. But what other choice would I have. Last school year we paid 3 different people to commute our kindergartener to school and from school to daycare. Levi wouldn't accommodate a drop off at our daycare 3 miles away. We are gone before the bus comes and home after drop off. Transportation on a bus is concerning, but paying more people to

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transport our child adds risk and expense too. I can't say what I will be comfortable with and I'm very concerned about how this will affect us financially at a time when we're taking pay cuts to keep our jobs. I'm not why we will do until we understand the financial, emotional and physical impact it will have on our family.

Best of luck

Nothing

My child needs accountability that we cannot always provide as we are working full time.

Nothing

Virtual learning has been incredibly tough on my children. They have trouble focusing, and difficulty staring at a screen all day. They are on the verge of burning out and have had to meet with the guidance counselor multiple times. My spouse and I both work and cannot provide support to our children. We do not believe that we need to wait until the risks from COVID19 are zero to resume school, because there is a very high emotional cost to virtual learning.

Really hoping the students will be able to safely return to school in the fall, but if virtual/online learning is necessary, I really hope to see teachers either video themselves to present a lesson as they would in school, or provide synchronous instruction. My girls, who are both excellent students, have found it challenging to teach themselves by watching other suggested videos & doing worksheets.

Structure is so important for students and teachers so that school feels like school if there is a virtual component this year. Interaction among students is also something that was lacking. Group assignments and projects are all possible with technology and a great way to keep the students connected and engaged.

Teachers should not feel overwhelmed with their workload i.e. too much flexibility in turning in assignments and parents contacting teachers at all hours. Teachers are entitled to their family/down time. Class instruction should be recorded, then it can be available as a reference for parents at a latter time. Is the district able to workout a deal with internet providers in the area for virtual learning? Letting parents know ahead of time that they will be incurring a technology fee or building it into our taxes in the future might be something the district needs to discuss so that access to virtual learning is not an issue.

Virtual learning has been tremendously difficult for my child, he has had anxiety and trouble focusing. There is a lot of evidence detailing that children rarely contract COVID19, and rarely spread it to others, and the emotional cost of keeping schooling virtual is too high for most families. My spouse and I both work and we are not able to provide support for our children learning in a virtual format.

nothing

As many safety precautions as possible.

I am really hoping it's not completely virtual. It's definitely a challenge and I have faith in our district.

To be completely honest, my wife and I are not at all comfortable sending our kids to school if it would start today. We have no idea what it will be like come fall, so not entirely sure where our mindset will be at that time.

Making sure our children are safe!!

1. Use one learning/communication interface when virtual/online learning is required.
2. Thank you for involving us, keeping us updated, and keeping the kids engaged.
3. All staff and Teachers are doing a great job with the virtual/online learning.

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Actual time spent in daily state required instructional activities vs indirect/social activities. A good balance may be needed for a well-rounded education and growth.

Nothing

None

As an older child attending school, I feel my child can handle any protocols set forth and can also understand and maintain personal hygiene to protect themselves and others. Sadly I'm not sure everyone else he is attending school with will do the same. I also realize that when kids get together again it's only human nature to be close to friends and mistakes will happen. Even with these concerns and a child with a predisposing condition that would make them highly susceptible to COVID 19, I feel school is necessary and needed for their mental health and continued structured learning

n/a

Don't rush on decision making. Time will tell on what is that is needed to improve.

My special needs son learns best in a live setting and is extremely impacted by not having contact with peers.

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clear communication and details on safety protocols

Please don't make the new rules ridiculous and make sure they are science based, not political. From the science based data I'm researching this is all overkill. CDC guidance is also changing with relaxed rules

clear communication on safety protocols

How to provide one-on-one support as had in Pride time and have teachers provide prompt feedback to student questions. Absent in class instruction, how can I as parent know that both my child and the teacher are communicating in earnest?

Our family is flexible with whatever QCS D decides.

Nothing

If online learning is the solution, if all teachers would use Canvas in the same way, that would be great! Not using "outside canvas" apps and websites as it is hard to figure out if the student has completed the assignment. Maybe if teachers absolutely have to use another app or websites, there would be something of a completion check on Canvas? Also, would be great if all teachers could send out a weekly summary at the beginning of the week detailing what the expectations will be for the entire week. This will help manage expectations and student accountability. Having a periodic check in for parents and teachers would be helpful.

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The only issue I have with online schooling is that I am back at work but my wife is a teacher as well and she has to be possibly teaching her students while my daughter is "attending" her virtual schooling. We also have a 5 year old home with my wife and daughter so this is a lot to ask of families. We are basically

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letting my daughter be responsible for her own schooling right now. It's a delicate balance of schooling and family time.

My daughter may be immune compromised and she's going for testing in June. I am immune compromised so I have to be careful as well. If schools are allowed to open i would expect the highest level of care and cleaning to be done for the busses and school as a whole due to our family needs. I'm also a single mom so if school is online she would not be able to do school work during school hours and it would be a burden since I don't get home until 530/6 pm everyday. I'm actually looking for childcare options now for the fall in case they don't attend the school and are online however its been difficult.

I don't feel the children like online/virtual learning. The children need to be around other children , that is in itself a learning experience. I want my child to go to school, but be safe too. I think it important to observe what other schools(even in other countries) do to keep their children safe and incorporate them into our schools.

We are both educators in neighboring districts and are concerned with the districts being consistent throughout Upper Bucks. If the districts we teach in are in building teaching but Quakertown is not, we will not be able to support our children's learning in the same ways. We also realize that answering these questions is based a lot on what the year COULD look like come August and our answers may change with the changes the virus is having on our community at that time.

But thank you to everyone in the district and school board for your hard work and dedication. We know this has not been an easy situation, and we could not be happier with how Trumbauersville Elm has handled it and how the district has communicated throughout.

We NEED to go back to school!!!

My child has special needs and has needed one on one support to complete any learning so far this year. In this optional and ungraded virtual world, we have barely been able to maintain our learning and our family dynamic has been very strained. I'm very concerned how his learning could continue if we are forced to be virtual in the fall. He will require support from the district and I don't know what that would even look like.

I have concerns for my 5th grader learning virtually while his parents are at work. How can attendance be required when a parent isn't home to enforce it. I feel the work needs to have a flexible schedule if parental help is expected. I'm worried that his work will be subpar because he won't have the push from the other kids or teachers to get the most out of him. I feel a virtual year will be a lost year for him.

The kids need the opportunity to return to as normal an environment as safely possible. This includes after school activities even if that means no spectators.

Our household is completely ok with 100% virtual learning or split or all "live" school. I stay home with my children so I am able to help them with all their virtual needs. Thank you!

As a working single parent getting my kids back to school is necessary. My son has in IEP so this has been very difficult for him. I know his teachers are doing the best they can. He needs more help than can be given than online learning. Like I said I've been working through most of this so my views are probably much different then someone who has been working from home or furloughed from their job. Just my two cents.

I feel that kids need to go back to school. Online learning is not ideal. My daughter is a good student but this has been hard on her. She misses her friends, teachers, schedules etc. Thank you for asking for parents input.

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Thank you QCSD; you have been amazing. I know whatever decision that is made will consider all factors and be the best decision possible for our children under the circumstances.

Even if school is virtual in the fall, student/teacher accountability is critical. Learning is the top priority and having live social interaction with teachers and other students is a close second.

QCSD's response to this challenging time has been tremendous. Thank you capturing parent feedback as part of your planning for next year.

I am an essential employee that works 50+ hours per week and also has younger children not in school that require significant attention that takes away from the virtual support I am able to provide.

I understand that what happened at the end of this school year was unprecedented and plans were made to make the most of the situation. If the beginning of the school year would need to have students at home again or only in school for shorter days, etc, the quality of education and teaching would need to be stepped up considerably. Teachers need to be actively teaching the students, not just providing work sheets and sending them to sites for information. That is something anyone can provide and doesn't provide the quality education that tax payers are paying for at the rates of pay in our district. If that doesn't happen I would think many families will be switching to homeschooling and online curriculum.

N/A

Na

I feel the school should be open I work in Health care and fully support the schools in re-opening I was one that needed to see and do to learn not just read and sit I feel online learning is not productive and the best choice for my children they need social interaction I have full faith and don't mind helping the school in that goal we all have a brain it's pretty simple disinfect, clean, sanitize, wash hands, it's pretty simple my children need the schools the social interaction the hands on learning . I just moved into the district from NY for a better education please QCSD please don't not fail my children

Nothing

Nothing thank you

Online learning cannot continue to be optional!

Socialization is critical for our youth. Online learning while may be utilized during higher risk periods during the year should not be the new normal.

School needs to be open, sports need to go on, this is insanity, it's a virus, the stats prove it's over blown and political I will not let my children suffer to be pawns for photo ops. I have to wear a mask all day at my essential place of employment, because employer fears a government fine, and have a hard time breathing properly thru it and now that the weather is warming it's even more intolerable. Masks are also NOT proven to be of any benefit. If they are forced to wear masks and not socially interact I will consider putting them in a private school that allows them to be human until QCSD returns to sanity.

Whatever the circumstance may be, please remember that some of these children have been affected by all of this more than others. Some may benefit from these changes and some may feel the impact of these changes more so. I feel the isolation this virus has put our children through has been tough enough. If they are to go back to "live" school and cannot continue the friendships they have been building all of these years due to scheduled days or staggered times, I feel this will make school difficult. I understand it is hard to take everything into consideration, but school is their social life.

More substantial and more frequent cleaning of the buildings is important to us.

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If public schools decide to do virtual schools we are seriously considering pulling our child out of the high school and entering her into a private school that provides either live classes or more intense virtual programming. The education during quarantine was a joke, and while my child tried to participate the inconsistencies between classes were laughable at the high school level. My daughter is a straight A student and craves learning and needs structure. There is no way you can tell a child to read about geometry or advanced algebra and provide no live support from a teacher. She needs peer interaction in a live setting. Now my child is behind and nothing has been done to rectify the situation besides suggesting more time spent in virtual classrooms. While sad that COVID has had an impact on a small number of families, it should not scare the population into canceling the fall semester.

It will be difficult to enforce some of the protocols

Get these children back to school. These kids need interaction, sports, and socialization.

Safety for my children comes before anything else.

It is very difficult to complete a multiple choice survey with so many loaded questions, with no clear emphasis on why I would be concerned. For example: am I concerned about recess? Yes I am, as it may very well be the most important part of my child's experience. The way that it and other questions are phrased could imply that I am concerned about letting them partake in recess, rather than concerned that there will not be recess. This makes it very difficult to parse out data, or very easy to skew results. There is no doubt that all of our community leaders are doing their best with the constantly changing, constantly politicized into binary choice information. In my opinion this has been an incredible overreaction, which has revealed to me that my child is not so much getting an education, as an indoctrination. I fully understand that any system would do that, be it homeschool, private school, military school, whatever; but at least with one of those alternatives she would also get a better quality education. It bothers me that what is offered is 7 hours of daycare, to be replaced with about 30-60 minutes of virtual 'learning' which, thanks to the complete failure of our state legislature and executive branches, counts for absolutely nothing and has no clear path forward. School turns into a paranoia driven asylum where my child is forced to sit in one place, eat alone, not go outside, sit in front of a screen, come for 4 hours every other day and 4 different hours every other Tuesday, wear a mask, social distance, be afraid, this is normal... you better believe I will find a better way.

Please don't think of this as a personal attack on the fine people of QCSD, the failures are at every level, from the Federal Department of Education to the (far too high) percentage of parents who view school as daycare and a child's education as somebody else's problem. I appreciate the opportunity to provide such feedback, and hope that our community can find a way to use this harsh lesson to find a way to improve our children's lives, even if it is in defiance of those who want society to remain in limbo at the expense of our children's opportunities.

Nothing

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Nothing

Parents struggle to support kids work when Quakertown School and teachers send out emails that say work is optional and no grading. Constant fighting and arguing in an already stressful and emotional times!

how about a list to track whos been sick...to track others being in contact

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My child would be more willing to do the work had she not been told by a teacher that it is not required but expected. The school work should have been required unless special circumstances came into play

Children must be held accountable and graded for their work if online. For high school kids there needs to be live teaching. Google meets need to be better coordinated so 3 classes don't meet at the same time like is currently happening. If it's online we need to eliminate the fluff and get to the core of what must really be taught. Busy work needs to be eliminated. More teachers need to record themselves teaching, the kids can connect better to someone they know rather than the stranger on you tube. Specials in elementary school need to be minimal. It's too overwhelming for the kids online especially in the younger grades. Honestly, the best plan is to get the kids back to school! They need socialization with their peers. They need friends, sports and activities.

The children need to be in school.

If online learning were to continue in the fall, would students receive pass/fail or actual grades?

How many children will be in a classroom at once? If possible will schools open in August

If public schools decide to do virtual schools we are seriously considering pulling our child out of the high school and entering her into a private school that provides either live classes or more intense virtual programming. The education during quarantine was a joke, and while my child tried to participate the inconsistencies between classes were laughable at the high school level. My daughter is a straight A student and craves learning and needs structure. There is no way you can tell a child to read about geometry or advanced algebra and provide no live support from a teacher. She needs peer interaction in a live setting. Now my child is behind and nothing has been done to rectify the situation besides suggesting more time spent in virtual classrooms. While sad that COVID has had an impact on a small number of families, it should not scare the population into canceling the fall semester.

My son will be a junior. It is important that he has guidance for college and focus on college readiness.

Nothing

We would like our child to attend live school. These questions would be a lot easier to answer if we knew what types of safety protocols were on the table for discussion. We would like see reasonable safety protocols that children can handle. When will there be a list of safety protocols that QCSD will be attempting to implement?

NA

If cases spike in the fall, as a nurse around covid patients, I would not support my child going back and would like virtual option. If cases remain low, I will send my child. My son feels that kids will be mean to other kids if their masks aren't cool enough . If masks are necessary they need to all be the same (uniformed). Strayer has enough bullying this will add to it if all masks are not the same .). Attendance and grading is a must !!!

We have two younger children (entering 2nd and 3rd grade) and our daughter has an IEP. How do you propose two working parents manage online/virtual learning for elementary age children who cannot administer the lesson plans themselves? How do you plan to support children with IEPs and special needs without them falling further behind the normal classroom? What 'pundits' are you speaking to and giving credence to in regard to the pandemic and protocols for reopening schools? Please provide the names of these pundits so parents can assess their level of expertise for ourselves.

Other people's choices affect my child, and in turn, my husband who is undergoing chemo and is immuno compromised. My children have a huge level of anxiety about potentially infecting him. Unfortunately

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knowing that other families have chosen not to vaccinate their children in the past (Pfaff chicken pox outbreaks) and that other families send students to school ill, I cannot trust that others will not make choices that adversely affect my family and our health. Without that trust, I feel the health of my family is in danger with a return to school buildings in August. How will the district deal with hallway changes in middle school when students are very close together? Who is disinfecting desks between classes? What happens when students refuse to wear a mask or think it's funny to cough or get too close to another student? What about students who have sensory issues and make not be able to wear a mask or maintain distancing? What if a student arrives in the morning and has a fever- where will they go while awaiting parent pickup? My middle school student has avoided the bathroom as much as possible because she is concerned about possible vaping at Strayer. My elementary (soon to be SGC) child has avoided the bathrooms because he says they are not clean. How will they truly have access to frequent hand washing? Class sizes have been large for both of my students. Well over 30 in my son's 5th grade math plus section this year. I don't understand how they could be reduced-where is the space going to come from for that? I know that many parents are clamoring for a return to school, but I believe what they want is what school used to look like, and I feel it is completely irresponsible at this point to plan for that. I would be able to drive my children to school but not home. Given the behavior of other students on the bus in the past, I have a high level of concern about whether other students on the bus would in fact follow rules and expectations or would engage in behavior that endangers the health of my children, not to mention just the mere proximity to other students on the bus. Seeing people in town and in my neighborhood completing disregarding social distancing and masks the last several weeks causes me to have a very high level of concern for the safety of my family if we return to school buildings in the fall. Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness in weighing options. There is no perfect answer for every family and the constantly changing information makes informed decisions challenging. I appreciate you soliciting feedback from families and doing what is safest for all.

I feel my child really needs to be able to have classroom instruction vs. Online.
Online learning is more difficult for her. She is one that needs extra support, and is really missing the socialization with the teachers and her friends . Also, the tech kids need to get more time at their tech classroom to complete their degrees. You cant teach cosmotology skills at home. You can try ,but its not the same. My daughter Loves Cosmotology class!!
Thank you

Help my now Kindergarten and now 3rd grader catch you to were they are suppose to be. That said means more school days or more school hours. I think early school times, I'm ok with late dismissal and not homework unless if it's a project or work that was unable to finish during school hours.

I am concerned about the close contact. These are children they will have alot of trouble staying as far apart as they need to be. I am very scared of the risks with sending my child to school.

It is tough to answer the questions about next year, because we don't know what school would look like if students are able to go back. I have heard rumors about children being required to wear masks, being required to stay in one classroom all day with no recess and no cafeteria. If these requirements are the case, I am concerned about how effectively students will be able to learn in that environment, from a teacher who is also wearing a mask.

At the same time, after helping our children with online school this spring, we are concerned about how well our children will learn in a virtual environment. They miss their friends and peers, and I think they all learned better in a live classroom environment. We don't know if this is possible, or if we will need to make the best of an alternate environment.

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to take this survey. Will the results be shared? If you have any questions or if I can provide any other information, my name is [REDACTED] and I can be reached at [REDACTED]@hotmail.com.

Would like to see classes start after Labor Day

Prefer to have the kids back in school as long as it is safe to do so.

Lunches

I work in healthcare and am not available during the school hours. My children are pretty self sufficient but are struggling at staying on task in the virtual environment. That are both honor roll students and I have a hard seeing them struggle

In whichever setting, work and attendance need to be required.

In general, it's a great idea to be more vigilant with sanitation (hand-washing, cleaning, etc.) because the flu, stomach bug, and other illnesses always circulate through the schools. But I do not believe that the cost of placing strain on working parents (virtual learning) or on the schools (complete restructuring to accommodate social distancing) is worth it at this time. We can always course-correct if we learn more.

We are ready for school to start again!

ALL teachers will need to be in constant communication so meetings don't overlap.

N/A

It is very difficult to complete a multiple choice survey with so many loaded questions, with no clear emphasis on why I would be concerned. For example: am I concerned about recess? Yes I am, as it may very well be the most important part of my child's experience. The way that it and other questions are phrased could imply that I am concerned about letting them partake in recess, rather than concerned that there will not be recess. This makes it very difficult to parse out data, or very easy to skew results. There is no doubt that all of our community leaders are doing their best with the constantly changing, constantly politicized into binary choice information. In my opinion this has been an incredible overreaction, which has revealed to me that my child is not so much getting an education, as an indoctrination. I fully understand that any system would do that, be it homeschool, private school, military school, whatever; but at least with one of those alternatives she would also get a better quality education. It bothers me that what is offered is 7 hours of daycare, to be replaced with about 30-60 minutes of virtual 'learning' which, thanks to the complete failure of our state legislature and executive branches, counts for absolutely nothing and has no clear path forward. School turns into a paranoia driven asylum where my child is forced to sit in one place, eat alone, not go outside, sit in front of a screen, come for 4 hours every other day and 4 different hours every other Tuesday, wear a mask, social distance, be afraid, this is normal... you better believe I will find a better way.

Please don't think of this as a personal attack on the fine people of QCSD, the failures are at every level, from the Federal Department of Education to the (far too high) percentage of parents who view school as daycare and a child's education as somebody else's problem. I appreciate the opportunity to provide such feedback, and hope that our community can find a way to use this harsh lesson to find a way to improve our children's lives, even if it is in defiance of those who want society to remain in limbo at the expense of our children's opportunities.

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Every one of my concerns was addressed

If public schools decide to do virtual schools we are seriously considering pulling our child out of the high school and entering her into a private school that provides either live classes or more intense virtual programming. The education during quarantine was a joke, and while my child tried to participate the inconsistencies between classes were laughable at the high school level. My daughter is a straight A student and craves learning and needs structure. There is no way you can tell a child to read about geometry or advanced algebra and provide no live support from a teacher. She needs peer interaction in a live setting. Now my child is behind and nothing has been done to rectify the situation besides suggesting more time spent in virtual classrooms. While sad that COVID has had an impact on a small number of families, it should not scare the population into canceling the fall semester.

Safety for my children comes before anything else.

most students need to be in a live school environment for a complete learning experience. NOT VIRTUAL

Some parents will be on modified schedules similar to students. I'm not sure how a modified schedule is going to work on both ends and it's concerning because parents need to work.

You need to work on your online accessibility for people that are not text savvy it needs to be easier so parents can access everything easily. I have tried several times to load on and was unable to do so. Also I think new laptops or chrome books are in order because the ones that are there are outdated and they don't run properly.

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I know that this virus is to be taken seriously, however, so is the mental health of our children. Moving into new classes, new teachers and learning new materials are stressful in a normal situation this will be

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compounded with a virtual setting. Parents are only able to support to the level of their own understanding of the curriculum. This is frustrating to both parent and child. Virtual learning does not truly accommodate many, if it did more people would elect to put their children in virtual learning environment. We need to figure out a safe way to get the children back into their natural learning environment. Many have done amazing with this adjustment period but we need to return to school for their mental well being. Please. Thank you for all the administration has done and continue to do.

If they have to do online classes, I feel there should be a schedule, just like if they were in the classroom, where the teacher is online with the students to teach. And that this is all graded. If there are assignments, they should be expected to hand them in and be graded, just like they would be for homework.

NA

I understand the necessity to keep kids and staff safe however, recent information from the CDC suggests this virus does not live on surfaces for very long and is not considered to be the primary mode of transmission. Risk of transmission among asymptomatic patients is also very low. That being said, I am extremely uncomfortable (and will likely pull my child out) if masks are required. When we exhale we're breathing out CO2 into these masks which can decrease oxygen. Decreased oxygen can lead to many, many other issues. They also get moist when we exhale which then can allow bacteria to grow. Another issue with masks is that these kids are going to be touching their faces all day, which increases the chances of any virus and/or bacteria being introduced into their bodies. While I think the teachers have done an incredible job, I think these kids are being deprived of the social interaction and learning environments they need. I also have concerns with what kind of learning environment they'll return to in terms of not being able to move around their classrooms, interact with their teachers and friends or even have lunch and recess. I understand the enormous responsibility to keep everyone safe however, you can not prevent everyone from getting a sickness. There has to be a balance.

Back to normal traditional school

Our kids safety is extremely important. However it is important t our children are taught by trained professionals - not by parents who have no experience in the teaching field who are also trying to be a teacher to siblings and maintain a full time job. I don't want the virus to be responsible for my children's inability to receive a quality education. And while we are lucky there are virtual options available in times of need, we have to be mindful of the irreplaceable experiences and value that the children gain from being in the classroom live.

My son has special needs. We need to know he will receive proper support if any/all of the school year is virtual. During his 5th Grade year he is receiving support through the IU. We want to make sure he receives the same support virtually. This support has been wonderful to help him learn and still be part of his classroom.

I fully support mask- wearing for myself and my husband while at work, and my children wear them if we go out, which is always a short duration. But, I cannot imagine expecting my 6 year old to keep a mask on for the duration of a school day. If a 6 ft distance is kept between their desks, will they be permitted to take them off when stationary? I'm struggling with this.

accommodations for working parents

If alternate schedules will need to be made all children in the household should be put on the same schedule to reduce stress on childcare and transportation.

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Without question the children MUST return to school as scheduled, with little more than regular hand washing and wiping of lunch tables & work spaces, and no vaccine. I was a healthcare worker for 16 years, so I GET it, I am following the science. In addition, our family has a great appreciation for compromised individuals, we have a 79 year old immune compromised grandparent that lives in our home. How does a working family with a 2nd & 4th grader work having them cyber learning from HOME ALONE? How about that 2nd & 4th grader on half day schedules, where do they go for the other part? Day care for the OTHER half, with OTHER kids & adults...? If so, why MOVE from one group of children to ANOTHER? If that is the case, then keep them ALL in school FULL day. Better yet, how about a family with 6th & 11th graders HOME all day or part day with distance learning...anyone want to lay money on how THAT will play out? Imagine the spike in teen pregnancies & drug use while unattended. Regarding being masked & separated this must not be a new "normal". Wearing masks for the better part of our day, is going to craft a generation of children/adults with Flat affect (Flat affect (diminished emotional expression). It is a lack of showing emotion characterized by an apathetic and unchanging facial expression.) Do you personally not see/feel the beginnings of Flat affect when you are out in public? No one hardly looks at each other anymore, as it is "uncomfortable" when you can not "read" someones face, so we look away, additionally, we realize there is no reason to ever smile at people because no one can see it, so why bother. These children (AKA- "Covid-kids") will be damaged for a lifetime in numerous ways we have not even thought about. The social & emotional toll has been dramatic on the young & old alike. We SMASHED the curve to vacancy. If school children are not back in regular full day classes around the country, the public will not capable of returning to regular, full time employment, thus eventually you will not have to worry about it at all because there will be nothing to ever return to...no funded schools (especially if everyone goes PA Cyber), hospitals, stores, etc. Long range you need to clearly evaluate all of the repercussions of altered/minimized education.

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If the children are attending physical school, I want my children to attend at the same time and same days. I cannot plan my work around multiple varying schedules.

Nothing

Sports and extracurricular activities are very important to my children.

I know first hand that the Central Bucks School District has been learning new info online, working virtually in many classes 4-5 hours a day, with attendance and grades. If all of our QCSD students received a device and all were permitted access to internet connection, what in the world could possibly be your reason or excuse for the past 10 weeks of learning environment or lack thereof? Are the students in CB schools smarter? Have more money? Teachers get paid more? Which is it? I fully expect a class to class virtual movement of learning for my child next fall if we are expected to stay home again. Or I will be moving my child to cyber school or private school. I want nothing more than to return to a normal school day. This has been very detrimental to these kids.

N/A

Concern over spread of COVID-19 throughout the school and the district.

I do not want my child to fall behind with basic skills. Both parents work full time and we everything we can to get all necessary learning skills covered daily but there are only so many hours in a day.

N/a

None at this time.

God bless QCSD and it's students, faculty and staff!

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I understand the social aspects of returning to school. However, if school is more like lockdown, I don't see it being beneficial to send my student(s) back.

Best of luck

my concern would be the my autistic child would get frustrated with using a mask all day and would want to take it off or would refuse to wear it all together. My other concern is if I would be going back to work and school was virtual there would be no one home with both of my children during the day.

I think your questions were bullshit and a waste of my time. The kids just want NORMAL back in their lives

If staggered days is a serious option, consider the following factors. 1) Day care costs for parents may leave students at home unsupervised, space available at day cares equals higher costs of daycare and having students be just as close in contact at day care if staggered schedules is the decision. I feel the attendance policy needs to be looked at if we open schools, we don't want to give truancy notices to families that are choosing to keep their students home due to cough, fever, stomach issues etc. We would want to encourage parents to NOT allow students come in sick.

Also excused absences for employees of the district, with children or those employee who may get sick. We don't want financial issues make the decision if someone comes into work or school.

Masks should absolutely be required and provided. I also strongly agree that parents, visitors should all be banned from the building as well as no school assemblies.

N/a

My children's education is very important but not at the expense of their health. If smaller classrooms can't exist and safety protocols can't be followed then I prefer to have cyber school. Accountability and structure in cyber school is very important. The cyber format has to be one that allows students to complete assignments and assessments online. Not download and print or hand copy the questions ,take a picture of the answers and send it to the teacher. We spent too much time doing this and it was very frustrating. I think checking in with the children is also important.

i think if students were to come back to school, it should be mandatory to wear masks, have hand sanitizer stations more often in the school. It's a hard situation because if people now aren't wearing masks and going as is, not sure how the kids will behave. It's a hard decision.

I do not support a floating schedule of any kind. I am on board for half days, but an every other day situation would be incredibly difficult. I will have a kindergartener and 5th grader and I would hope they will be on the same schedule. Otherwise my family could not make our jobs work.

don't have any ideas

I am in full support of half days - ONLY if my children are on the same days/times. K and 5th. My family would not be able to make it work if one child was AM and one was PM.

Virtual/Online Learning has been, and still is, a challenge for almost everyone – students, teachers, school administration and parents.

As a single parent with a student who has an IEP, struggles academically, and is not self-motivated, it is that much more challenging. On top of that, the learning curve and continual need as a parent to understand, and help/guide your child - with CANVAS, various online accesses, links to other sites, Google Docs, etc – is both challenging and frustrating.

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The proliferation of emails from multiple teachers - many times including several emails a day from a single teacher - is almost impossible to manage for a parent, let alone for the student. One of the things I found frustrating as a parent were emails from teachers referencing assignments or Google meets, but not putting links to them in their emails, then still having to log in to CANVAS every time to view something or find something, then being directed to Google Docs only to find that I didn't have access to the docs.

If, in August 2020, school is virtual/online or virtual/online by option; whether scheduling is staggered by times, days, or AM vs PM, my preference would be to have required: 1) Morning meeting/connection activities, and 2) Synchronous instruction with scheduled times. I feel both of these preferences are important for my student. For the student, it would be better to keep to a schedule the same as if they were 'live' at school; and it would be much more like 'being in class' by being able to interact with the teacher and other classmates. Not only that, but for as long as social distancing continues, with no sporting activities or group activities, etc., it will help to keep students more engaged with each other, their teachers and school administration. For a student moving into 7th grade - essentially a 'new school' with new teachers, school administration and staff - it will provide more opportunity for the student to get to know, feel comfortable with, and, build a rapport with new teachers and school staff. It will also give the teachers and staff the same opportunity to get to know the students.

I am a teacher, and I really appreciate everything that has been done this spring. However, at the seventh and eighth grade levels (which my children experienced this spring), work load needed to be better coordinated among teachers. It seemed that most teachers moved forward with their full curriculum, and some perhaps even enhanced theirs, assigning long-term projects with content-laden power-points as their main means of instruction. It was very difficult for my children to navigate - and one is an honors student! Most online time with teachers seemed to focus on chatting and playing games, instead of instruction. The sheer number of different platforms utilized by teachers, while amazing on campus, is overwhelming virtually. Next year, if distance learning is required, it must be done in a more streamlined fashion with simpler tasks - not simplifying the curriculum, but simplifying the way in which the curriculum is delivered.

My child learns better in live school but would prefer not to have to wear a mask.

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OPEN the school. There are solutions for most problems, and kids who cannot should "attend" from home. Web learning is not ideal for many kids, and the lack of social contact is an issue. Mental health issues here are just as important! School is classroom, plus activities and learning for the "whole" child.

My son has a IEP and online schooling was very hard for him

I only hope school physically resumes.

If the decision is for virtual/online learning, there need to be the option/incorporation of having workbooks or activities that the children can work with off the computer. Workbook activities is easier for child and parent to work it. It's often taking my child too long to complete a task on the computer. Imagine you writing your math work and answer using pencil and paper vs. drawing your answers with your mouse. I observed my perfectionist child taking as much as a minute resizing a text box, move it to fit neatly in the answer area, then type or draw her answer. But simply writing it with a pencil would only take her 2 seconds! That's just an example.

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In addition, children this young are not motivated enough to stay on tasks while they're on-line. Often taking breaks with other internet activities. Working parents need to work from home as well and can't monitor them all the time. My child is less distracted and complete her tasks faster when she's off the computer. It used to take my child less than 1/2 hour to complete her homework each night, sometimes the homework is for the entire week. Now, it seems like she can never catch up to all of the online activities. A couple of hours a day spent with my child for homework is reasonable, but it's simply impossible to spend half a day or more trying to get her to complete all her tasks.

Thank you for consideration.

By August, I hope you mean the end and not the beginning of August. Good luck. This is a challenging decision for you.

I would be more willing to have my rising 7th grade children home alone for half of the day or all of the day while I'm at work than my 2nd grade children. Elementary and middle school kids need more support and child care than high school. High school children could definitely stay home if needed to make room for elementary children especially.

Elementary school children need times now and always to wash their hands before eating and after the bathroom. This is not always happening. Temperatures need to be checked upon arrival as parents send kids with fevers. If a child says that he/she was given something in the morning for a fever and a teacher hears this, they need to be sent home.

My 7th grader can stay home alone for half the day or the full day if you need the space for elementary kids at Strayer. Teachers need to post online schedules that they stick to. Meetings for teachers cannot be all at the same time. Many are at 10 a.m. at the 6th Grade Center. The meetings overlap. Teachers need intense training. They need to know that their work needs to be completed online in an appropriate time. We understand how difficult it was for them to know how long their work took students to fully complete. Ex. Math work at 6th Grade Center takes 2+ hours a day to complete as it is written. Training. Training. Surveys administered frequently to see what is working or not in a virtual school experience not to bother teachers but to inform them on their practices to foster improvement. Many teachers did very well. Find out who they are and why they were successful. Ex. Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Laudenslager did a fantastic job. We appreciate ALL teachers.

Thank you for caring for n our children's safety

Nothing at this time

No other thoughts, just thanks for putting so much thought and preparation into this!

Our children's education has been interrupted. We have some doing everything asked of them for no grades and others doing nothing. I know the decision was based on equity but right now things aren't on an even playing field. I think opportunity has been taken away from juniors especially to improve their grades. This is a crucial time that impacts their future college decisions. My son will be a junior next year and I am very concerned that the track he's been able to stay on will be impacted by a virtual learning environment. I also have an incoming 9th grader who loves school and enjoys building relationships with her teachers. A critical piece that is lacking right now. Virtual learning can be lonely.

The kids need the opportunity to return to as normal an environment as safely possible. This includes after school activities even if that means no spectators.

Please consider safety first for not only the students but the staff. I support being online in the fall completely! If the virus enters the school it will spread just as it has in the nursing homes. Please please consider the safety of our children first.

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not applicable
We are essential...both my husband and I! We need help educating our children!
Open schools!!
The kids need the opportunity to return to as normal an environment as safely possible. This includes after school activities even if that means no spectators.
Nothing
Sooner rather than later in making this hard decision so that plans can be made.
The bus questions do not apply to our family because our child is a walker to the school. Please factor this into your survey results as we were required to provide an answer but none of them applied to our situation.
We believe that the safety of the children, families, and the controllable transmission of the virus are the most important factors. Those are followed closely by our child being able to continue learning at an appropriate pace. Thank you for asking for our input! We are grateful for your leadership during this challenging time.
My main concern about going back to online schooling, is getting my daughter to focus after an optional semester. Unfortunately, she gives me problems doing her school work to begin with and once she was told in emails from the school and teachers, that work was optional, you lost her. My husband and myself both work full time and would not be able to be home, to make sure she is on task.
Another concern is that she is going to get further behind. We had her tested last summer for additional reading and ELA help. Her scores came back average, so extra support was not available for her. I was hoping her teachers would be able to re-evaluate her at the end of this school year.
I know every family has a different situation, but my daughter needs to get back to some normalcy. Thank you.
Grades and sports opportunities. School needs to understand that parents are not available or home during a virtual school world so teachers need to be available and responsible for all aspects of children's education.
I want my children to have an education, activities(sports/clubs) and socialization but their safety is of the utmost of importance!
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N/A
Every one of my concerns was addressed
I think it is important to get learning under control. I would like kids to go to school, but if not online school has to be organized better unlike now. I feel like 30 min isn't enough learning. The classes should be at regular times like normal school days were. It should be a couple hours daily not 20 min. I am unhappy about the learning that is going on during these times.
New computer for the kids
There should have been "N/A" as a choice. Especially last section.

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Live instruction either in person or virtually is extremely valuable and should not be optional in my opinion. Thank you

Nothing at this time

None

Structure and definite guidelines on times and expectations from the student are very important. How would staggered schedules work when a student is signed up to go to UBCTS? I haven't heard from them yet.

Our kids need an education with value. Online pass/fail is meaningless which led to the children being disengaged from school. The children need social interaction as well, which online schooling cannot provide.

With my husband and I both working, it is difficult to help with Virtual learning during the day. If the students might not be in a structured, live learning situation in the fall, I would like to know so I could consider alternative options for schooling next year.

Potential to start school later in the year and limit days off throughout the year; or get approval to shorten the year and amount of days by the governor. It will be extremely difficult to limit the crowdedness on buses, in classrooms, hallways, or any part of gathering inside a school. Changing days of attending school, changing hours in the day of attending school could cause issues for other extra activities we have outside of school as well.

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My children's education and safety are my utmost concerns. When I say safety I not only mean safety of their health and physical safety, but the safety and well being of their mental health. I feel that it is necessary to resume live school for their mental well being. They need social interaction and the support of their peers. Although they can kind of get this, in a round about way, through social media it is NOT the same as live interaction. My children are doing exceptionally well throughout this whole pandemic. They are eager to get back to live school. As long as a majority of the safety protocols are put in place and possibly splitting the school day I would be comfortable with sending them back. They also need to get back to being able to do the sports that they love. One concern I have is about wearing a mask all day, it can not possibly be healthy to breath in your own CO2 all day long, this is why I am slightly against wearing a mask all day. A question I have is what if one of their friends/relative tests positive, will my child/children be excused from school, especially if they have to quarantine for 14 days?

nothing

Since Covid 19 has been proven to not be harmful to children, they should not be subjected to extreme measures because there are a few people choosing to live in fear. I think you should open up as normal with increased hand washing and sanitizing procedures. You should also offer an online option for people who choose to live in fear. These measures that are being talked about are not practical and not fiscally reasonable or responsible.

QCSD needs virtual learning (that's means for the Teacher's actually get on and teach not just send lessons for the kids to get on and figure out lessons on their on) This is the only School District that wasn't doing Virtual Learning, there's no reason why this couldn't be done when other school in the area was. And the help that Students got from the Teacher's or helpers was horrible especially when Some kids have IEP's. And to be honest this has been the worst school district that my kids have been IN.

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Nothing

Taking in consideration the parents that have either full time and/or part time jobs. Even if we have childcare for our children, they will not have full support doing all their online schooling. It should all be required to be done but how can it all be done without help? Especially in younger kids like my own. They will be in 1st grade and 2nd grade.

I would expect a well thought out plan for remediation if normal school instruction is not going to be exercised. This would include mandatory participation in class, mandatory work days for teachers, classroom instruction by engaging instructors, effective response plans in place for classroom remediation (ie 24 reply to emails). While I understand that the pandemic was an unforeseen crisis, I do believe the education system in general and specifically our school district was not well prepared. "No Plan" is not a good plan and the number one expectation should be that our school children have the best opportunity to receive an exceptional education.

Does it really matter! You will do what you want to.

nothing else

Mostly concerned of containing and not spreading this virus. Would rather have virtual classrooms if risk is still high in the Fall.

Structure and definite guidelines on times and expectations from the student are very important. How would staggered schedules work when a student is signed up to go to UBCTS? I haven't heard from them yet.

Online school is simply not effective for many, many students. If parents are concerned, by all means let them keep their kids at home and have regular school for everyone else. Those kids could have classes streamed to them, at the same time as the in-person classroom instruction to avoid duplicate efforts for the teachers.

School is more than learning facts and figures, it's dealing with others, human interaction with people you like and don't like, learning how to work in a group in addition to alone, etc. That is next to impossible in a virtual setting. Plus you have other activities, that besides being good for kids (athletics!), are good for them learning to balance their needs/wants and responsibilities.

N/A

Open schools!!

Xxxxx

The connection activities are key in motivating my child to do work. How about start the year and go until thanksgiving break and then do virtual/online school until the height of cold/flu season ends. It is very important for teachers to start the year in person with their students if at all safely possible with proper precautions. Then virtual school if needed.

If students will be required to take a Keystone test at the high school for a class they took during the current school year please open up Study Island for them. No adult would want to take a test in December or later for a subject that they had not had a teacher for since the preceding June and hadn't

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been in a classroom for that subject since the middle of March. Please have some empathy and either cancel the Keystone requirement or open up Study Island for those that would like to use it to prepare for the Keystone.

As a nurse I know we need to come to a point to not gather in groups

My child has a IEP and need extra help

I'm sure you've considered so many scenarios but want to share a thought...even if it might not be feasible. If we go back to "live" learning, what about planning from the start to change to virtual from Thanksgiving break through the new year? People can hopefully plan ahead some and the schools can be cleared and deep cleaned. I'd also suggest possibly doing the same from President's Day through Easter. Thanks for all your efforts in keeping our children safe.

My husband and I both work full-time thankfully and do not have the capability to also teach unless done on nights and weekends.

N/a

Our younger daughter is in the "at-risk" category as a cardiac patient. Our number one priority is keeping her safe and well from the virus. She also will likely not be tolerant to face masks.

I am a teacher and not yet knowing what the plan for the 2020-21 school year is makes answering some of these questions difficult. My answers in this survey were given specifically with my younger, first grade aged daughter in mind though it would be fine to apply them to our 6th grade daughter, as she has the potential to bring home germs to her younger sister and all of us as well.

Many kids in the learning resource programs in elementary schools are suffering with mental health issues/concerns that have have been exacerbated and/or exploded during this lockdown.

Their routines have been taken away and they are not getting the in person supports they require to learn and grow. These kids NEED to return to the classroom asap for both academic deficits and their own mental health/well being. Thanks for listening!

On a side note-Richland Elem. has done an amazing job virtually in all aspects with their resource program, its just not enough or even feasible at times, when you are dealing with special needs.

Availability of extra online tutoring support for students struggling with classes. Possibly consider online classes 7 days a week with the possibility of ending school year earlier along with starting classes in August or perhaps July. (For Seniors only).

N/A

The issue of home access with all the different internet services has caused issues with some children. Along with the system stating that the responses were sent and no record of it happening. Also accessibility to the virtual class room needs to be specific so that the system is not overloaded or those on line are not dropped.

N/A

Nothing

From helping my daughter with online learning these past months, it is difficult to receive emails from each teacher. Maybe this is a learning curve for all of us but it is difficult to keep up with the emails and deadlines while taking care of my toddler and doing our normal home routines. Is there a way to streamline the communication that comes from teachers? Also difficult for me to be able to see what

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exactly my daughter has turned in. Is there a way parents could have access to see the actual assignments that have been completed? Thanks for the hard work.

Many of the hospitals provide negative air pressure environments and hepa filtration systems. Since the virus is transmitted primarily via water vapor aspirants, one of my concerns is for the HVAC systems and regular air quality testing. Also, classroom set up where all are in circles facing one another may not be optimal under the current situation.

NA

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Communicating that virtual schoolwork is at all optional made it very difficult for my daughter to push through it sometimes - ensuring that it's mandatory will help.

We trust that you have our child's best interest at heart, and will support your decisions for next year. Thank you for all you are doing today to support learning in the current environment.

The students need to be at School. Home learning isn't for everyone and my son has struggled.

Keeping the students and staff safe is the most important thing. Thank you!

Making sure children of same household are on the same schedule if it becomes staggered days.

Confident the school will do what is best for students and staff. Thank you.

I believe in the school and community to do what is right for our students and trust the decisions that you all make. Thank you for all you have done during these past few months to help with the continuing education for our students. Hope you are all safe and healthy!

Nothing at the moment

Nothing at the moment

Making sure children of same household are on the same schedule if it becomes staggered days.

I can not think of anything. I just hope that everything will be somewhat normal and not so restrictive

You need to ensure that children with IEPs have access to the help they need.

Dedication from the district to the student's safety.

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How this will the safety protocols be done in HS? Temp checks, social distancing, etc in crowded building can be challenging. Also, the need to have expected attendance, grading, synchronous teaching at times (not 100%, maybe 50%) to ensure learning is taking place and to create a sense of community and high expectations. Concerned with the no grading/optional attendance experience of this spring, might be transferred over to the fall. I want to ensure that my child learns as much as possible and she does that with face-to-face-teachers and high academic expectations. I also want her to have regular access to her guidance counselor as she is entering her senior year and this spring was cut short so we weren't able to have college visits. Also, will these changes be until January or for the entire year? From my HS child: I am concerned re: how this all might affect socialization among students (lunches, etc.). She does not want to lose time with her friends.

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I have only one child out of 5 thriving in this online learning environment. This type of learning doesn't allow for them to achieve their full potential. It isn't possible for me to work from home during the shelter in place AND manage all of their assignments.

Staying consistent and enforcing the rules once they are established.

Provide counseling sessions - virtual, preferably because few students may not grasp the reality of this new normal. I am a Chaplain with Customs and will volunteer this service, if needed, given that I do the same with my employees.

My wife is helping with the virtual learning with our children. Some days are more difficult than others. Not having a teacher or counselor 24/7 is even more difficult. We have tendencies to skip a lesson or may not even do it. So what I'm basically saying is a little more direction on what is expected to be accomplished from the child and less criticism to the parent. Side note I think you guys are doing what you can in the time frame that was given. Please keep up the great work and I thank you.

Getting kids and teachers back in the classrooms sooner rather than later is imperative.

n/a

While I think wearing a mask at times might be necessary, I do not think it is safe to wear a mask all day. You are not able to breathe properly and my child has asthma. And I do not want my child wearing a mask during physical activity such as gym, so if needed, gym should be left out of the curriculum during this time. Also, I'm concerned what 'fogging' is, since my child has asthma.

The school days where some kids would go one day and others on the other days, I know it would be hard to coordinate but to be able to have siblings be on the same schedule for the days, being a full-time working parent, even though my children are on the older side, I would be more comfortable with my children being home together, rather than my 11-year-old being alone or the need to find child care, or with the issue of snow days. My children, given the choice, want to return to school next year and not do virtual, however if they do virtual it definitely needs to be structured, with online teaching. Unfortunately, I know these are what-if times, thanks for giving us some input.

NOTHING AT THE MOMENT

My biggest fear is that the school district will force the wearing of face coverings. This will create a HUGE mental, emotional, and physical stress on students. You can drop oxygen levels by 20% or more by just wearing a "face covering" and, to be frank, it looks scary to children and is not safe. It is my sincere hope that the district looks at what other countries along with the U.S. are doing, especially K-12. Please take a look at the information presented from Dr. Bergman found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4Lg4CielPA> especially starting at the 2-minute mark and feel free to fact-check his sources. The Corona virus has the greatest impact on those who are elderly as well as those who have comorbid and underlying conditions. We, unfortunately, are EXTREMELY unhealthy as a country and are a nation of "pop a pill to suppress the symptom" rather than "let's see what is causing the symptom and fix it". I am EXTREMELY into proper health, nutrition, and exercise to boost, among other things, the immune system and am also an Environmental Engineer from Temple University. Interestingly enough, one of my class assignments back in college was to see the effects of hand washing with different types of soaps and the length of time necessary to remove/wash away dirt and bacteria. These results were verified with what was basically a black light and reagent and also incubation with plate count agar. What my group found was that using regular soap (antibacterial soap was not necessary), getting the hands wet, rubbing your hands for 10 seconds, rinsing and repeating for another 10 seconds had the greatest outcome. The schools in the district should pound home the necessity to stay home when feeling ill and for frequent hand washings. Kids will be kids and masks will not be worn properly and

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will actually make things worse by having kids constantly, throughout the day, touching their faces (and eyes which face coverings do not protect) to adjust any type of face covering thus spreading more bacteria and viruses than just the Corona virus. My feeling is and always will be that is a person is more comfortable wearing a mask then by all means, go for it but don't force it upon everyone. Thank you for allowing parents the opportunity to voice our opinions!!

I still don't know how I feel.

I am comfortable sending my child only if all recommended safety protocols are in place and are being strictly adhered too but I absolutely wish QCSD offered an online option or offered staggered times where A-M attended AM session and N-Z attended PM session. All kids could still get the required 180 days in school and it would limit the # of kids in the building and also would allow to have separate classrooms so maybe the am and pm kids won't have to use the same rooms giving the district the opportunity and time to properly clean and sanitize each room between sessions and before a group of kids come in. I think I it is also safer to keep kids in one room as much as possible therefore limiting crowding and contact in hallways and maybe allow for the teachers to be the ones who switch classrooms. I dont know if that is possible bc I realize not every child works at the same level and some require extra support. These are just some of my ideas. The only place I feel my daughter will be truly safe is learning from home but she misses school and wants to go back I just want to be assured that my child will be safe.

N/A

My child is a special needs student, where it's very difficult to implement virtual learning for numerous reasons. Even though I'm not an epidemiologist, my answers to this survey underlie my belief that the ultimate resolution is herd immunity, as this virus will likely mutate over time similar to flu, and any vaccine will need to be reformulated accordingly. My child is missing out on valuable education that we can't implement at home virtually.

Taking childrens' temperature before they get on the bus.

What is the plan for fall sports

I think virtual learning will be a challenge for both parents that are working full time and physically going to work. I wanted to ask if a four day week will also be possible.

Structure and definite guidelines on times and expectations from the student are very important. How would staggered schedules work when a student is signed up to go to UBCTS? I haven't heard from them yet.

I am afraid that if my son has online learning, that he will not do well in his classes. I am afraid he will fail his classes. He has a hard time with staying focused and is not self motive d to do his work. He will be home by himself due to both his parents working during the day.

I know this is will not be any easy decision in the fall but having a child with asthma I need to ensure all measures are in place for a safe return. Although I support wearing masks, they are uncomfortable and hot to wear for an entire school day. My children thrive on the interaction in school and with friends but high schoolers are not equipped to follow the rules so social distancing will be a struggle.

Communicate

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IF FULLY ONLINE-

Friday being a catch up day was very important. If students receive online instruction in the fall, I feel strongly that assignment due dates should be on Mondays. This gives working parents (whether working from home or outside the home) a chance to put their full focus on their students' schoolwork and assist them as needed. If special classes are required, I would limit that to 2 special classes a week. There is no way that grading and attendance are fair in a complete online environment for elementary students. There is a parent who is not working and can sit by their child every step of the way and a parent who is working and is guiding a child the best that they can do. Adding grading and attendance puts added stress on an already challenging time. There are families that have bigger concerns such as worrying about someone sick, fears about losing their house, and wonders about how to put food on the table, etc. If students are not completing work, teachers are aware they are not participating and can reach out to assist. There are other ways besides a grade to let students know how they are doing. The amount of work was very realistic this marking period. It's important to remember that some very young students may have to start their work in the evening due to parents working. Rest and quality time with family is critical during this time.

IF RETURNING TO SCHOOL-

I know that schools tend to focus on data. Of course, I want my child to grow as a learner. However, please remember that most children have not been in regular school or in social activities. They need time to learn the new routine. They need social-emotional support. Breaks will be important. I know some may be anxious to speed ahead to make up the time missed, but that social-emotional piece and time to share with others is very important.

If returning to school is a district choice--Will the faculty members be safe? Will the faculty members be able to teach better in person from at least 6 feet away than they can teach online? In other words, will the in person instruction be a huge improvement from online instruction if so many restrictions need to be in place? How will the school enforce that elementary students are far enough apart and wear masks while still respecting students? If students and faculty all need to wear masks and stay far apart, is it really safe to go back? Is the school able to make class sizes small enough?

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Until there's a proven vaccine to help with the virus I do not want my daughter attending school where she can contract the virus. I'm concerned with her asthma. She would have trouble keeping her mask on and not fidgeting with it if it were required. It's not safe for recess or gym as it's been shown that people pass out and even die while wearing them. If they have to wear masks then it's a good indication "live" school shouldn't be in session. I do fully support online learning but more involved than how it is now.

kids are used to inclass and concertrate more.

I understand that the school year will be different next year but am very concerned about my kids to continue to move forward. If they only go to school a couple days a week they need to have projects/ assignments that they work on at home. Not necessarily all on the computer. Having everything on a screen is a concern. I'm also concerned about teachers all being held to the same standards and expectations. I understand this hasn't been easy on anyone. But I have one child who gets feedback on their work and another who gets no feedback and the teacher doesn't even "like" their work which ruined all motivation my child had.

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That it is difficult at times with multiple children at home trying to learn and parents having other obligations during the day and for the district to be flexible and understanding on deadlines for assignments.

If not "live" school, virtual daily meetings (Mon-Fri) with all teachers and once weekly with "special" teachers are greatly needed.

My kids are struggling to learn or even WANT TO DO SCHOOL at home. They are "in class" kids and NOT ONLINE students. They are BOTH falling behind and with my husband and I BOTH BEING essential workers, we CANNOT SUPPORT OR GIVE FULL TIME SCHOOL Learning to them or afford daycare fulltime for them!

NA

Open the schools. Other countries have done it, and things have worked out. A study in NY found that 70% of new cases were from people who were staying at HOME. This implies that staying at home did not really help much! Kids need the social interaction and learning that comes from being around other kids, dealing with the drama, people you may not like, etc. If parents are uncomfortable with the buses or sending their kids, then they can drive them themselves, or provide gloves/etc for their children. For classes - if a parent is worried here, allow their children to attend virtually - online at the same time that the class/school is online. It is possible to get sick at school, this is understood. Even when there was a whooping cough outbreak at Pfaff (highly contagious) we did not send home the entire school. Have the kids wash hands more often, enforce the rules about not coming into school sick with temp scans if required.

The health cost - mental - cannot be overlooked. Kids need some semblance of normal to return. The physical health cost for kids seems to be low by all studies.

I do not feel the current online learning is successful for all students.

Considering not all parents are home and able to do online schooling, very hard to think of paying privately for a tutor or someone to be home to do online schooling as she will be in first grade. Also the amount of time and money impacting the family of it is a scattered schedule and busing time issues

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I work outside the home as I am widowed and run a single parent household. It is imperative that my kids attend school during the day not only for child care reasons but to ensure they receive a high quality education in a consistent manner 5 days a week. I rely on the outstanding education QCSD has been able to provide to both of my children thus far and appreciate the effort that our teachers and educator's have been able to put forth in the development of my children.

One of the largest concerns that I have is my child's asthma and allergies may put him at a greater risk of COVID 19 and how will the school ensure his safety and not carry that illness home to someone in the home that is on an immune suppression medication. Additionally, school schedules are anxiety provoking. There is no one home to watch my child and no available childcare if he has half days or

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alternate days of schooling, as I am a single parent and an educator. I think this needs to be taken into consideration for not only students, but also parents and faculty/staff.

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Think of the parents schedules and need for support since we all need to do this together. If you break the days down for half days or something else, you are completely messing with the parents work schedules and this does not seem to be a major concern for you. If all the current on-line schools are able to do this- you need to as well. If not, we need to change schooling for our kids and go to the charter schools- I am not too sure how this is that different.

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Just making sure that my child that has an IEP his needs are met when needing extra help etc.

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Na

My children have been doing only some of the work that is given by the teachers, only because we tell them everyday that they have to. I am extremely concerned that they will not be fully prepared for continued work next year and am wondering what will the plans be for remediation. If we need to go with virtual school, in the fall, the work must be mandatory. Many of the teachers have done an excellent job at adapting to virtual learning, and I feel badly that most of the students are not gaining from it since they are not required to complete the work.

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