

**Chat record of Covid & Schools--7/30/2020**

Michelle Dillingham	Can we live stream this? People are telling me we are at capacity of 100 people and they cannot get in.....
Nancy Combs	Not in Montessori schools
Brandon	There are many schools in the district that will not have 6'
Brittney Smith	We need to be remote, Superintendent Mitchell. This is dangerous. We are talking about lives!
Elizabeth MarshSingh	Will teachers have physical help? What about the families who do not have access to internet?
Kaitlin	I just wanted to confirm Ms. Mitchell, PK-1 grades WILL get iPads?
Kaitlin	Ohh great, thank you!
Elizabeth MarshSingh	How will the increase in wifi use affect the how the children are able to learn remotely? I know working from home, that internet speeds have reduced significantly since people have been working at home.
Michelle's iPhone	the problem is if they have an outstanding bill, they can't get any WiFi... many of our immigrants are afraid and can't get their old bills resolved and get the WiFi
Michelle's iPhone	But a principal posted in the CPS chat that they are refusing to wear a mask and won't mandate masks
hala karim	There are excellent questions and causes for concerns teachers are posing that have not been addressed.
Elizabeth MarshSingh	Will the schools continue to call this "social distance"? Evidence shows that this term causes confusion and anxiety in children and adults. That the term "physical distancing" is more practical and does not give the same idea as not being social, which causes anxiety, depression, and many other mental health issues.
Brittney Smith	When will teachers be given their duty free lunch if they must monitor student lunches? The state of Ohio says that students cannot eat or drink in science labs, yet, students are being forced to eat and drink in these spaces. Additionally, if students are not moving from class to class, science education will happen in rooms that do not have sinks. Again, this is against Ohio state standards. How are you addressing these concerns, Ms. Mitchell?
Michelle's iPhone	apparently teachers get their lunch FIRST thing in the morning!

Brittney Smith	Yes, teachers have been told that they will eat lunch from 7 to 7
Nancy Combs	What are the numbers that will warrant closures?
Michelle's iPhone	When can teachers go to the restroom?
Deborah Talbert	That is absolutely ridiculous. Parents can not be in limbo every single day. You need a consistent plan like 100% virtual the first quarter
Elizabeth MarshSingh	That is against the law. A teacher working until 3, should have a lunch break within 4 hours of beginning the work day.
Lindsey Humphreys	Isn't the constant changing data going to lead to serious stability and consistency issues for students and teachers? Our students need more stability, not less.
Brittney Smith	How can teachers stay hydrated? What about teachers who need to take medications during the school day? Please address these concerns.
Nancy Combs	Can you share the criteria you are using to determine closures?
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS students	what about the long delay in getting test results that is currently occurring?
Andrea Spenny	When will it be confirmed that every staff member will have the proper cleaning/PPE supplies? Teachers across the district are being told to stock up on their own supplies as we aren't sure if adequate supplies will be in stock at the beginning of the year
Michelle's iPhone	Does the Superintendent eat lunch at 7am like she wants her teachers to? As a parent, I am appalled! Our teachers deserve BETTER!
Marcia Futel to Lydia Morg	what Facebook page?
Stephen Uhlhorn	Teachers, including myself, are in the process of writing their wills, including living wills which provide family members with instructions for when they are incapacitated on respirators (which as we know are commonly used in the last stages of COVID often prior to death). Why are we the largest district in Ohio that has still not announced remote learning, at least for the first quarter?
AR	Why are you willing to risk the lives of so many people? WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC. WE ARE A RED COUNTY. Why are you delaying a decision to go virtual. Every other city in Ohio has.
Michelle Dillingham	Who is livestreaming to Facebook?
Marcia Futel	Which Facebook page is it streaming to?

Deborah Talbert	It's taking longer than 2 weeks to get those test results back so it's not very helpful
AR	Are you going to test every student??
Lindsey Humphreys	I have never felt so underappreciated and disposable than I do now. How can the administration and Board of EDUCATION- the people that should value education and teachers more than anyone else- send their teachers into such risky circumstances? Don't we matter to you? Isn't my life worth something to you?
Lydia Morgan to Marcia Fu	Maisha Morgan is livestreaming
Brittney Smith	Please address our concerns, Superintendent Mitchell.
Elizabeth MarshSingh	How will teachers be able to send their own children to school on this schedule? My sister is a a kindergartner teacher at Douglas, and she is worried for her students's health, her children's health, and her own health.
Deborah Talbert	Thank You Alicia Rogers!!!
hala karim	Thank you, Alicia!
Samantha Stephenson	YES, Alicia Rogers!
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	speak, Alicia!
Brittney Smith	Thank you, Alicia! This is not working and is NOT REASONABLE!
Andrea Spenny	Can we please figure out who is live-streaming this? It's concerning that this is being streamed but we don't know who/where this is happening.
Michelle's iPhone	YES
Michelle's iPhone	You are telling it like the rest of us parents feel! THANK YOU
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	@andrea spenny
Michelle's iPhone	AMEN
katiemcconnell	Yes, Alicia! Thank you for calling us to work as a community.
Andrea Spenny	Yesssss!!
AR	Community Spread is Community Spread! Yes!
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	with ya, ðŸ™ Alicia Rogers!
Michelle's iPhone	There have been emails sent to the board suggesting other ideas for helping during remote learning using building and paraprofessional staff to help with those situations. The board has not looked outside of the box!
Brittney Smith	Amen! NO CLASSROOM HAS THAT KIND OF ROOM! There is no way that this will be safe.
Samantha Stephenson	YES!

Milbeth	Dr. Fauci at the AFT conference this week have a list of what teachers need to wear to be safe. He mentioned goggles, face shields, gloves, and a shirt/lab coat to wear and remove when you get home. Is the district providing these supplies for teachers?
Brittney Smith	Oh, there will be no cafeteria in CPS. Kids will eat in the classrooms with their teachers. Absolutely disgusting and germy.
Elizabeth MarshSingh	The state has not met the original guidelines to reopen. How are we even discussing this dangerous proposition?
Michelle's iPhone	We love you Michelle, Will you please run for the school board?
hala karim	Michelle rocks!
Theresa	We are lucky to have you! Michelle
hala karim	Mics off if you're not speaker, please
Stephen Uhlhorn	I don't know how to provide a loving, caring environment when I have to enforce masking and social distancing rules while myself wearing a mask and face shield.
Nancy Combs	Yes!!
Brittney Smith	After this, I would love to be a building rep. CFT is amazing.
AR	Teachers are NOT being listened to—we have been constantly shut out the process. We do not feel that support.
Michelle Dillingham to Lydi	Lydis what is your daughters name on facebook?
Nancy Combs	Parents will need to quarantine if our child is exposed at school, right?
Lydia Morgan to Marcia Fu	Maisha Morgan
Lydia Morgan to Michelle D	Maisha Morgan
Sara Hogue	Yes. Each child and adult in the classroom will be "contacts"
Michelle Dillingham to Lydi	I don't see that she is sharing it.... hmmm..
Lydia Morgan to Michelle D	I might not be, I'm not well versed in using FB
Michelle's iPhone	Yes, us parents at home would need to follow the quarantine too because we could've been exposed from our child at that point
hala karim	When there is a positive case in a school, who quarantines? For how long? Is everyone in the building required to test again? Why haven't we had any information regarding the protocol when this inevitably happens?

Nancy Combs	So, then, to Alicia Roger's point, we need to let community employers and businesses know they need to stay flexible, this could happen frequently
Michelle's iPhone	And that means the siblings school would quarantine all that their sibling is around
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	the time it takes is immaterial if the lab is taking 2+ weeks.
Nancy Combs	why is she straight up lying?
Nancy Combs	So, dominoes?
Michelle's iPhone	And when they talk about using zip codes??? Students don't just go to school in their zip codes.
Sara Hogue	There is also a level called "contact of contact".
Michelle's iPhone	Aren't high schools schools of choice?
Nancy Combs	This is more contagious than the flu
Michelle's iPhone	This is RIDICULOUS! And it means US PARENTS can't plan and prepare appropriately for our children. It is not fair
Brooke Elise	When will we see our buildings plan?
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	Mitchell is showing she has no credibility here. Why can't she read the room?
Michelle's iPhone	Thank you Levon
Michelle's iPhone	I agree! as a parent I am disappointed and wish we could vote her out
Kaitlin	Could someone paste the link to the livestream or who on Facebook is live-streaming it?
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	thanks for that follow up question to the DOCTOR. This ain't the flu, Ms. Mitchell.
Kaitlin	Could someone paste the link to the livestream or who on Facebook is live-streaming it?
Michelle's iPhone	Is Mary Ronan available to come back?
Brittney Smith	Thank you DOCTOR Hackworth!
Nancy Combs	There is evidence that it can become airborne for longer now, correct?
Kaitlin	Could someone paste the link to the livestream or who on Facebook is live-streaming it?
Theresa	That used to happen in my kindergarten classroom, usually right before Winter break.
Michelle's iPhone	Yes! We are very concerned and feel like Ms Mitchell don't care don't care about us. And she is waiting and playing around until the last minute. We don't have time to wait to make decisions
Marcia Futel	How much teacher interaction would happen with remote learning? What are the expectations of parents under this model?

	Iâ€™m live-streaming it, but not directly from the zoom. I couldnâ€™t find that link, but Iâ€™m following one that is
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS si	filming from a screen
Brooke Elise	The comparison between districts is only relevant when looking at districts with similar populations AND similar student numbers. We should be looking at Columbus and Cleveland public
YGL	By the time a student or staff member shows symptoms everyone who has been in contact with that person has been exposed. This is a dangerous game to play with human lives.
Brittney Smith	Is there a CPS teacher that can speak?
iPhone	w
Sara Hogue	Yes. Agree completely
Nancy Combs	And the health risks of the families in our community need to be considered
iPhone	we should be comparing urban districts to urban districts
arnol	Who will cover liability when a student becomes ill, and passes away from COVIC-19. I have not heard anyone speak to this
Michelleâ€™s iPhone	@YGL thank you! AGREE
Brittney Smith	Alicia, your words could have come from my mouth. Thank you for speaking for the parents.
Nancy Combs	Alicia, thank you! I appreciate you for reminding everyone that this is bigger than all of us!
Kaitlin to Lydia Morgan(Prì	Hi Lydia, someone got kicked off and it now says she is waiting on the host to approve.
Kaitlin to Lydia Morgan(Prì	Can you approve her?
Brandon	Dayton is remote too
LaTosha Anderson	AND Dayton...
Kaitlin to Lydia Morgan(Prì	Melissa Kincaid
Nancy Combs	Dayton
hala karim	5
Michelle Dillingham	and Toledo
Michelleâ€™s iPhone	when is Ms. Mitchell going to answer the questions that people have posted. It appears that she not only dismisses her teachers but her parents as well
LaTosha Anderson	and Toledo

My question is for Dr. Hackworth and Mr. Hopson - With many risks being posed to teachers, staff members, and family members, is it responsible to reopen our schools while our city and county do not have the virus under control? My understanding is that similarly to the 1918 pandemic we are expecting another spike in the fall and/or winter. Is this still the current prediction and if so, should schools even be contemplating reopening? It seems unsafe primarily for the adults in these children and adolescents lives.

Jessica Greenberg

iPhone

and Dayton

Lydia Morgan to Kaitlin(Pri Don't see anyone yet to be admitted. Will keep an eye out

Michelle Dillingham

We believe it is 7 out of the 8....

Thank you Lydia! Her name is Melissa Kincaid - told her to do

Kaitlin to Lydia Morgan(Pri it again

Alyssa

Sorry I accidentally posted to Laura Mitchell privately. But yes Dayton and Toledo also!!

Michelle's iPhone

operational committee

Why do those districts care more about their students and teachers than CPS? Something is wrong. I LOVE my students, but I need to be around to care for my children and my family. Please reconsider this, Superintendent Mitchell.

Brittney Smith

Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st exactly, Alicia. we have a group

Parents can work together within their school communities to help one other. Rec centers, community groups, churches, etc. can help

Marcia Futel

Andrea Spenny

When/where is the town hall happening?

Nancy Combs

That is amazing!

Samantha Messer

I feel like the time for town halls has passed. We really need to have a solid plan, and it does not feel like we are there as a district.

Nancy Combs

More employers should be doing that!

Marcia Futel

That's good to know...need to have that information SOON!

Laura Sanregret

Another group that the children will be exposed to.

Sara Hogue

Childcare??

Nancy Combs

Good point

Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st the link

If anyone wants to join our rally on Monday at 6pm here is

Kaitlin

Has a date and time been decided for the Parent Town Hall?

Brittney Smith

Please join the rally. Our voices need to be heard.

Nancy Combs	Thank you Levon
Laura Sanregret	Thought the child care was only for teachers and paras? But that is a second group the child is exposed to
Sabrina McGill	why not arrange for child care for 5 days, then allow teachers to teach remotely.
Deondra.Means	did some one send the link to the live stream?
grecoan	I can answer for my school Dater Montessoriâ€¦!
Brittney Smith	I can answer for Aiken...â€¦! NO!
Bridgetâ€™s iPhone	I am a CPS teacher and parent. I do not feel it is safe to send my child and I wonâ€™t. she will not be a guinea pig. Dr. Fauci says going to school buildings now is an â€œexperimentâ€. I trust Dr. Fauci.
Sara Hogue	Me, too, Bridget.
Bridgetâ€™s iPhone	Creating a hot spot for Covid is irresponsible. DeWine limited gatherings to 10 today. People are counting on us to do the right thing and they trust us!
AR	Custodians? Have you hired more? Also where is the evidence of the updates of the HVAC systems?
Sabrina McGill	are these â€œnursesâ€ as in LPN or RN? or are these nursing students? or health aids??
Michelle Dillingham	The 30 nurses referred to that we have NOW, are "aides", we only had 2 RN's in CPS.
Stephen Uhlhorn	I'm not a math teacher, but assuming the Ohio average of 5% positive results, with 3,000 teachers - that would be 150 teachers out on day ONE with positive COVID results. And we already have major sub shortage issues as a district.
Andrea Spenny	They should hopefully be nurses as we just got rid of our health assistants
Bridgetâ€™s iPhone	I canâ€™t protect my students if Covid is knocking on my classroom door. We canâ€™t keep them safe and asking us to be part of making CPS kids into guinea pigs is wrong and to us teachers, it feels like we are going to hurt our kids.
iPhone	Gov. DeWine also said today during his press conference if you are a red County you should not be gathering at all.
Sabrina McGill	the average salary for an RN is very steep! I guess the district has the funds to support this?
Bridgetâ€™s iPhone	People are trusting CPS with their lives. Thereâ€™s nothing more serious than burying our students, families or teachers!

Brooke Elise	We should approach the "unknown" with caution. This is an opportunity to be on the right side of history here.
Sabrina McGill	We can recover "ACADEMICS" but we CANNOT recover a person's LIFE!
Nancy Combs	Focusing on the children, doesn't that include keeping the children's families alive?
Sara Hogue	Not a time for arrogance
Bridget's iPhone	Kids 10+ are as at risk as adults!
Bridget's iPhone	We want to distance and going into a building with 100s of people is not social distancing.
YGL	Emergency drills in school...how are we supposed to conduct those drills and enforce social distancing? It's not possible to enforce social distancing in schools. It's not realistic. Especially with elementary school students.
Lindsey Humphreys	I'm mortified that we're three weeks away from the first day of school and we're still discussing this. How have we not already committed to the safest teaching/learning model possible? Remote learning with learning center options. We need to make sure our community is safe.
AR	Why is it still a discussion to move us to remote learning?
hala karim	I disagree that if the world (read
Michelle's iPhone	If we can have daycare with "hybrid", who can't we have daycare with remote?
Brandon	But you continue to push inaccurate info!
Michelle's iPhone	I don't see where parents or teachers have a voice
Michelle's iPhone	Are you, Ms Mitchell, going to be visiting schools daily?
Brittney Smith	Teachers have not had their voices heard.
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	here's the rally info again for Monday at 6pm
Michelle's iPhone	Substitute interviews were held virtually and their daily pay will be higher than your certified teachers!!!
Michelle's iPhone	That seems unethical
AR	If you open the buildings there is no WAY to ensure 100% safety.
Brittney Smith	Teachers weren't able to hold students accountable at all during that time! Of course it wasn't beneficial to the students.
Lindsey Humphreys	It was crisis teaching. We had never taught remotely before. Of course it wasn't the best time. We can make it better with time to plan. You are stripping us of that opportunity by waiting so long to call it.

Nancy Combs	As a parent, I would like to say please begin with remote learning, it is the safest option for being alive.
AR	Quality education can happen remotely.
Sabrina McGill	Are the Subs "highly qualified"?
Michelle's iPhone	Thank you Levon for being another parent speaking up for kids and Nancy too
Brandon	And it didn't have to be sprung on us this time
LaTosha Anderson	Remote was most difficult because we closed with no notice, and we were all trying to build a plane and fly it at the same time...Most of us were not prepared for this...if we know for certain what a solid plan is, we can ALL plan for that...
Michelle's iPhone	How can ALL those subs be highly qualified?
LaTosha Anderson	Most of us have been working through the summer exploring better ways to engage our families and children, while keeping them, their families and our own safe and healthy.
Michelle's iPhone	Yet they are being paid higher. I think that's a slap in the face to my child's teachers that I support and want to have in the room
YGL	Yet Pre-K is still 5 days a week with a full class. It's basically daycare with highly qualified educators.
Michelle's iPhone	Remote was also difficult because not all of us parents had devices for our children. The district packets didn't align with all student pacing for every school
Bridget's iPhone	We ALL want to go back into the schools. we just don't want to die doing it! we are teachers because we love these kids and we want to serve them and our community for years to come. if we are to do that, we need to be alive!
Brittney Smith	Amen, Bridget!
Bridget's iPhone	and healthy!
LNA	YGL...I agree...I don't know how much instruction is going to happen...
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	Prove it, Ms. Mitchell. Talk is cheap. Let's see what you and the board actually deliver. I'm hopeful y'all will make the correct decision. If not these poor decisions will follow you throughout your career. And we will replace that board in a minute. Peace ☺,
Theresa	Dr. Fauci gave warning to
Michelle's iPhone	How do you replace a Superintendent? The board needs to know we as parents are ready to vote and change things!

Nancy Combs	Thank you Ms. Mitchell, we appreciate the work you are doing to ensure that things at school are as safe as possible. We recognize you are trying to do that. I can't imagine how difficult it must be to do what you are doing. But, the question maybe needs to be changed from how to make education the safest, to how can we ALL survive the pandemic. What is the safest for human lives during the pandemic?
Bridget's iPhone	One of my colleagues got Covid in the spring. She can't breathe anymore. Permanent lung damage. She is in her 30's! This is not an unusual story. It happens pretty often. There are long term health consequences even for mild Covid.
Michelle's iPhone	There are Drs on here telling you what is important, and you, Ms Mitchell have said that you aren't the expert, so please listen to them!
Alicia Rogers	Those who want remote I ask that in your communication with each other lets focus on putting efforts to get childcare options and accountability groups for parents who have to work. If we close, we need plans for those parents. Equity in childcare support options is really the issue here. How can we ensure every parent is okay within remote learning
Sabrina McGill	it appears that "child care" is the greatest concern for our parents. Corporate has sent home people til 2021. what can we put in place for parents to provide childcare and allow teachers to teach virtually.
Michelle's iPhone	They can use the buildings and paras for child care
YGL	LNA, there will be very little instruction occuring because the district is asking preschool teachers and paraprofessionals to split the class. Paras will do a teacher's job with para pay.
Michelle's iPhone	They have plans for child care with hybrid... there is more room for child care with remote
Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st	mutual aid Facebook group for ALL parents and students
New Beginnings COTLG Avon	pastortait@msn.com
Daniel Caproni	Where will the recording go?
Alicia Rogers	When remote? Who will staff it? Community Bubbles may be the answer. For those who do not have the ability to afford childcare school literally helps with that..A lot of parents are only sending them back because they have NO OTHER option childcare wise. IT COSTS

this mutual aid group is for childcare and virtual/digital

Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st academy/homeschool parents

Daniel Caproni to Lydia Mo Where will the recording go?

Please ask her why Suns are getting paid more than teachers and why teachers are eating lunch at 7 am... that is not a good mental health atmosphere for my child out anyone

Michelle's iPhone

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Subs not suns

It is Cincinnati PUBLIC not Private. free reduced lunch is a thing for a reason EQUITY

Alicia Rogers

Alicia Rogers

Out solutions have to cater to our audience

Levon Siler- parent of 3 CPS st safety equity stability

Alicia Rogers

yes!

Sabrina McGill

thank you for this!