

Fall Update

We Voiced Concerns, Let's Make a Plan!

Thank you to the hundreds of members who reached out to VPS School Board members and district admin late last week to voice your concerns around a rush to elementary hybrid without a safe and clear plan in place first. In response to both staff and family outreach, VPS announced the postponement of the transition to elementary hybrid until further notice.

We all miss seeing our students in person and certainly find serving students remotely to be difficult and frustrating. However, we are seriously concerned about the safety of students and staff, as well as the manageability of serving students on site and remotely under a hybrid model. We need the time to collaborate among admin, members, and families on a plan that enables us to reopen right, reducing the chances of having to return to remote learning.

Please continue working collaboratively with building staff and admin around the specifics related to your building's future transition to hybrid and VEA will continue advocating for a collaborative approach to the centralized plan from which buildings should take direction.

We realize that this VPS' postponement of elementary hybrid has created confusion and frustration among some families and staff. As you navigate conversations around this topic, we would encourage you to lean on some of the same points articulated above:

-we all miss seeing our students and look forward to a time when we can safely serve them in-person

-families and staff deserve a clear understanding of what they can expect regarding health and safety protocols as well as teaching and learning expectations before we transition

-if we are to reopen and remain open, its paramount that health and safety protocols are established, communicated, and reinforced – we can't afford to get this wrong.

-we want to add our on-the-ground experience to the planning process and remind the public, as well as district admin, that you can't "flip a switch" and suddenly return students back to school-based learning.

Tomorrow's VPS School Board Study Session

Please join us tomorrow, 9/22 at 5 PM to provide feedback regarding the experience with remote learning this fall. A preliminary overview of the fall remote learning technology survey will be shared to begin the meeting. Participants will be asked three questions:

1. What's working well?
2. Where are the challenges?
3. Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

Access the meeting via Zoom using [this link](#)
(Passcode: 316417)

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