

Stop letting the vocal minority dictate policy changes

Kids need to be back in school. Period

Please allow students who did not do well virtually to return to face to face instruction. Keeping them virtual will only continue the poor performance.

What if the student do not feel all that safe. What can we do

Open everything back up to how it was before the 2020 pandemic.

I do not feel that a lot of the lessons in the Edmentum program are designed for a kindergarten student to comprehend or understand easily.

As a parent of a virtual student the emails sent out by the district gave me the impression there was annoyance in needing a virtual option. I have also been extremely disappointed that the virtual students have had zero option for interaction.

The interactive virtual classroom you mentioned in recent letter should have been offered from the beginning and should have been the platform for all virtual learning. Community zoom meetings should have been offered.

Virtual students should follow the same schedule as the face to face/hybrid kids. My understanding is Wednesday's are a make up day or they can get help if its needed. Virtual should get a lighter load or a makeup day once a week too.

N/A

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The current program is adequate however it would be nice to have someone reach out when a grade is dropping or an assignment was not completed.

Unmask our students.

Do virtual learning at elementary level like you did for in face students that had to move to virtual. They were already assigned a teacher at the beginning of the year at Beach. Why not put a computer in classroom and virtual students go in Google

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I think the school did an outstanding job keeping students safe, communicating with parents and following CDC and local heath guidance.

Some teacher instruction for the 100% virtual would've been really nice

Our students are struggling because they can't go to school & be with there friends. My daughter is a senior this year & is new to Fruitport this year. She don't know anyone. I don't think our kids should have to wear a mask.

My step son is struggling bad & needs to be in school. He has emotional needs that school helps him with. Wearing a mask is NOT an option for him. He should be able to go to school to receive the education he needs. He is falling behind this year.

It doesn't matter

Online learning was very disconnected from the school district. It completely fell on the parents to instruct the online classes with very little to no help from a teacher. It is not sustainable in our opinion for elementary school students.

I feel that the remote learning program is farther ahead than where my son was in school. He didn't even learn to spell and read, yet they are expecting him to write stories, know the parts of a story, verbs, adjectives.

Virtual students should have had more than 30 minutes with the fruitport teacher. And actually talked about school work not color a picture. Communication since covid has started has been very poor

It would help if the kids were able to get some extra help if their falling behind on school work

My son has had a lot of trouble with remote learning. He needs face to face and can not wear a mask due to issues. He already has a learning disability so this whole year has been bad, and the way it's looking to me my son will probably drop out.

Virtual should be given the same curriculum and zoom instruction. virtual prog may have been sufficient with 1 child learning; however with 4 kids it required way more parent instruction than physically possible while working full time.

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Virtual was not helpful with elementary age kids. I did not realize she would have no real teacher instruction and needed an adult with her 100% of the time to make any progress.

I have 3 elementary aged children in the virtual program Edmentum. They are very behind and not receiving the support they should. We appreciate the option to be full virtual but this program is WAY to advanced and hindering their growth.

Do virtual learning with educators at the helm. Trust those you've hired to do their jobs and provide supports where they are needed. Invest in the system not a system. Educators matter.

I believe that there should be more and longer class meetings in the virtual program that will allow kids the help they need on their work.

Children with special needs and having more issues with virtual learning should be able to return to face to face if parents need even if they arent at 80% of their work.

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Keep the schools open!

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Actual communication between the students online teachers and parents would be beneficial. Not just check ins, but actual 1:1 communication about our students.

I would suggest that virtual students could maybe join the other students in class, but via Zoom or something similar. It may make them feel a mire apart of, I guess you would say. Some students who are doing virtual, don't have a choice.

Make sure that staff are educated enough to answer parental questions truthfully. Don't brush off parent's concerns. reply to emails (board members too), essentially if they claim parental communication is a priority to them.

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The remote learners felt left out quite a bit.

Thank you for your thought and consideration for everyone involved. I'm sure it wasn't easy, but we appreciate everything that has been done.

They need to go back to school . They need to interact with others and teachers to learn. They are missing out in the whole high school experience.

I feel that the students are suffering in remote learning. My kids are older and home alone and i work more than full time. Who helps keep them on track. Not a lap top!!!

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I could not be more proud of our district

Please consider maintaining the hybrid model from first semester into second semester. Running both live and Zoom instruction at the same time will be challenging for students and staff.

I have nothing to report at thus time..i along with your student, my son agree that virtual school is working well for us

Provide more worksheets (on paper) that my child can complete when she is doing virtual.

Students need to attend school 5 days a week. If remote learning is necessary that is fine but students need to be online more than 3 days. On average my student is only getting 30 min of instruction out of 45 min for each assigned class.

I think with the Odyssey program it could do better. Everytime my daughter does an assignment 5 old ones keep popping up leaving it hard for her to stay caught up.

I appreciate the notes and updates. When I speak to my coworkers who have children in other districts, they often say that they wish they were being kept as informed as I am. Thank you!

Students belong in school , covid has a 99.9% survival rate . Zoom learning isn't an adequate form of learning .

Still hoping for back to school full time

As a parent to 2 children in elementary, a household where both parents work full time. We found it difficult. We need a better way to accommodate households where nighttime learning is the only time available

one or the other, 2 income households are tired of dancing around for child care.

I found the synchronous learning outline to be a great strategy for this coming 2nd semester. Having the day to day interaction will give them the structure that I find my daughter strongly lacking in at this time.

None

Consider limiting elementary child contact to just their classmates in their class. (Not having multiple classes at lunch/recess together).

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If we continue to do future remote learning; I think someone should be available to do face to face remote learning with my son. He is already behind, and continues to slip further behind.

We are considering transferring to a school that uses in person instruction. Fruitport has let us down.

I feel the elementary students would benefit more with distant learning with a more structured schedule. I realize, it would be hard for working parents, but the students are truly the ones missing out on the education

I am very very disappointed with this past semester. There needed to be live instruction FIVE DAYS A WEEK!!! They should have "zoomed" in on their off days. Last semester was a joke and totally unacceptable.

I feel that most teachers handled the situation as well as can be expected, but some were not very responsive in answering emails, and grading assignments in a timely manner, etc.

The only suggestion I have is to closely consider how your going to measure student learning without the use of exams.

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Please stay hybrid until it's safe. Thank you for everything.

I would like to see my daughter back to 5days at school to learn. As long as everyone wears a mask that will help with keeping everyone safe. The nest way to learn is in the classroom.

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Very helpful having google classroom as the core virtual program for elementary. Having two kids in different grades, but both on google classroom, allowed me to become proficient in the one program and assist them quickly, verses having to learn 2.

Keep the kids in School

When we signed my daughter up for remote learning. I thought that she was going to have a teacher everyday. Teaching them and then having them do it. it was challenging as the parent trying to teach them things when we were taught a different way

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Teachers need to adjust to parents schedules not teachers schedules. Many worked as well as played teacher when home and teacher unwillingness to accommodate scheduling conflicts should not be tolerated.

You guys do an awesome job!

For my high schooler, he has voiced confusion with knowing what assignments were due within google classroom, also reported that some teachers didn't use full class zoom times and overused YouTube or videos to teach vs. teaching themselves.

Open the school have all students return face to face full time

This past year has been hard. I will say supporting and keeping your children on task while maintaining a household and full time job is nearly impossible. As my son is failing most classes of the most important years in his schooling.

If we need to be remote or hybrid, it is beneficial for my girls to log in each hour and get instruction from the teachers versus only seeing them 2 days a week.

I am worried about the MS and HS going 5 days a week. Some of the parents and students are not taking things seriously. During Christmas break there were several parties an 80+ one & a 100+ plus one at the level. No masks worn posted on social media

Secondary students should stay hybrid for 2nd semester

I like the idea that was put forth that includes Zoom class in addition to in person class 5 days/ week instead of going fully in person 5 days.

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I feel that 4 half days of online instruction would be better than the 3 full days if it's needed to go back to fully virtual again. And during the hybrid at home days it would be better to have online instruction from a teacher as well.

Lessons need to be meaningful & no last minute changes. 1 teacher canceled a mtng 2 hrs before it started! Class should be M-Th, 6 hrs a day w/breaks. Follow up w/parents if a child misses an assignment. The district looks incompetent.

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All teachers using google classroom should use google calendar for assignments or zoom or meets with due dates for assignments and I didn't like the way you turn in assignments.

For the full online students there wasnt enough support or push to learn what they needed too. The fully online students suffered educational setbacks this year.

Work on Elementary lunches. Keeping them apart all day, but then squeezing them all in the cafeteria seems counterproductive.

I've heard from many students that full virtual's extremely boring & hard to stay awake during. My son loves school but dread's doing full virtual. They are not getting the education they need, deserve or we pay for.

My hope is that safety continues to be enforced and encouraged... that teachers/staff would help impress upon students that we can't have a false sense of security because a vaccine is coming, not until it's administered.

The online portion when hybrid is not as structured as it has recently been when they have set schedules and accountability. We prefer and need in person full time but understand. If continue on hybrid we need different set up for online portion.

Kids need to be in school. They need a face to face teacher student education.

Thus far transition from hybrid to virtual when needed for kids/staff has been seemingly flawless. I'm sure it's no small task to continually change hybrid one week/virtual the next. The staff & students should both be proud!

I believe socializing is very important for our children's future. Even if masks need to be worn, I'm all for school going back to full time in school classes. I also believe our school took nessary steps to keep everyone safe.

1. Supplemental support for parents. (I.E. print material, etc.)
2. Teachers should know programs and what will be expected so they can prep parents for future lessons. (Weekly emails covering 'expect this', 'lesson summary', etc.)
3. and more..

my only concern is that our children are not getting enough education to keep them on track to go to the next grade level.
my high school student sometimes struggles with assignments because she needs interaction with teachers and other students to keep her motivated.
no suggestions at this time
When a parent has a concern, take the time to actually listen and respond
THE KIDS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL (FACE TO FACE LEARNING) FULL TIME. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE LAST WEEK THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND SPECTUM HEALTH EMPLOYEES OPTED NOT TO GET THE VACCINE. THE VIRUS IS NOT GOING AWAY, GET THE KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL.
Kids need to be in school! This online learning is not good for their mental health.
Kids need to be in school full time! Online learning is not good for their mental health.
I'd like to see more structure, with online learning, for hybrid students. Our child is currently only doing 1-1.5 hrs, in google classroom, & the remainder of the day is free time. There needs to be more education on the days they are at home.
I believe everybody at Beach Elementary did everything they could to make the students feel safe. I can tell you Mr. Strom was way better than the teacher last year that my daughter had through virtual learning. We appreciate his hard work
There needs to be a more transparent and uniform way to contact teachers for help. It was extremely confusing and frustrating on how to contact teachers and the hours for help were a small window of time and teachers did it different ways.
I would like to see that when video meetings between the students and teachers take place that they use a 2 weeks advanced notice for the schedule.
None
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I think virtual went okay but still feel kids learn better in school especially when it's everyday.
I feel like the virtual has a lot of homework for the kids.
I really hope the kids can go stay face to face to school because it's taking a toll on my work.
Go back to full time face to face learning let these children keep their built immune system they do not need to be kept in a bubble causing more harm than good. Not to mention causing mental health issues risk for obesity/diabetes from staying home
Open up 100% face to face this hybrid and virtual is dooming the youth and our future. As parents before covid we sent our child trusting the educators to care for them why now with covid are parents not.
Need some more information on the school in general new to the district.
I believe all students may be set back from this pandemic and as such school board needs to have extra time next year to teach things they may not have understood this year due to lack of face to face learning maybe relax requirements for next year
Edmentum confusing, glitchy. A lot of work. Wish parents could of got a preview before deciding virtual. Communication, dont hold back, dont explain with the phd explain like an everyday white collar.
None
Never been so proud to say that Edgewood has been so understanding. I kept Karter out of school the week before Christmas and the school helped me feel that we were important and they wanted what was best for us.
Some kids learn better face to face than virtual
When I asked my son if he was told to use sanitizer in school he said that he was not but he did say they wiped down their desks and chairs before each class so I'm sure they were sanitized that way.
The only issue I currently have is that the remote learning program Zoom does not always work.
Virtual high school classes were a waste. 5 minutes on google meet with most being attendance is a waste of time. I would love to show you some of the "virtual instruction." VERY DISAPPOINTED!!! Our kids are forever setback because of this!!!
Arrest and charge the entire board and Bob Szymanski for violations of Michigan Compiled Laws, Michigan State Constitution, and US Constitution.
Return to Face to Face learning
I been in contact with 3 different people in the past month saying that I want to get my kids back to in person because the virtual learning is not working for us we are far behind I thought I could handle it as a single father and I can not .
Some of the work for kindergarten is above my sons learning level we have struggled quit a bit
Having an amazing teacher(that cares), this year, has made this situation much better than last year!! Major kudos and recognition needs to go to Chris Strom at Beach Elementary.
Please consider summer offerings to help kids that may be getting behind. K-5 students especially have difficulties with remote learning distractions, they are learning socially.
Many of the schools in this area have returned to 5 day in person learning and we would like to see Fruitport follow that path into the next semester.
My student is struggling with this hybrid learning. Two days a week is simply not enough with the teacher. They need to go back.
We greatly appreciate all of the Fruitport Community Schools staff. Thank you for doing everything possible for our children!
M/TH students have more time to complete their work. It would be nice if T/F students had the extra day as well.
If you foresee having to go remote just stay that way until in person can go on long term. It's hard to flip flop so frequently. At this point in time NOTHING has changed. We should be remote until in person can be sustained long term.
My HS student enjoyed the live classes w/ her teacher much more so than the lessons provided for remote learning. She felt they were higher quality, learning- wise. I also felt that the live interaction was better for their soc. emot. well being.
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I would like to see remote learners get video morning announcements from the principal. Meeting with a teacher and class for an hour a week in NOT enough. Kids need to see other kids and maybe group games online would help bring back the smiles.
Keep up the good work. My students have excellent family and technology support at home. I know however that other situation may be very different. could virtual buddies be helpful? I forget what the term is for the program at school..
I feel the children need to be in school back to face to face learning from now on they need normalcy and they need to learn.
The virtual program needs more instruction and more staff to help students. Takes days to get a response.
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I think it would be wise to consider remaining in the cohort schedule if going back full time poses a high risk of shut down. But ultimately full time is best for my kids.
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Keep kids in school full time. There are plenty of safety measures in place. These kids need the in person education both academically and socially.

You have done a great job evolving with changes. Thank you.

Noticed our student's grades are lower than they would be if it was full time in person learning

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Zoom meeting requirements are unfair for working parents. I feel teacher should allow parents to self schedule zoom meetings if those are required to work around their work schedules. Same goes for intervention classes such as math.

Please do not bring middle and high school kids back to 5 days a week. Keep the Hybrid.

I believe that the kids are ready to go back to full time face to face learning.

The emails are very helpful and informative. Fruitport school district did a great job handling the unknown with adapting to create a successful learning plan for the students. Thank you for all you do!

I love the idea of staying in hybrid and streaming the two days the kids aren't in the building. THANK YOU for everything you are doing! It's not easy and you deserve more praise!

Too many schedule changes. Schools all around us were face to face daily. The changes were too hard for students to know what was happening, for parents as well personally feel that we are too strict and need to loosen the restrictions. Masks in the hall is fine but shouldn't be mandated in the classroom. Optional for those who are concerned but optional for those who aren't. Reinstate snack time for K-5

These kids need more. My junior and his friends have stated a number of times that they are not learning anything or struggling to learn. These kids need the social piece too. Games, Prom, graduations. This ALL prepares them for life after HS

I feel you guys are doing an amazing job in a very difficult world right now. Nothing is going to make everyone happy but I feel you have made good, hard decisions to keep staff and kids safe and I appreciate that.

Keep the hybrid and all-online plans in place until 5 days a week can safely implement. The "Synchronus" plan sounds like a nightmare for students, parents and teachers. Google Meet problems, students home alone, not good.

Would be happy to discuss constructive suggestions for second virtual semester by phone.

No comments.

I think that given if the Covid numbers are down that students should go full time face to face. The teachers are doing an amazing job! Thank you for what you are doing for our kids with what you have to deal with on a daily basis!

Remote learning is very hard on families and students. The emphasis needs to be on getting kids back in school. I would like to see more remote classroom time, if present hybrid situation continues.

If secondary is to stay hybrid I would like it to continue as now. Having students at home livestream the class good in theory but internet issues coupled w/finding private space for older child to concentrate and participate is difficult

I would like to see the proposed HS change of students attending virtually when the opposite cohort group is in session.

My concern is that all content is not being covered. Face-to-face 2 days/week, mostly teaching themselves other 2 and essentially nothing on Wednesday is concerning. Seemed to do more while they were remote since November than hybrid learning.

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If we end up remote again in the future, I would like to see maybe more teaching on zoom. I've seen other districts where the teacher does some type of teaching on zoom, not just I ready or super kid workbooks. I'm not sure if that's possible

I would like to see some start of planning to celebrate/have activities for ALL of the seniors who have missed out on so much this year and not just those who are excelling academically.

Communication is never a bad thing. Please keep parents informed of all decisions regarding student learning (virtual and in-person)

We would like to see our student have a full 5 day schedule with the teacher teaching the class not just assigning work. We wish that they could be in school full time but feel the hybrid schedule is safer right now.

I strongly believe hybrid should continue for the next semester. Your teachers have been doing a great job, too.

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Need to go back to school kids need normal sit down learning with other students in order to get a full education experience... Hand washing stations and masks

I believe all 4 core classes should be required instead of just math & ELA. I'm afraid my child will be behind once she returns to school if she doesn't have science & social studies. It would also be nice if the part time schedule was offered.

I am very pleased with the hybrid plan set in place and very happy with the communication and support from all of the staff.

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