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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 7:52 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 26, 2020 about Agenda Item 2

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Name: Hayley Boaz **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Rd., Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am writing because I would like some clarification on the statistics we are using to determine school reopening

How was the statistic of no more than 7 new cases daily per 100,000 of population determined? Why not 50/100,000 or 100/100,000? This seems like an extremely subjective bar that was put in place and I would like to see the data and science that shows that it is not safe for my child to go to school until that objective is reached.

The data is showing that children are largely not responsible for the spread of the virus. Why is this being ignored? Plenty of other countries and states have had school in session for multiple months now, yet we choose to stay closed. Why can my 3 year old attend preschool but my 5 year old cannot attend Kindergarten?

I cannot understand how there is anything more essential than schools outside of hospitals and food. To claim that online school is a sufficient alternative for a 5 year old is very misguided and ignorant. I am asking that you write to Governor Newsom to request being excused from the LA County guidelines since we have our own health department.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Kirsten Clougherty **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Back in March, the idea of flattening the COVID-19 curve seemed very reasonable. Unfortunately, we have transitioned from flattening the curve to eliminating the virus. As a Registered Nurse, I understand the complexities and seriousness of the COVID-19 virus; however, I also understand the long-term academic and psychosocial needs of our youth. There are many Pediatricians and public health experts who would all agree that we can safely open up our schools at this time. Personally, I have a senior and sophomore, both in PUSD and a fifth grader who attends a private school in Pasadena. They have been home long enough. They have been robbed of too many important milestones in their young lives. Their school experience provides more than just a rich academic experience; it also provides them wonderful opportunities to develop their social and emotional skills. These important experiences and milestones are lost as they sit at home behind a computer screen, day after day. We can safely return to the school setting, mitigating potential risks. It is time for you to stand up for our youth, fight for our kids and open back our schools.

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Name:	Email:	Phone: 310-	Address: 11
Katie			Avenue, South Pasadena,
Cowan			CA 91030

Comments:

It is imperative to look further and deeper at opening schools for the younger kids, the long term effects are detrimental to these kids. I see the anxiety only getting worse and so much confusion on why they can't be back on campus. Please reconsider and push to help put kids back on track for in person school.

Thank you

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Name: Kelley **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
Terrazas ' -- CA 91105

Comments:

Hello. My name is Kelley and I'm a mother of twin girls, age 6. I was raised in Pasadena and I'm proud to raise my children in this wonderful city. I am writing today out of concern for the youth of our community and the current situation we are in due to Covid and the pandemic. As a parent I can see first hand how devastation it is to our kids to not have schools open. I have friends with children in therapy at the age of 5, 6, and 7 due to depression caused from lack on interaction with friends and peers. Kids crying under their desks during Zoom calls. Children acting out. This time is so hard for so many, but I believe it is up to us as a community of adults to make it as normal for our children as possible. Creating a sense or normalcy and routine is something that brings every child great joy and comfort, and I believe proving them a school day is the least we can do during such a traumatic time for them. Our kids our amazing, and they deserve school. Please consider reopening schools.

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Name: Randy Northrup **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

My name is Dr. Randy Northrup, and I am and have been a Marital and Family Therapist in Pasadena for the past 43 years. I specialize in treating children, adolescents, and families, and feel that I am quite well “dialed in” with how they all seem to be doing in this climate of “COVID Lockdown.”

In all my years of experience I have never seen kids struggle with schooling like now! Out of the approximately 20 students with whom I am working only 2 or 3 of them are NOT experiencing seriously sub-par grades, and a lot of them have a number of D’s and F’s. Probably the worst thing about it is that they are either severely stressed, depressed, anxious, or don’t seem to care at all. ‘Not much middle ground. Additionally, my kids, and their parents complain about the loneliness and anger their children report because they are not spending time with other kids. What is happening with schooling is simply not healthy for our children! I believe that online classes might be appropriate for any students that are “at risk,” but all others ought to return to in-person academics.

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Name: Linda Jimenez-Griffin **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am an educator and concerned about the long term effects distance learning will have on our youth. It is time to get them back into the classroom where they can thrive. Teaching virtually, I see many kids struggle to stay focused. Many get frustrated if they can't log on to meetings or if their devices don't work properly. I see a lot more stress in their faces as they look at me through the cameras, rather than seeing their smiles. It saddens me to see many children falling behind. They have lost interest in school and the motivation to excel.

It's time to allow our children to return to school in person for their overall health and well-being. Children of all ages need to socially interact to thrive and sustain a happy and healthy spirit. We now know a lot more about how this virus spreads than we did back in March. If a school has made modifications that meet the CDC guidelines to keep the environment safe, then their students should be allowed to return now.

Our children's mental health is important. It's vital to their emotional and mental well-being that they be allowed to return.

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Name: Celene Lyddon **Email:** celene.lyddon@pasadenacalifornia.gov **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Schools need to be open. If the special education groups are allowed for in person instruction, and can do so safely , all students should be given an option for in person instruction as well. Virtual learning should never have become a long term standard of learning. Anxiety, depression, eating disorders (both obesity and anorexia), and decline in socialization skills, are on the rise of our young students. Parent and child relationships are becoming strained as parents have taken on new roles as teachers and friends, while balancing the role as parents and careers. Other southern California cities such as Orange County and San Diego have safely opened schools for in person instruction safely, why is Pasadena not advocating and fighting for our youngest community members? The risks of keeping our students home in virtual learning are much worse then the risk of getting Covid. Please do the right thing for our children and open up our schools.

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Name: Brad Lyddon **Email:** om **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Pasadena needs to open schools for in person instruction. Our community's children are falling behind in academics and social skills and their mental health is declining at an alarming pace. If other cities in California and other states have been able to open schools safely with precautions in place, there is no excuse or reason to not allow Pasadena to do so as well. The long term risks of keeping students virtual far outweigh the risks of covid 19. Please do your role and accept the responsibility of the damage you have caused thus far by not allowing students to be in school and begin to mend the situation by opening schools for in person instruction ASAP. Enough is enough, open the schools.

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Name: Jeff Smith **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** . . .
Place, Pasadena, California
91103

Comments:

I am writing on behalf of my family and specifically my children who want to safely be back in school. I urge you as a city council and the representatives of our community to challenge the state and LA County to make sure the data they are using to keep our schools locked down is accurate. Although I could argue that the restrictions being put on our children by the government's guidelines are strict and without clear scientific support, I instead want to call your attention to the potential inaccuracy of the reporting being used to keep the children staring at a screen day after day. Are we being excessively locked down and hurting our children long term by relying on poor reporting that is inflating the numbers? The recent LA Times article titled "Glitches Blamed For Rising Numbers" the author clearly states that the case count is inaccurate due to the backlog of cases tied to technical problems in reporting. Other cities and other school districts have leaders that are challenging the County and State. As our elected officials, what is your plan to determine if the article is correct and we have been locked down due to faulty reporting?

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Name:	Email:	Phone: 323-	Address:
Marisa			Los Angeles, CA 90041
Zakaria			

Comments:

This mental health pandemic needs to stop. Our children need to be back in school. Opioid overdoses are up 50% and suicides are up 70% in parts of SoCal. Study after study indicate that schools are not super-spreaders. Covid19 is much less a risk than the mental health deterioration of our children. This was supposed to be a 2 week lockdown- it is now an 8 month battle to prevent slipping into depression and social disorders. We have the power to stop the mental health pandemic for our most important population- our children. Do not waste this opportunity to keep our children healthy. Please, I implore you to open more schools. Please work with ALL schools to find creative solutions instead of just denying applications and approving a SELECT few elite schools, increasing the social and academic inequities in our community. With some applications almost 1 month old now, it is clear that the public health officer is not interested in finding solutions, which is disappointing. At what point does the public health officer have a duty to prevent mental health deterioration? Doesn't the hippocratic oath protect mental health? Please fulfill your obligations and open more schools.

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Name: Marissa Bell **Email:** r **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

To our City Council, as you read these comments thousands of children are at home, isolated, falling behind, watching their teachers on zoom. Teachers are desperately trying to interact with each face on their screen, to build relationships and help that one child that may be struggling, in tears. This is not a way for children or teachers to live one year of their life. We need to allow them to safely return to schools. Our children deserve every chance they have to excel, to build relationship and to grow. Please support mental health in addition to our physical health and establish a safe return to school. I believe that our chosen representatives can work together to do that for our incredible Pasadena community. Thank you!

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Name: Tricia Fink **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek, City Council and Dr. Goh,

The detrimental and irreparable damage to kids not attending school in person is real and true. Please read Dr. Peggy Legault's letter, take this information seriously and safely re-open our schools.

Our son, an eternal optimist who finds the positive side of situations, is tired and unmotivated from hours of the computer. He is struggling academically and misses being with classmates and teachers. His teachers are working tirelessly but the experience will never match that of in person education. He was patient, but now frustrated and has lost hope. Playing a club sport is a saving grace as every practice and game renew his spirit and energy. The results of physical exercise and in person comradery do not lie. My son's situation is not dire, but not a single day goes without hearing from another parent about serious harm to a child.

Schools can open in a safe, slow manner. You have the ability and responsibility to do this! I do not deny this virus is real and a serious threat. Those who are at risk can continue education at home.

We would gladly sign a COVID-19 waiver of responsibility holding the school harmless for any unforeseen circumstances.

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Name: Cynthia **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
Conteas-Wood CA 91101

Comments:

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Dr. Ying YIng Goh, Heath Officer for the Pasadena Dept. of Public Health. As a medical member of a group of Heads of Schools representing 'Independent Schools in the Pasadena area, she has met monthly with us to discuss issues germane to the safety and wellbeing of our students and guidance for the school reopening process. She had made herself available in times that has her stretched very thin . She is always ready to listen and help problem solve and provide technical assistance when needed. Hers is an unenviable job and she pursues it with grace, dignity and expertise; she is our trusted expert. In a time when others in her same position are quitting due to stress and naysayers she continues to guide us through ever changing events and conditions toward what we hope will be the end of our COVID-19 journey.

So kudos to you Dr. Goh, we are with you!

Cynthia Conteas-Wood Director of Health and Wellness -Westridge School Pasadena

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Name: Kate Kohorst **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

There have now been an overwhelming amount of studies that have come out advocating for the reopening of our schools. The most recent coming from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Everybody knows that kids learn best when they are in the classroom. But children get much more than academics at school. They also learn social and emotional skills at school, get healthy meals and exercise, mental health support and other services that they don't have access to online.

It has been over 7 months since this pandemic started. Our kids haven't been in school since March. The damage has been done. Let's do what we can to mitigate anymore underlying damage that we have yet to realize.

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Name: Mark **Email:** **Phone:** 818- **Address:** ...
Freeark --- --- Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am writing to the Pasadena City Council how vital it is to re-open our schools. The damage being done to the children in our city is beyond repair. Children need to be in class, active and around other kids. As a former President of PSWLL at Allendale and coach of various youth sports for my 3 children for over 10 years (Brotherhood football, YMCA basketball, LL baseball and AYSO soccer), I can attest to how important it is for all children to participate in person and not sitting in front of a screen. I have coached kids from every ethnic and economic background, worked through their family or mental limitations trying to make a positive impact on their lives. There is nothing better than seeing a kid grow as the season progresses and continue through their elementary, middle and high school years. This is especially true of children from lower income families or ones that struggle mentally who do not have the resources.

We must stop being punitive to the children. They are not learning the way they can in person, falling behind, becoming mentally and physically stagnant. Please give them every opportunity expand and open our schools.

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Name: John and Dani Michelena **Email:** **Phone:** 213- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

We implore the City Council and Pasadena Health department to do everything in your power to facilitate opening k-12 schools.

As the parents of two teenage girls, we cannot stress enough how much “distance learning” is impacting the mental and physical health of our kids. We’re sure you all understand how fragile the mental health of teenage girls is in normal times. In times of crisis, kids want to seek comfort in their friends and this has taken that ability away from them. we see the struggle with our kids and most other high schoolers. Every parent we talk to tells the same story of feeling helpless as their kids cry almost every night and are becoming more and more withdrawn. We hope and pray that these kids recover from this, but we know that all of them won’t.

We follow and understand California’ Blueprint for a Safer Economy and know that the City is constrained by the State metrics but we implore you to do everything in your power to try to convince the State to allow schools that have the ability to open to do so. Our kids lives depend on it.

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Name: Ryan **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Panzarello Ave., Pasadena, California
91106

Comments:

Hello, As a parent, I wanted to make sure to express my concerns about not opening our City and schools. Our children have sacrificed so much for nearly 8 months. Our children had to forego their proms, graduations, in-person learning, exercising and developing their social well being with their friends. We have them hiding behind their computer screens, unsure if they'll be able to see their friends on the playground or meet their new teacher in person. No one knows the impact of this and how each child will cope, both short term and long. It's time we open our schools with proper safety measures in place. There are models that have clearly been enacted in other States (AZ, GA and FL) where there has been zero evidence to show any upticks in actual hospitalizations due to schools being open. It is time to consider the mental health of our kids. If you can fly for 5 hours, inches apart from others, then our children can safely attend in-person learning. Same goes for our struggling businesses. Thank you.

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Name: Shari Boyer **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Dear City Council-

I write this comment to urge you to allow Pasadena area schools to re-open, with appropriate precautions. We know that the infection and mortality rates are extremely low in Pasadena, far below the state mandate, and even lower for those 18 and under. On the other hand, the adverse effects of being isolated, not being active, and trying to learn remotely are significant. My son is a Sr. at Polytechnic School this year, and a football player, and has completely lost all initiative and drive for school, for sports, and importantly is struggling to have energy for college applications. He is in an extremely low risk category, and should be able to safely go back to school.

We have a talented, and creative, team of administrators at Poly, and in Pasadena, AND we have good weather. We should be able to very safely come up with a plan to allow all students to go back to school. But, it will take leadership and initiative. That is what we are counting on your for.

Please help us to advocate for our children's health and well being, by fighting to allow them to go back to school.

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Name: Stacey Fortner **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Fortner , Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am urging the city council and mayor to sign the petition to Governor Newsom to open our city schools. We must put our children's mental health first, they are suffering from the lack of in-person instruction and socialization with peers. COVID infection spikes in our schools are exaggerated and schools are not super-spreaders! We must listen to pediatricians and public health experts who are alerting us to the reality of school closures and the long term effects on our children. We need to advocate for our kids now! Please join the 13 mayors in California by signing the letter.... Newsoms' own children have left the state so they may attend school in person, it is criminal that he is keeping California's kids at home, WE MUST PUT A STOP TO THIS INJUSTICE NOW! For the sake of our children's mental, physical and emotional health, please sign the letter!

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Name: Zoë Griffin **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** _____
Pasadena, CA 91103

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Name: Erika Foy **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena has been open and socially distancing 130 kids at their two facilities everyday to do homework and parents can go back to work. What an accomplishment and valuable resource. My question though is how does it make sense we can have this occurring but kids cannot go to school? I am certain you are dumbfounded like myself. Mayor Rusty Bailey of Riverside was one of 13 mayors who submitted a letter to the Governor about opening schools. He was recently quoted saying "We cannot allow an entire generation of our children to be left behind academically and socially because of our COVID shutdowns. The state of our children's mental health is alarming and we must take immediate action to safely return our kids to their classrooms." Can Pasadena Council and Mayor also send in a letter similar to these Big City Mayors? We must reinstate in-person learning to lessen the education gap for low-income, special needs and students struggling with social isolation. Let's be certain when history of this pandemic is written, you were on public record assuring us you were doing everything to keep kids from the true harm of mental instability and health.

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Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am urging the city council and mayor to sign the petition to Governor Newsom to open our city schools. We must put our children's mental health first, they are suffering from the lack of in-person instruction and socialization with peers. COVID infection spikes in our schools are exaggerated and schools are not super-spreaders! We must listen to pediatricians and public health experts who are alerting us to the reality of school closures and the long term effects on our children. We need to advocate for our kids now! Please join the 13 mayors in California by signing the letter.... Newsoms' own children have left the state so they may attend school in person, it is criminal that he is keeping California's kids at home, WE MUST PUT A STOP TO THIS INJUSTICE NOW! For the sake of our children's mental, physical and emotional health, please sign the letter!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

10/26/2020
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