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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 26, 2020 about Agenda Item 2. COVID-19 Update From Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Public Health Officer

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Gary Stern			, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

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Warmest regards,

Gary Stern
Head of School
High Point Academy

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
John			, Pasadena, California 91106-4099

Comments:

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Sincerely,

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John			Avenue, Pasadena, California 91106-4099

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Name: Nicole Anido **Email:** **Phone:** 213- **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Why is Pasadena making it impossible for schools in Pasadena to comply with the waiver? The restrictions are arbitrary. They do not make it safer, merely impossible for schools to comply. Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly said recently that “we have not seen a connection between increased transmission and school reopening or in-person learning.” I am not worried about my children getting COVID. They will recover from that. I worry they will not recover from this lack of in person schooling! You have the ability to put our children back in school. Stop adding asinine rules to the waiver process and put our kids back in school now!

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Name: Mary Forrest
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: 626- [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I received word from my school that due to class sizes, we have to resubmit reopening plans and might not go back to school until January. This is unacceptable. Pasadena is taking an overly cautious approach to reopening schools. Salons and breweries are absolutely not more essential than our children's education.

I shudder to think of public schools who will be nowhere close to meeting these requirements. La Canada public schools announced to their families K-2 will be back in November! Yet, Pasadena remains silent.

Most importantly, I demand you consult a mental health physician to give us more information about the long-term effects school closures has on our children and families. I have been asking the council for weeks to start investigating the mental health risks of school closures, yet no actions have been taken. Dr. Goh, you have said before it's about a risk continuum. At what point is mental health a real consideration? I do not want to see an increase in child depression, anxiety, or teen suicides.

Enough is enough. We need to be weighing the long-term risks over the short-term ones.

This is a mental health crisis. OPEN SCHOOLS!!!!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Tracy Lewis **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

The children in Pasadena need to get back to school. Saying that we are protecting our population from Covid by keeping children out of school is laughable. Our children are suffering so much intellectually, socially and psychologically by not being in school with their peers, My daughter is depressed, isolated and struggling. I am confident that my daughter's high school could bring students back to campus safely. On campus, students would be safer than they are now, in fact, because the socialization would be monitored. It is foolhardy to believe that high school students are not out seeking reckless socialization with their peers because they are feeling isolated at home. We are fatigued and tired of this, and the numbers are only going to get worse unless we begin to give people safe ways to get on with their lives. Businesses should be opening safely, but the fact that breweries, nail salons and retail stores are open and taking priority over our children is shameful. Pasadena has its own Public Health Department and we shouldn't be lumped in with the huge population of LA County, It's an abomination that you are taking it without a fight. We demand your action.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Frances Morrison **Email:** **Phone:** 917- **Address:** Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Covid is a dangerous and frightening illness. As a community, we have taken measures to reduce transmission and death from this virus. However, these efforts have had unintended consequences. For 6 months significant negative impacts of sheltering at home have been shouldered by children. We do not yet understand the consequences of keeping children at home for months at a time. They have been isolated from peers, have decreased or nonexistent levels of physical exercise, and higher numbers of hours in front of screens. Families' stress levels are high with people struggling to manage teaching their children while attempting to work. Children are experiencing isolation and depression, increased stress, and decreased learning. These children will potentially be far behind their predecessors' school levels for years. The unintended consequences in terms of education, mental health, and physical health are yet to be measured, but are potentially devastating.

Reopening schools will alleviate these stresses and reduce negative unintended consequences. Because research has demonstrated that school children are not in fact superspreaders of the covid virus, any increase in transmission is likely to be minimal, and negligible in comparison to the adverse effects of keeping children out of school for nearly a year.

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Name: Caroline Botsford **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91105

Comments:

Hi,

I request for this to please be read aloud.

Dear Pasadena Council,

I am writing to you in support of all the mothers at home who are struggling with the online learning for their kids and need schools to open sooner than later. I am a mom of two and I implore you to consider the severe mental and physical impacts this shutdown is having on our kids and young adults. Learn through play is such an important developmental need for these children and we are depriving. Kids who are forced to be at home are suffering from isolation will cause anxiety in many social situations. It is time to change course and take action to get these kids back to school. The time is now to reverse course and see that our kids are now suffering on a larger level compared to those with COVID. Six months of lockdowns have now created an irreversible loss for our children's education. It is imperative you do everything in your capabilities to open our schools and indoor educational experiences for the sake of our community and its littlest members. They need in person learning and inside classes.

Thank you,

Caroline Botsford

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Name: Jill Lynn **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** ,
Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

The issue of sending our children back to school is still ongoing. Public schools have chosen not to go back, so let's grant the other schools the opportunity. My vivacious five year old, who loves school, has become emotional on a daily basis. She begs us to send her back to school. When we tell her she can't go to her school, she shuts down and doesn't want to get on zoom. Social interactions with her peers, teachers and hands on learning are important. We are depriving our children of a proper education. We are changing their mental state of mind which is causing long term damage. Please open the schools and let parents decide if they want to send their kids back. Let's get back to some sort of normalcy for our children.

We can go into Costco, salons, etc, why can't our kids go back to school? LA county allows hundreds of people to protest and celebrate the Lakers and Dodgers wining, why aren't our kids going back? These actions are now hurting our children's opportunities. Please ask yourself, is this right? Open up the schools that want to go back and do not delay it any longer.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 11:15 AM
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Name: Neha **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Jespersen r Ave, pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

It is time to open up our schools! I have three young children, 5, 8 and 10. They all have been studying online since March. Last week during their annual physicals, my pediatrician was very concerned about their overall mental health. My youngest, who is now in kindergarten, cries through her on-line school days and doesn't even know how to properly use a pencil. Yes, she does not know how to use a pencil! And, I am with her all day....I don't know how children with limited access to daily care are functioning. My older two children have daily headaches from too much screen time and neck pains from staring at the laptop. The long term effects of keeping our children at home, without the ability to learn important social skills is going to damage them. Pasadena - OPEN UP OUR SCHOOLS! This has gone on long enough.

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 11:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 26, 2020 about Agenda Item 2-Covid

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Name:	Email:	Phone: 213-	Address:
Melissa K. Eaves			Road, Pasadena, CA 91105- 2439

Comments:

Can we please stop the alarmist reporting of new cases and recognize that 1) the recent surge is due to a backlog in reporting (see LA Times article), 2) deaths are down dramatically along with hospitalizations, 3) hospitals are no where near capacity, and perhaps most importantly, the percent of cases in relation to the population is LESS THAN 1%!!!! WHY IS THIS FACT OBSCURED? It is high time we open up. We can easily continue to require masks and those individuals who are at risk or live with compromised individuals can take the necessary precautions. Why are we confining 99+% of Our healthy Population for the sake of less than 1%? Why are we like lemmings blindly following LA County? Why pay for our own health department? If we can't think and act independently for the benefit of our citizens I am not sure this is a worthy expense.

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Name: Harper Burge **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91105

Comments:

I have four children - grades 5,3,1, and preK. I see them suffer daily. Their eyes are sore and they have headaches. I have purchased blue light glasses but still their eyes hurt. They are sleeping poorly. The sit on zoom for hours - I have been told their whole lives that screen time causes brain cell damage, yet we now accept this? I have to yell at them to stop playing outside and come sit at their computer screens. It is depressing not only for me but for them. They miss their friends, and the only way to interact is more screen time. My third grade daughter cries everyday. She begs me to go back to school - and I as her mother am helpless. She asked me "I thought America was a free country?" while crying. I had no answer. I thought America was a free country, too, and yet I am not able to freely make the choice to send my children to school. Their right to proper education has been ripped away. This has gone on too long. The mental and physical health of our next generation is at stake. Open the schools.

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Name: Stefanie **Email:** s- **Phone:** 909- **Address:**
zlidenny Alradez, CA 81001

Comments:

We desperately need our children to go back to school! For mental and physical health! If you look at the scientific data our children do not suffer deaths or serious illness from Covid please put our kids back in school

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Name: Paola Mork **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Young children especially those in the grades TK-2nd grade are too young to be learning remotely via ipad/or other device. There are multiple studies, that were done prior to covid, that show the damage that long periods of screen time does to a developing brain of a child (premature thinning of the cortex).

Children of these ages should be learning safely at school, learning to become independent (instead of mom helping them do school), learning through play- as it is such an important developmental need for them- and they are being deprived of this basic need. Children are falling behind as they are unable to stare at the screen for hours. They are also not transferring what they are learning via an ipad into the real world.

Many of the side effects of learning on a device from home are sleep problems, language and emotional delays mood problems, anxiety, isolation, depression and fear.

Six months of lockdowns have created an irreversible loss for children's education.

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Name: Alyson Pernecky **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I want to thank you in advance for truly listening to these words that we have all taken the time and energy to write. If we didn't think this was extremely important and necessary we wouldn't bother. In my previous letter I stressed how dire this lockdown and distance learning has become. Our kids are more depressed and anxious than ever. I can't open a news article without hearing how adversely this is affecting our children. The last thing they need in times of stress is more isolation, more screens and NO sports or social outlets to mitigate this stress. And still our city does nothing. I personally know of 5 teen suicides during this lockdown. Sadly, there will be more. This is definitely the second pandemic. We KNOW it's coming and still we do nothing. Our schools know how to open safely. They have followed city and state guidelines. They know how to distance, take temperatures, sanitize, etc. Other counties have done this successfully. We have to stop promoting the "death ticker" and scaring people into submission. According to a Brown University study, schools are NOT super spreaders. Dr Goh and council, please help our children. Now!

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Name: Edward Aloe
Email: [redacted]
Phone: 626- [redacted]
Address: [redacted], San Marino,
California 91108

Comments:

As parents we realize the tough decisions our civic and academic leaders must make about reopening schools.

While the short-term risks of kids returning to school and contracting or spreading the virus are real, it has now been well documented that these risks are extremely minimal. A recent CDC study showed that children 18 and younger make up about 0.01% of hospitalized patients with the virus and 0.0005% of associated mortalities. Certainly, students and teachers with pre-existing conditions, or at higher risk should continue with remote learning.

However, ignoring the long-term effects is even more frightening. The American Association of Pediatricians is calling for reopening because “schools are fundamental to development and well-being of children and adolescents”. The benefits of live academic instruction have also been well documented. Our children are being denied the social and emotional opportunities necessary for healthy human development. The lack of physical activity as well as reliable nutrition in many cases is taking a toll on long term mental health. These devastating consequences are also magnifying racial and social inequities already present.

Thank you for taking the time to read these important public comments supporting a pro-active approach to getting our kids safely back in school.

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Name: Noelle Aloe **Email:** **Phone:** 310- **Address:** San Marino, CA 91108

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to take action on behalf of our children and start to focus on the indirect consequences of the virus and the school shutdowns. It takes true courage for our leaders to take a stand and shift their focus from "cases", many of which are not active infections, to the long term mental health ramifications on our children and teens. I am the mother of three teens and one with special needs. My kids are suffering. I have kids who used to love school and learning who now feel like they suffer from ADHD from the 12-15-hour days online between classes and homework, who have migraines and have told me point blank "my mental health has never been worse". I urge the city leaders to take a stand for our children and let the state know these guidelines are doing more harm than good. It defies logic that we can go to Costco, the market, the salon, dine outdoors, fly and yet schools are not deemed essential enough to open, when they serve the least vulnerable population. Technology can never replace in person learning and it is time to go back to school!

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Name: APRIL DANZ **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA
M 91105

Comments:

IT IS TIME FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA TO DEMAND THAT WE BE ABLE TO OPEN OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ALL STUDENTS. WE ARE A COMMUNITY RICH WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING ALL OF THE SAFETY MEASURES NEEDED TO ENSURE OUR CHILDREN CAN LEARN IN PERSON. WHILE MUCH APPRECIATED EFFORT HAS BEEN PUT INTO DISTANCE LEARNING, IT IS NOT AN ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT FOR A TRUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND THE KIDS ARE SUFFERING FOR IT. THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IN PASADENA RIGHT NOW SHOULD BE FIGURING OUT HOW TO GET ALL OF OUR K-12 KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL - QUICKLY, SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY. A CITY OF OUR SIZE, WITH OUT OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSESS OUR CITY'S SITUATION AND PRIORITIZE THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT IS CURRENTLY AFFECTING A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR POPULATION. PLEASE PRIORITIZE CHILDREN, EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH AND EQUITY AND WORK TO HAVE PASADENA BE GRANTED THE AUTONOMY REQUIRED TO GET OUR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

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Name: Kenton Nelson **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

In regards to our students getting back to school. Given the numbers from the CDC (99.97% survival rate for people aged 1-20), it seems ridiculous that my daughter (17, depressed, exhausted, and not learning) is still attending school online. If her teachers are so afraid, let them be on screen and let the students socialize in a classroom like they should be. This is a crime. This is a farce. This is incredible overreach by "the powers that be". Unlock California. Unlock our city of Pasadena. Unlock our children.

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Name: Andrew Boaz
Email:
Phone: 405-
Address: Pasadena, CA 91105
Rd., Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I have lived in Pasadena for a little over 6 years. I have two little girls (6 and 3) and a third girl due in a month. I grew up in Oklahoma and to this day, still have vivid memories of April 19, 1995. I was in preschool when the Murrah Building was bombed. I could have never guessed that something like that would have such a big impact on me at such a young age.

The reason I bring this up is because I am gravely concerned about the impact of this shut down on my young children. Schools have officially been shut down for 220 days, which is 10% of my older daughter's life, and 20% of my younger daughter's life. I know for a fact that psychologists and pediatricians have all written into Pasadena voicing their concern about the long term affects schools being closed will have on our children.

When will we start listening to the information we are being presented? We are well beyond the point of extreme cautiousness. We cannot willfully impede our children's development any further. I implore you to open schools back up and allow our children to begin their recovery. Thank you.

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Name: Angela Buchanan **Email:** **Phone:** 614- **Address:**
Buchanan t Rd, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am asking the council to address the conflict of interest position with Dr. Goh. She is our Public Health Director yet she is also one of only a few members of a CoVid task force at Polytechnic where her children attend school. How can she be “unbiased” in her decisions that affect all Pasadena schools when she holds this private position making personal decisions for her benefit. The head of Polytechnic school (which is also on the task force with Dr. Goh) has submitted a public letter of support for Dr. Goh. The two obviously have a close personal relationship. I urge you to question this “conflict of interest”. I have contacted legal counsel that assures me it is most definitely a conflict. We can not afford to have any one in a position making decisions on our children’s behalf that put their own school’s wants and needs above our children who have no voice.

With much concern,
Angela Buchanan

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