



2020-21 Chancellor's Parent Advisory Board

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All parents and guardians voiced how grateful they are for their children's teachers
Parents encouraged DCPS to make the decisions soon regarding Term 2 so that families can plan accordingly.
Parents and guardians also would like to have more information regarding school HVAC systems
Parents expressed concerns around students' mental health and what requested more resources

How We Will Work Together

Jennifer Nelson (Director, Equity Strategy and Programming) and Lizz Rere (Manager, Equity Strategy and Programming) provided an overview of [DCPS Equity Framework](#) as groundwork for the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Board meetings
Creating an environment to interrupt institutional bias, remove barriers to academic and social success particularly for students of color:
This framework is the lens that we use to evaluate decisions
At the end of each school year we have a culminating conference
Ms. Nelson and Ms. Rere encouraged parents and guardians to promote the upcoming DCPS EMO/Reign Conference on Sept 26 for 6-12th grade students

Sarah Parker (Deputy Chief, Community Engagement) shared that based on prior year best practice, this school year parents and guardians will join one of three Deep Dive discussions during the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Board meetings
Topics were selected based on survey sent to parents and guardians in August 2020 and school priorities for 2020-2021.
Parents and guardians could use the exit form to select their top choice for Deep Dive topic. Deadline to fill out the form was September 23, but it was extended to September 28, 2020.

Other

Parents and guardians shared the following on Microsoft Teams chat:
We just moved here from the Boston area, and were surprised how well coordinated the virtual school program is here in DC
The biggest surprise for us was how versatile we must be with our careers and home balance. It's a struggle
Being able to ease drop on classes and see exactly how my son interacts and engages with his teachers and classmates

**My 4yr is excited and looks forward to her morning class with her friends
I was surprised by some of the rules, like the kids not being able to drink while on
camera. It's been a challenge to enforce all of that and keep my kid engaged/un-
frustrated**

Are Parent University sessions posted online?

More equity, equality and inclusion!

Improve Special Education

**Follow the science from other countries and school districts that have re-opened
safely.**

**We must listen to the kids. Many children in the community have been very vocal
about virtual learning not working for them. Considering you have some grade-
school children helping their younger siblings with their schoolwork, distracting
them from learning at home.**

**Im in school and the students are divided into 3 teams. Each team meets one
week in person and two weeks virtually. The school is empty for one week to
clean. When a student tests positive an email goes out to all students. Im not
sure it's worth the risk.**

What about testing teachers, staff, and students regularly?

**Is the Parent University offered in other languages? Have you thought of English
Classes for parents?**

**Really like the idea of having some social interaction (aka one day a week)
especially for younger learners like PK3 and PK4 who need to learn social skills. I
fully support this and agree it is critical.**

**Agree on prioritizing who needs it most. But I also agree that reopening is not
only about distancing and limiting class sizes. CDC has operational guidance, and
it explicitly mentions that a safe school facility needs to address ventilation.**

<https://www.dcs.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/community/schools>

warned my heart and made it obvious how much he misses them and how important these in person relationships are for the young children
Agree about needing to know plans more in advance. The start of this school year was unbelievable stressful not knowing the schedule until the day of essentially. Completely agree -- better to make a decision early and execute it very well, rather than waiting until the last minute. For families to make plans for childcare /work/ etc, we need that advance notice to manage all the spinning plates! Early decisions and good communication would be very much appreciated



